

Welcome to Thameside Nature Discovery Park

Welcome to **Thameside Nature Discovery Park**, a wild oasis along the Thames Estuary. Hailed a “miracle” by Sir David Attenborough, this nature reserve was a landfill site until 2010, before it was transformed for nature.

There are three trails around the reserve. Follow the **Estuary View Trail** for spectacular views across the Thames. Internationally important numbers of avocet gather on the mudflats in winter, joined by hundreds of black-tailed godwit and dunlin. Meander towards the river to gain a closer view from our wildlife hide.

Experience the Coronation Meadow in full bloom on the **Meadow Trail**, alongside an abundance of butterflies and moths. Skylarks nest in the grassland, while in winter, short-eared owls can be seen hunting in daylight.











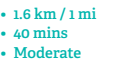
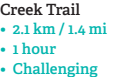





Follow the watercourse along the **Creek Trail** to one of the largest reedbeds in the county. In spring, hear the familiar call of the cuckoo, or witness the blue flash of a kingfisher fly-by.

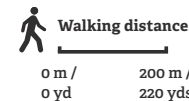
For recommendations, rest, refreshment, and retail therapy, visit us at the Nature Discovery Centre.

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|  Information |  Wildlife hide |  Footpath |  Meadow Trail |
|  Food and Drink |  Wildflower meadow |  Estuary View Trail |  Creek Trail |
|  Shop |  Play area |  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.6 km / 1 mi • 40 mins • Moderate |  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.1 km / 1.4 mi • 1 hour • Challenging |
|  Toilet |  The Labyrinth |  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0.5 km / 0.3 mi • 15 mins • Gentle | |
|  Thames Rooftop Views |  Parking | | |



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

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