



Langford Lakes

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Langford Lakes is a 31.62 hectare wetland nature reserve located to the north west of Salisbury.

Nestled in the Wylde Valley between Salisbury and Warminster, Langford Lakes is an ideal place for bird watching. The four lakes provide a vital stopping off point and resident habitat for about 150 different bird species.

The reserve has a relaxing atmosphere with good level paths and you can enjoy watching wildfowl from five hides overlooking the lakes. You may even see some rarities, such as osprey.

Residents include kingfisher, water rail and gadwall.

In spring watch for great-crested grebes shaking their heads in courtship.

Reed warbler, waders and terns drop in on their summer migration.

As winter advances, shoveler and wigeon join the other ducks present all year round and occasionally the endangered and secretive bittern pays a visit.

A history of the site:

When gravel was excavated during the 1960s and 1970s the process left behind holes that filled with water and were turned into a commercial fishery.

Since we acquired the lakes in 2001, we have created islands, ponds and wader scrapes that provide habitat for birds such as redshank and sandpiper that probe the mud for food.

We have improved the 800m stretch of Wylfe River for fish, designated a Special Area of Conservation. And we have transformed a neighbouring field into the Great Meadow wetland, which opened in September 2012.

Today, we run many family and educational activities from our two centres, which are available to hire.

We also run the Kingfisher Cafe, so you can stop off for some tea and cake by the lake.

You can get day tickets to fish on the Wylde for wild brown trout and grayling - catch and release only.

Coarse fishing is available by joining our Langford Lakes Fishing Club. Access is provided for wheelchair anglers.

Our vision is to create a county rich in wildlife and help people live sustainable lifestyles that protect the environment for the benefit of everyone. We have over 20,000 members, look after 40 nature reserves, are supported by hundreds of volunteers, and work with local communities, schools, businesses and public bodies to achieve our aims.

We hope that you have had a good trip to Langford Lakes.

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Thank you for visiting Langford Lakes.