

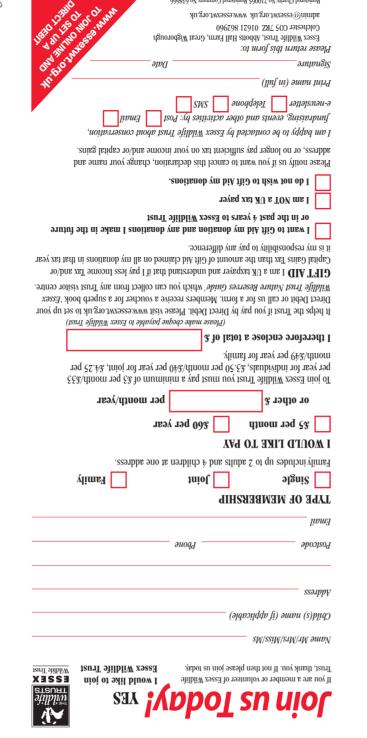


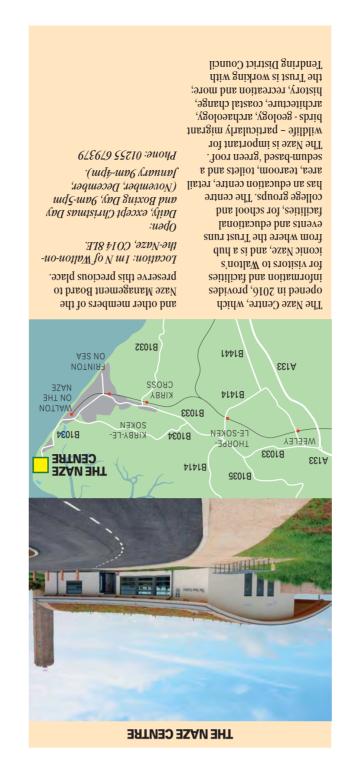
educating our children to become custodians of What other organisation invests so much time in

BEDFORDS PARK VISITOR CENTRE

conservation work for Essex Wildlife?

What other charity undertakes so much





guided walks and courses. children, schools and families, There are regular activities for facilities (including disabled). 61268 419103. school facilities and toilet spop, bookshop, refreshments, (md4-mne vrunn) giftshop, optical equipment (Лочетьет, Десетьет, The centre has a display room, тф2-ть0 ,уьА *gnixo*8 bnn 18 miles of nature trails. Daily, except Christmas Day Plotland Life and over and includes a museum of and former plotland gardens, off VIZY, SSI6 6EB. noblizad to W mE of woodland, meadows, lakes The reserve covers 461 acres

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Phone: 01708 520364.

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important aviation heritage.

the site's wildlife and its

café, retail area, terrace,

information to reflect both

education room, toilets and

include an observation hall

abundant wildlife. Facilitie

stunning views over the

Ingrebourne Marshes and its

by Havering Council - with

space, owned and managed

popular recreational green

Ingrebourne Valley visitor

Country Park - a hugely

centre is in Hornchurch

ABBERTON RESERVOIR VISITOR CENTRE BBERTON RESERVOIR CENTRE A wetland of international There are regular guided walks,

importance for wildfowl. Up to 40,000 ducks, swans and geese visit each year. Terns and Cormorants nest. The new visitor centre, which opened in 2012, offers stunning panoramic views over the reservoir, a wellstocked shop, an education room, light refreshments, terrace and toilets. Outside, there is a children's wild play Phone: area, while the reserve has 01206 738172.

nature trails and bird hides.

courses and activities for children, families and schools.

6m SW of Colchester on B1026, CO2 0EU.

Daily, except Christmas Day and Boxing Day, 9am-5pm (November, December, January 9am-4pm).

London Borough of Havering since 1933 and includes many valuable habitats such as mature woodland, species rich wildflower Open:

and hay meadows, ponds, streams and marshy areas. The visitor centre features a group room for approximately 30 people and a large decked area for use on sunny days. Refreshments and snacks are available from the gift shop. Toilets include facilities for

The 210-acre park has been

owned and managed by the

ROMFORD/

disabled persons and the centre is accessible to wheelchairs.

