

ABBERTON RESERVOIR VISITOR CENTRE & NATURE RESERVE SSSI <i>see visitor centres.</i>	90 acres
ABBOTTS HALL FARM <i>Visits - weekdays 9am-5pm.</i>	700 acres
Aubrey Buxton Small lakes, woodland and grassland. <i>Car park</i> TL 522264.	25 acres
Barnes Spinney Garden with wild and cultivated plants. <i>Open day visits only.</i>	2 acres
BEDFORDS PARK VISITOR CENTRE <i>see visitor centres.</i>	
BELFAIRS WOODLAND CENTRE <i>see visitor centres.</i>	
Blue House Farm SSSI Coastal grazing marsh on the River Crouch.	660 acres
Bonnars Saltings SSSI Saltings and tidal creeks.	60 acres
Bradwell Shell Bank & Saltings SSSI Shell bank, saltings and tidal mud.	200 acres
Brookes Reserve SSSI Over 40 acres of ancient woodland. <i>Car park/Entrance TL 813266.</i>	59 acres
CHAFFORD GORGES VISITOR CENTRE & NATURE PARK SSSI <i>see visitor centres.</i>	200 acres
Chigborough Lakes Former gravel pit with four lakes, various ponds, willow swamp, scrub and grassland. <i>Entrance TQ 877086 Chigborough Lane, off B1026. Car park half mile on left.</i>	46 acres
Cockaynes Wood Ancient woodland, dry heath, grassy meadows and ponds.	50 acres
Colne Point SSSI National Nature Reserve. Shingle ridges, mudflats, saltings. <i>Non-members by day permit only.</i>	683 acres
Copperas Wood SSSI Ancient woodland.	34 acres
Cranham Marsh One of the last remnants of sedge fen in Essex. Spring-fed stream serving marshes and woodlands. <i>Entrance TQ 567856. Park in Park Drive or Argyle Gardens; footpath to reserve.</i>	32 acres
Crowsheath Wood Ancient coppice with grassland.	20 acres
Danbury Ridge Reserves Mostly SSSI. This superb group of reserves includes ancient woodland, coppice, pollards, heath, meadows, spring-fed streams and bogs. <i>Keep to public footpaths where possible.</i> Birch Wood SSSI, 15 acres; Little Baddow Heath , Mostly SSSI, 50 acres; Pheasanthouse Farm Working farm, 57 acres. <i>Access by footpath only.</i> Pheasanthouse Wood SSSI, 17 acres; Poors Piece SSSI, 8.1 acres; Smaller Poors Piece SSSI, 2.9 acres; Scrubs Wood SSSI, 10 acres. <i>Entrance TL 787057 on North of Ransell Lane, Danbury, also for Little Baddow Heath, Poors Piece, Smaller Poors Piece, Pheasanthouse Wood, Birch Wood & Woodham Walter Common. Spring Wood, 9 acres; Woodham Walter Common SSSI, 80 acres.</i>	
Danbury Reserves Backwarden SSSI <i>Car park TL 782039 on West side of the Danbury to Bicknacre Road crossing Danbury Common.</i>	30 acres
Heather Hills	17 acres
Hitchcock's Meadow SSSI	10 acres
FINGRINGHOE WICK VISITOR CENTRE & NATURE RESERVE SSSI <i>see visitor centres.</i>	213 acres
Fobbing Marsh SSSI Grazing marsh, sea wall and saltings.	187 acres
Gernon Bushes SSSI Ancient woodland and spring bogs.	79 acres
Great Holland Pits Old gravel pit, with grassland, heath, woodland and pools. <i>Entrance at TM 204190. Car park 30m.</i>	40 acres
Grove House Wood Small mixed wood with riverside walk.	6.4 acres
Gunners Park Incorporates the Shoebury Old Ranges SSSI and the Coastguard Station Grounds. More than 12 habitats, including unimproved coastal grassland, remnant sand dunes and historic buildings.	62 acres
HANNINGFIELD RESERVOIR VISITOR CENTRE & NATURE RESERVE SSSI <i>see visitor centres.</i>	100 acres

Harrison Sayer Boulder clay, Chalk grassland.	2.5 acres
Hawksmere Springs Flower-rich meadows, and tiny ancient woodland.	4.2 acres
Hogmarsh SSSI Saltmarsh on Stour Estuary.	12 acres
Horndon Meadow Unimproved flower-rich meadow.	2 acres
Howlands Marsh SSSI A rare surviving Essex coastal grazing marsh. <i>Visitors must keep to public footpath or path to hide.</i>	186 acres
INGREBOURNE VALLEY VISITOR CENTRE <i>see visitor centres.</i>	
Iron Latch Flower-rich meadow by ancient wood.	10 acres

John Weston Reserve & Naze Trail SSSI Thickets and grassland behind sea wall, part of a large complex of cliffs, thickets, grassland, sea wall, scrapes and saltings forming the Naze Open Space. <i>Entrance - Naze cliff top car park, TM 266245.</i>	9 acres
LANGDON VISITOR CENTRE & NATURE RESERVE <i>see visitor centres.</i>	461 acres
Lexden Gathering Grounds Woodland, meadow.	24 acres

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NATURE RESERVES

Lifford Wood 18 acres
Small mixed woodland and rough grassland.

Lion Creek SSSI 40 acres
Creek, lagoon, sea wall, grassland and new 10 acre hay meadow.

Little Haven 100 acres
Woodland and hay meadow complex in Castle Point.
Ancient coppiced hedgerows.

