

Exploring the Countryside from Yiewsley

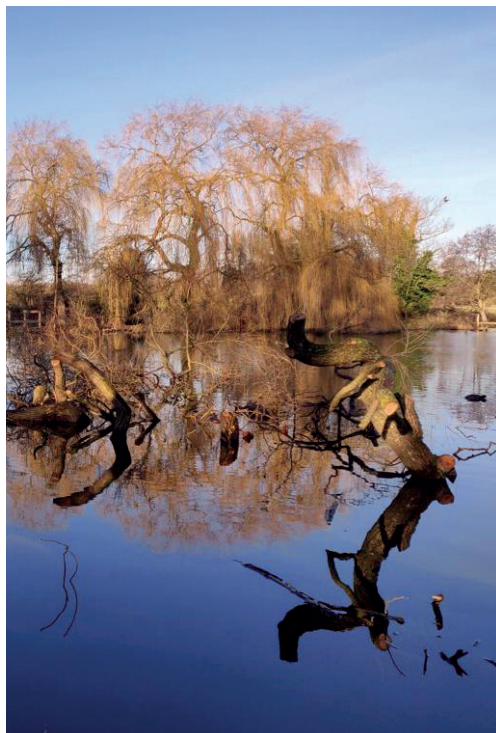


The Colne Valley Regional Park

The Colne Valley Regional Park covers 43 square miles and is the first taste of countryside west of London. With a mosaic of habitats interspersed with bustling urban centres, this Regional Park has a unique and beautiful character.

West Drayton sits on the eastern edge of the valley and the entrance at Trout Lane makes a fitting point from which to explore.

Little Britain Lake



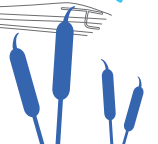
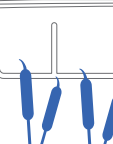
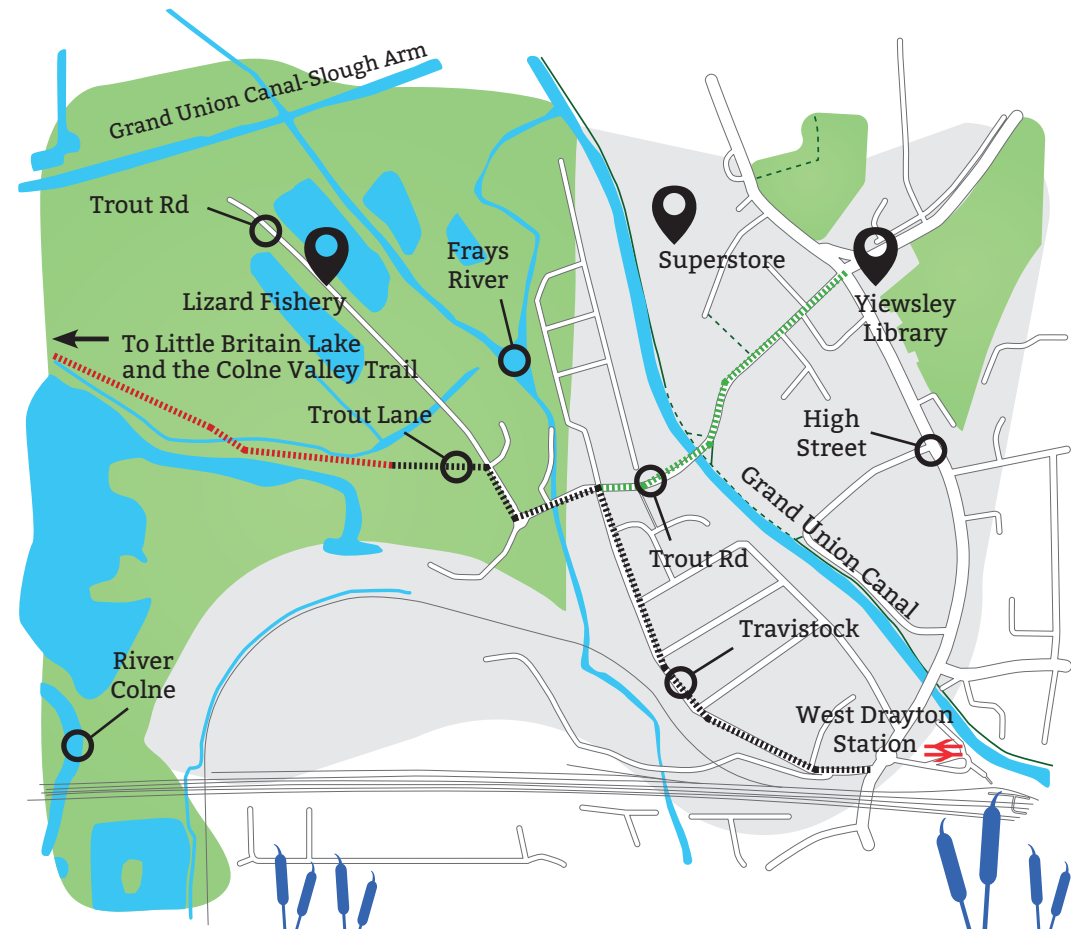
Little Britain Lake is set inbetween the River Colne to the west and the Frays River to the east. It was created following gravel extraction in the 1930s and it is possible that its name derives from its vaguely Britannic shape with the name first appearing on a map in 1819. The lake plays host to many wintering waterfowl species and provides safe habitat for other waterfowl species during the spring. Grey herons, the emblem of the Colne Valley, nest on the lake in what is the largest heronry in the Colne Valley Regional Park.



Routes into the countryside

Access the Colne Valley from West Drayton and Yiewsley:

- **Red Route:** The scenic beauty of the Colne Valley is just a short walk away from West Drayton. The red route starts at the end of Trout Lane and marks the point where you leave the urban hustle and bustle and enter into more rural areas of the valley. Follow this path for a few minutes and you can join up with the Colne Valley Trail. Please keep an eye out for Colne Valley Trail waymarkers to help navigate along the route.
- **Black Route:** You can access Trout Lane via an eleven-minute walk from West Drayton train station, via Tavistock Road as shown on the map.
- **Green Route:** It is also accessible from Yiewsley town centre via the 7-minute green route along Trout Road as shown on the map below.



Local Wildlife

An abundance of fish species in the lakes and rivers of this area make it a haven for fish eating birds. Herons, little egrets, and kingfishers are all seen regularly here. Herons in particular are seen nesting in large numbers at the Little Britain Lake heronry.

Good numbers of waterfowl are also found on the lakes including tufted ducks, coots, moorhens, and great crested grebes. The lakes are surrounded by vegetation including common reed and willow trees. These along with adjacent woodlands provide a variety of habitats for many bird species including warblers like the blackcap and chiffchaff.



Getting About



Great Western Railway to West Drayton Station



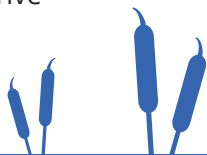
222 bus to either West Drayton Station or Yiewsley Town Centre



Not far from M25 Thorney junction. Limited street parking or park in the town centre and follow routes above

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