Location 3m N of Romford, RM4 1QH. Daily, except Christmas Day and Boxing Day, 9am-5pm

(November, December,

January 9am-4pm).

01708 748646.

BEDFORDS PARK VISITOR CENTRE

BELFAIRS WOODLAND CENTRE



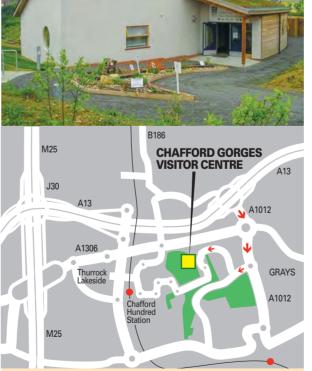
in parkland, at the gateway refreshments area, runs a to ancient woodland. It is the programme of events and focal point of the Belfairs & Daws Heath Living Landscape, the year and offers varied where Essex Wildlife Trust works with Southend-on-Sea Borough Council and other partners, and provides space for schools, groups and families to learn more about Essex's fantastic ancient woodlands in an interactive and hands-on way. The centre, January 9am-4pm).

Belfairs Woodland Centre sits an education hall and a outdoor activities throughout volunteering opportunities.

1m N of Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 4LR.

Daily, except Christmas Day and Boxing Day, 9am-5pm (November, December, which opened in 2013, has *Phone: 01702 477467.*

CHAFFORD GORGES VISITOR CENTRE



Chafford Gorges visitor centre There are regular activities for is set in a spectacular position adults, children, families and overlooking Warren Gorge. schools on the site. Chafford Gorges nature park Location: offers 200 acres of green space for numerous wildlife and recreation for the 12,500 people living in Chafford Hundred. The centre offers visitors a well-stocked gift

be enjoyed whilst admiring the

view over the gorges.

Drake Road, Chafford Hundred, Grays, Thurrock, RM16 6RG.

Daily, except Christmas Day and Boxing Day, 9am-5pm shop, optical equipment, toilets (November, December, and a wonderful terrace at the January 9am-4pm). back, where refreshments can Phone: 01375 484016.

FINGRINGHOE WICK VISITOR CENTRE

LANGDON VISITOR CENTRE



This nature reserve has 125 guided walks, courses and acres of woodland, lakes activities for children, families and saltmarsh on the Colne and schools. Estuary, 350 species of wild Location: flowers, 20 species of butterfly, 4m SE of Colchester, CO5 7DN. numerous birds, including Nightingale, Brent Goose Daily, except Christmas Day and Marsh Harrier, eight bird hides and nature trails. At the and Boxing Day, 9am-5pm centre there is an observation (November, December, January 9am-4pm). room, giftshop, optical equipment shop, bookshop and toilets. Facilities for the 01206 729678.

