



## Location

**Postcode** SP3 4PA  
**Grid ref** SU037370

**Access** — Suitable for pushchairs and wheelchairs. Dogs are not allowed. Facilities - bird hides, Visitor Centre, toilets, car and coach parking, parking for disabled visitors, cycle racks.

## Directions

**If driving** - Just off the A36 Salisbury to Warminster road, follow sign for The Langfords. In Steeple Langford turn into Duck Street. Reserve entrance is on left once you have crossed the river.

**If using bus** – use the No.265 bus service between Salisbury and Bath. Nearest bus stop is 500m away in Steeple Langford. Visit [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets)

**If cycling** – National Cycle Route 24 runs right past Langford Lakes. Visit [www.sustrans.org.uk](http://www.sustrans.org.uk)

**Nearby reserves** – Little Langford Down

## About Wiltshire Wildlife Trust

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 about 20,000 members, look after almost 40 nature reserves, are supported by hundreds of volunteers, and work with local communities, schools, businesses and public bodies to achieve our aims. To do all this we rely on the support of our members.

If you would like to join us, or to find out about how you can help the environment, please visit [www.wiltshirewildlife.org](http://www.wiltshirewildlife.org)

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A sustainable future for wildlife and people

Nature reserves

# Langford Lakes



## Langford Lakes

31.62 hectares

Nestled in the Wylfe 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.

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.

We run many family and educational activities from our two centres, which are also available to hire and are available for weddings.

You can get day tickets to fish on the Wylfe 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.



Photos: Bittern, Tina Townend. Osprey with fish, Darin Smith. Great crested grebe, Steve Waterhouse. Grayling, Peter Hayes. Hide, Ryan Tabor WWT

