

# Welcome to Abberton Reservoir Nature Discovery Park

Welcome to **Abberton Reservoir Nature Discovery Park**. Our trails take you through woodland, grassland and scrub, with three wildlife hides offering astounding views over the largest reservoir in Essex.

There are four trails around the reserve. Watch skylarks parachute down along the **Skylark Trail**, while looking across Great Wigborough, Peldon and Mersea Island from Gwen's hide. For spectacular views of the reservoir and the common tern raft, take the **Reservoir View Trail**. Keep an eye out for barn owls silently flying by or the bright pop of colour from common spotted orchids.

Explore the new woodland of field maple, oak and hazel on the **Discovery Trail**, while being serenaded by nightingales in spring. Over autumn, the scrub and woodland turns bright hues of orange and red. For family fun, follow the much-loved **Brambly Hedge Trail**.

For recommendations, rest, refreshment, and retail therapy, visit us at the Nature Discovery Centre.

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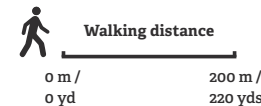
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For help with planning your route, please talk to one of our friendly team.

## Key

- Information
- Food and Drink
- Shop
- Toilets
- Parking
- Accessible parking
- Accessible wildlife hide
- Play area
- Tern raft
- View point
- Slope
- Footpath
- Dog Walk
- Brambly Hedge Trail
  - 0.8km / 0.5 mi
  - 15 mins
  - Gentle
- Skylark Trail
  - 1.1km / 0.70 mi
  - 20 mins
  - Gentle
- Reservoir View Trail
  - 1.6km / 1 mi
  - 25 mins
  - Moderate
- Discovery Trail
  - 1.6km / 1 mi
  - 25 mins
  - Moderate



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