disabled include a nature trail

and hides. There are regular

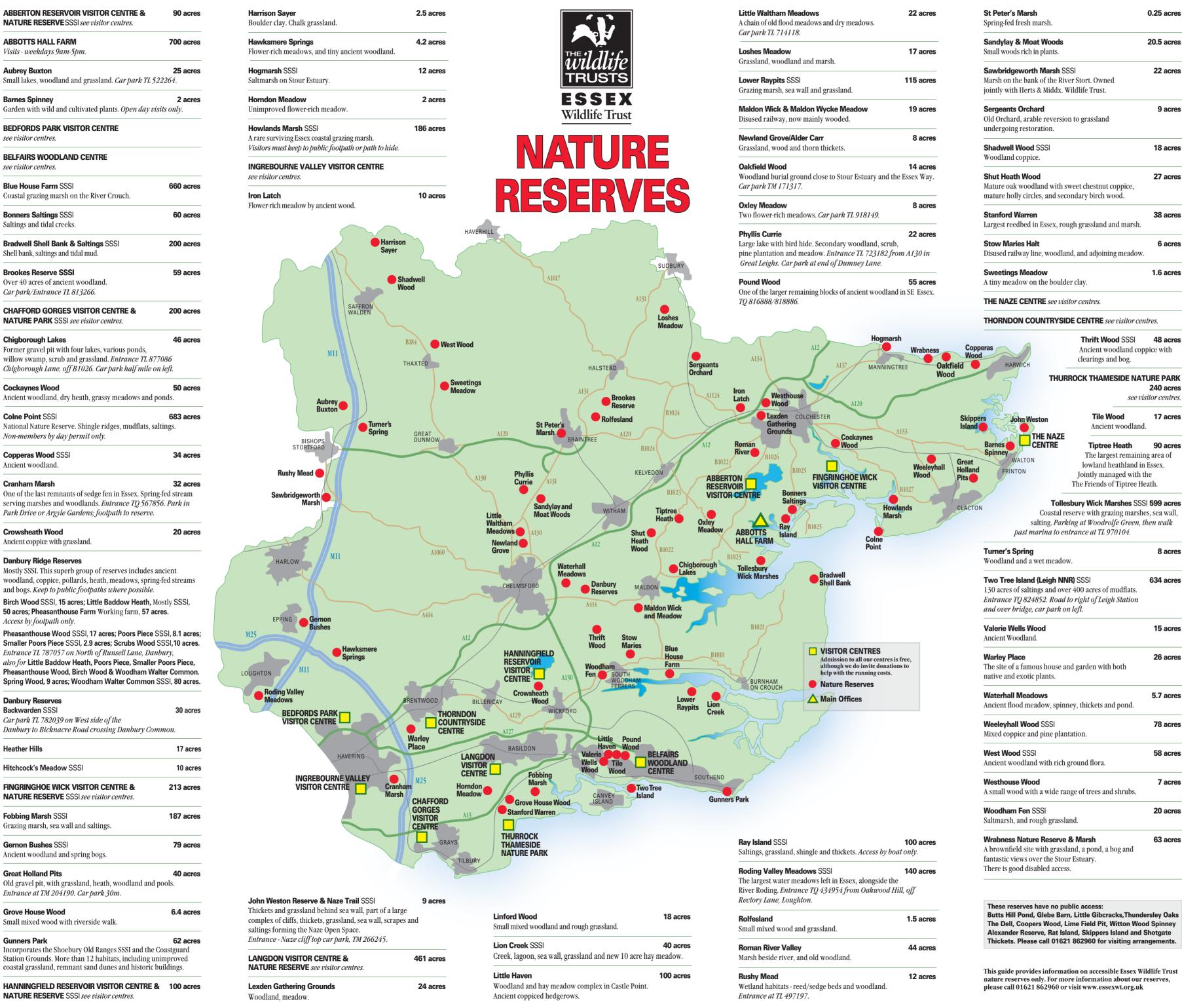
HANNINGFIELD RESERVOIR VISITOR CENTRE

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Hanningfield Reservoir visitor friendly and energy-saving centre is set amid woodland but is designed to provide panoramic views across the 870-acre reservoir - a site of Special Scientific Interest. Facilities for visitors include an observation room, activity displays, gift and bookshop, toilets (including disabled), refreshments and provision for school visits. This centre is Phone: a beacon of sustainable development and features many environmentally-

South Hanningfield, 3m from A130, CM11 1WT.

Daily, except Christmas Day and Boxing Day, 9am-5pm (November, December, January 9am-4pm). 01268 711001.



NATURE RESERVE SSSI see visitor centres

BEDFORDS PARK VISITOR CENTRE

Coastal grazing marsh on the River Crouch.

Bradwell Shell Bank & Saltings SSSI

Shell bank, saltings and tidal mud.

Over 40 acres of ancient woodland.

CHAFFORD GORGES VISITOR CENTRE &

NATURE PARK SSSI see visitor centres.

Car park/Entrance TL 813266.

