

Denham Country Park Stage 1 Access and Habitats Improvements Update July 2025

In 2024 and 2025 we have been carrying out improvements to Denham Country Park following on from National Grid pylon relocation works in association with the HS2 viaduct, and after a long period when extensive areas of the park were inaccessible.

The scope of the works was:

- Resurfacing of over 1km of paths
- Replacement of 5 pedestrian bridges over ditches
- Replacement of the large bridge over the River Colne on the east side
- Ditch creation and restoration to manage flooding and improve habitats, particularly for water voles
- Creation of a series of ponds and scrapes within the meadow area between the paths and the canal
- Invasive species management



The above works are now complete and the area is open for public access as far as the entrance to Widow's Cruise Covert at the northern end of the park.

These improvements have been funded by HS2, National Grid and Buckinghamshire Council Country Parks.

New pedestrian bridges over ditches



Old wooden bridges were rotting from the wet conditions



New bridges are made from steel and recycled plastic, with long life spans in damp environments



Bridge over the River Colne



The previous wooden bridge had been closed off due to its poor condition



A new 21m span steel and recycled plastic bridge now crosses the River Colne



The replacement of the other bridge over the River Colne to the west is being carried out by Buckinghamshire Council Rights of Way Department and is anticipated to be complete by April 2026. This will link Denham Green and Denham Station to the Country Park, Grand Union Canal and the wider Colne Valley.

Path Resurfacing



Flooding on pathways has been a problem for many years in Denham Country park.



Previous ditches have been restored and new ditches created to manage flooding and provide habitats.



Paths have been resurfaced in the woodland areas.



Habitat Improvements

A series of ponds and scrapes have been created to enhance the biodiversity by providing fantastic habitat for a huge range of wetland species.



Work is ongoing to monitor and control non-native invasive species, specifically floating pennywort and Himalayan balsam, to allow for a more diverse flora to flourish.



Future Access Improvements

The Country Parks team have now received confirmation of funding to improve access between the two bridges in Widow's Cruise Covert at the northern end of the park, with plans including installation of a boardwalk.

This will result in the reopening of the circular route incorporating Denham Green and Denham Station, Denham Country Park and Denham Village. These works are expected to take place in 2026.

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