Thurrock Thameside Nature Park

Other reserves shown on map: Loshes Meadow, Brookes Reserve, Rollesland, St Peter's Marsh, Phyllis Currie, Sandyway and Moat Woods, Newland Grove, Little Valtham Meadows, Waterhall Meadows, Danbury Reserves, Thrift Wood, Stow Maries, Woodham Fen, Little Haven, Pound Wood, Valerie Wells Wood, Tile Wood, Two Tree Island, Fobbing Marsh, Grove House Wood, Stanford Warren, Belairs Woodland Centre, Blue House Farm, Maldon Wick and Meadow, Chig Lake, Tiptree Heath, Shut Heath Wood, Kelvedon, Witham, Braintree, Halstead, Sudbury, Chelmsford, Wickford, Basildon, Canvey Island.



Little Waltham Meadows A chain of old flood meadows and dry meadows. <i>Car park TL 714118.</i>	22 acres
Loshes Meadow Grassland, woodland and marsh.	17 acres
Lower Raypits SSSI Grazing marsh, sea wall and grassland.	115 acres
Maldon Wick & Maldon Wycke Meadow Disused railway, now mainly wooded.	19 acres
Newland Grove/Alder Carr Grassland, wood and thorn thickets.	8 acres
Oakfield Wood Woodland burial ground close to Stour Estuary and the Essex Way. <i>Car park TM 171317.</i>	14 acres
Oxley Meadow Two flower-rich meadows. <i>Car park TL 918149.</i>	8 acres
Phyllis Currie Large lake with bird hide. Secondary woodland, scrub, pine plantation and meadow. <i>Entrance TL 723182 from A130 in Great Leighs. Car park at end of Dumney Lane.</i>	22 acres
Pound Wood One of the larger remaining blocks of ancient woodland in SE Essex. <i>TQ 816888/818886.</i>	55 acres

VISITOR CENTRES
Admission to all our centres is free, although we do invite donations to help with the running costs.

Nature Reserves

Main Offices

Ray Island SSSI Saltings, grassland, shingle and thickets. <i>Access by boat only.</i>	100 acres
Roding Valley Meadows SSSI The largest water meadows left in Essex, alongside the River Roding. <i>Entrance TQ 434954 from Oakwood Hill, off Rectory Lane, Loughton.</i>	140 acres
Rolfesland Small mixed wood and grassland.	1.5 acres
Roman River Valley Marsh beside river, and old woodland.	44 acres
Rushy Mead Wetland habitats - reed/sedge beds and woodland. <i>Entrance at TL 497197.</i>	12 acres

St Peter's Marsh Spring-fed fresh marsh.	0.25 acres	
Sandylay & Moat Woods Small woods rich in plants.	20.5 acres	
Sawbridgeworth Marsh SSSI Marsh on the bank of the River Stort. Owned jointly with Herts & Middx. Wildlife Trust.	22 acres	
Sergeants Orchard Old Orchard, arable reversion to grassland undergoing restoration.	9 acres	
Shadwell Wood SSSI Woodland coppice.	18 acres	
Shut Heath Wood Mature oak woodland with sweet chestnut coppice, mature holly circles, and secondary birch wood.	27 acres	
Stanford Warren Largest reedbed in Essex, rough grassland and marsh.	38 acres	
Stow Maries Halt Disused railway line, woodland, and adjoining meadow.	6 acres	
Sweetings Meadow A tiny meadow on the boulder clay.	1.6 acres	
THE NAZE CENTRE <i>see visitor centres.</i>		
THORNDON COUNTRYSIDE CENTRE <i>see visitor centres.</i>		
	Thrift Wood SSSI Ancient woodland coppice with clearings and bog.	48 acres
	THURROCK THAMESIDE NATURE PARK 240 acres <i>see visitor centres.</i>	
	Tile Wood Ancient woodland.	17 acres
	Tiptree Heath The largest remaining area of lowland heathland in Essex. Jointly managed with The Friends of Tiptree Heath.	90 acres
	Tollesbury Wick Marshes SSSI 599 acres Coastal reserve with grazing marshes, sea wall, salting. <i>Parking at Woodrolfe Green, then walk past marina to entrance at TL 970104.</i>	
	Turner's Spring Woodland and a wet meadow.	8 acres
	Two Tree Island (Leigh NNR) SSSI 130 acres of saltings and over 400 acres of mudflats. <i>Entrance TQ 824852. Road to right of Leigh Station and over bridge, car park on left.</i>	634 acres
	Valerie Wells Wood Ancient Woodland.	15 acres
	Warley Place The site of a famous house and garden with both native and exotic plants.	26 acres
	Waterhall Meadows Ancient flood meadow, spinney, thickets and pond.	5.7 acres
Weeleyhall Wood SSSI Mixed coppice and pine plantation.	78 acres	
West Wood SSSI Ancient woodland with rich ground flora.	58 acres	
Westhouse Wood A small wood with a wide range of trees and shrubs.	7 acres	
Woodham Fen SSSI Saltmarsh, and rough grassland.	20 acres	
Wrabness Nature Reserve & Marsh A brownfield site with grassland, a pond, a bog and fantastic views over the Stour Estuary. There is good disabled access.	63 acres	
These reserves have no public access: Butts Hill Pond, Gleebe Barn, Little Gibcracks, Thundersley Oaks The Dell, Coopers Wood, Lime Field Pit, Witton Wood Spinney Alexander Reserve, Rat Island, Skippers Island and Shotgate Thickets. Please call 01621 862960 for visiting arrangements.		
This guide provides information on accessible Essex Wildlife Trust nature reserves only. For more information about our reserves, please call 01621 862960 or visit www.essexwt.org.uk		

