



Visual Guide

This information is designed to help you prepare for a visit to **Langford Lakes Nature Reserve**.

General Information



Langford Lakes nature reserve is located north-west of the city of Salisbury, near Warminster.

The site is managed by Wiltshire Wildlife Trust.

The reserve has four lakes and a wader scrape, with flat level paths all around.



The site is 32 hectares.

There is good access for wheelchairs or pushchairs.

There are toilet facilities on site.

Dogs are not allowed on this reserve.

Getting there



The reserve can be accessed by car, bike and the number 265 bus goes to Steeple Langford, 500m away from the reserve.

Visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets for more information.

Travelling from the A36 Salisbury to Warminster road, follow signs for The Langfords. In Steeple Langford, turn into Duck Street.



The main reserve entrance and car park is on the left just after the river. It is slightly hidden but there is signage at the entrance.



The car park has space for lots of vehicles. There are accessible parking bays at the Brockbank Centre and at the cafe entrance.

There is signage and a site map in the car park.

Exploring **Langford Lakes**



Enter the reserve by following the path from the car park.

The path is flat.



There is a circular walk which loops around the nature reserve. It is easy to follow the path around.

Allow at least 1 hour to complete the loop. There are plenty of resting points on the way.

Download a reserve leaflet for further information:

<https://bit.ly/3xedBap>

The walk from the car park



Follow the flat path north of the car park towards the Brockbank Centre. On your way you will see play equipment for children and ample seating for rest points.



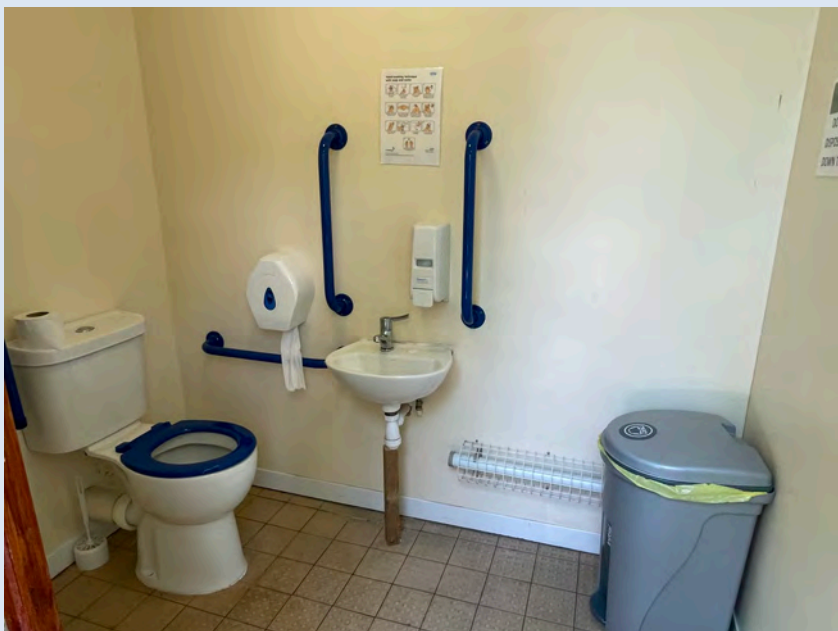
This is the Brockbank Centre, with disabled parking bays, toilet facilities, sinks, a bike shed, tap for drinking water and a cafe.

Toilet facilities



There are toilets for men, women and a disabled toilet.

These are accessed via a ramp.



Kingfisher Cafe



Following the path, on the right hand side is the Kingfisher Cafe.

This includes an accessible ramp onto a decked veranda with shelter, with ample seating both inside and outside.

There are wonderful views across the lake from the veranda.



Once seated, staff will be happy to take your order. Say hello to Steve, the centre manager who will welcome you to the cafe with a smile.

The till is located on a table indoors, next to the cake stand.



Food and drinks are served at the cafe from 10 til 4 Wednesdays to Sundays.

The menu will look like this, written on chalk boards on the veranda. Cakes, coffees and sandwiches are served here.

There is also a gift shop inside.

Continuing the walk



Following the path past the cafe, you will see bird hides on the left and right. Here you can sit and enjoy the views or take photographs.

In total there are 5 bird hides to explore.



Information leaflets can be found inside the hides as well as identification posters of the wildlife to be found there.



Please be aware these hides can get busy if a rare bird is visiting the nature reserve on the day. We ask for everyone to please keep quiet inside the bird hides so as not to scare away the wildlife.

Wildlife



In spring watch for great-crested grebes shaking their heads in courtship and the kingfisher which regularly visits the cafe.



Reed warbler, waders and common tern breed here.

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



In the hides in the wader scrape area, you may be lucky to spot lapwing or a heron. A red-footed falcon has also been known to stop here.

The final loop back to the car park



After having walked along the straight flat path and explored the hides, the path naturally curves around to the right.

Here, the path becomes more grass-covered but remains wide and flat.



There will be more seating areas like this for groups and Forest Schools, as well as a dedicated pond dipping area.

You will see the cafe on the right on the opposite side of the lake. This walk will take you back there and to the car park.



We hope you enjoy your visit.