BELFAIRS WOODLAND CENTRE

ABBOTTS HALL FARM

Aubrey Buxton

Barnes Spinney

see visitor centres.

see visitor centres.

Blue House Farm SSSI

Bonners Saltings SSSI

Saltings and tidal creeks.

Brookes Reserve SSSI

Chigborough Lakes

Cockaynes Wood

Colne Point SSSI

Copperas Wood SSSI

Ancient woodland.

Cranham Marsh

Crowsheath Wood

Ancient coppice with grassland.

Danbury Ridge Reserves

Access by footpath only.

Danbury Reserves

Car park TL 782039 on West side of the

FINGRINGHOE WICK VISITOR CENTRE &

NATURE RESERVE SSSI see visitor centres.

Grazing marsh, sea wall and saltings.

Ancient woodland and spring bogs.

Entrance at TM 204190. Car park 30m.

Small mixed wood with riverside walk.

NATURE RESERVE SSSI see visitor centres.

Backwarden SSSI

Heather Hills

Hitchcock's Meadow SSSI

Fobbing Marsh SSSI

Gernon Bushes SSSI

Great Holland Pits

Grove House Wood

Gunners Park

Non-members by day permit only.

Visits - weekdays 9am-5pm.

THORNDON COUNTRYSIDE CENTRE BRENTWOOL Thorndon Countryside Centre and families, guided walks and courses.

is a joint venture between the Trust and Essex County Council, in Thorndon Country Park North, which includes some fine areas of woodland and nature trails. There are activity displays, gift and bookshop, separate education room, toilets, refreshments and facilities for the disabled. It was built mainly of timber blown down in the 1987 storm. There are regular activities for children, schools

Car parking charges apply at all times, on a variable tariff 3m S of Brentwood

off A128, CM13 3RZ. Daily, except Christmas Day, 9am-5pm (November, December, January 9am-4pm). Phone: 01277 232944.

THURROCK THAMESIDE NATURE PARK

8 acres Woodland and a wet meadow.

0.25 acres

20.5 acres

22 acres

9 acres

18 acres

27 acres

38 acres

6 acres

1.6 acres

240 acres

17 acres

90 acres

15 acres

20 acres

see visitor centres.

Thrift Wood SSSI 48 acres

Ancient woodland coppice with

clearings and bog.

Tile Wood

Tiptree Heath

Jointly managed with the

The Friends of Tiptree Heath.

Ancient woodland.

The largest remaining area of

lowland heathland in Essex.

Two Tree Island (Leigh NNR) SSSI 634 acres 130 acres of saltings and over 400 acres of mudflats. Entrance TQ 824852. Road to right of Leigh Station and over bridge, car park on left.

26 acres The site of a famous house and garden with both

5.7 acres

Ancient flood meadow, spinney, thickets and pond 78 acres Mixed coppice and pine plantation.

58 acres Ancient woodland with rich ground flora.

7 acres A small wood with a wide range of trees and shrubs.

Wrabness Nature Reserve & Marsh 63 acres A brownfield site with grassland, a pond, a bog and

These reserves have no public access: Butts Hill Pond, Glebe Barn, Little Gibcracks, Thundersley Oaks The Dell, Coopers Wood, Lime Field Pit, Witton Wood Spinney Alexander Reserve, Rat Island, Skippers Island and Shotgate

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award-winning. It is built on a was officially opened by Sir

toilets and panoramic roof-top and Boxing Day, 9am-5pm

former landfill site and boasts David Attenborough in 2013.

Observer Ethical Awards and

Stanford-le-Hope, SS17 ORN.

Daily, except Christmas Day

(November, December,

January 9am-4pm).

01375 643342.

Location: 2m S of

is stunning, innovative and

commanding views over the

Thames Estuary. Facilities

include gift shop, tearooms

selling drinks and hot food,

learning zone, seating area,

viewing platform. Thurrock

845 acres in the future - has

Thameside Nature Park -

240 acres, expanding to