

Welcome to The Knapp & Papermill Nature Reserve



Worcestershire

The reserve lies in and around a winding stream valley with old woods, meadows and orchards.

There is a small information centre, from where you can follow both short and long way-marked trails to discover the history and wildlife of the area. The reserve is hilly and sometimes uneven or muddy, and there are stiles and gates. Stock graze some of the fields. Vehicle access for less able visitors can be arranged with the wardens.

A small picnic area is provided in the garden. Well-behaved dogs on leads are welcome. Please keep to the marked footpaths and trails. The reserve is open to the public every day (except Christmas Day) for quiet enjoyment. For more information about the reserve, guided walks or events please contact the wardens on 01886 832065. Access to the information centre and the reserve is through the garden ahead.

No charge is made for entry but we encourage all visitors to leave a donation in the information centre to help cover the costs of protecting this beautiful nature reserve.

This area is reserved for disabled parking only.

Please park on the verges and lay-by on the other side of the road or use the car park in the field when this is open.

This is one of over 70 nature reserves owned and cared for by Worcestershire Wildlife Trust. These reserves form part of the Wildlife Trusts' Living Landscapes vision. This identifies a network of areas to protect for wildlife; enlarging, improving and joining them up across the UK.



Worcestershire Wildlife Trust relies on the support of its members and on donations and grants. For details on how to become a member or a volunteer, please contact the Trust.



Kingfisher

Kingfishers nest each spring in the steep banks of the Leigh Brook, often raising two broods. Listen out for their distinctive and sharp 'chee' or 'chee kee' call as they fish along the brook



Cowslip

The reserve contains some wonderful old meadows and pastures which are full of uncommon wildflowers and grasses each spring. One of the first to appear is the cowslip, so typical of Worcestershire's nationally important grasslands.



Otter

Otters, once extinct in Worcestershire, have now returned to many rivers including the Leigh Brook. To encourage them to breed riverside areas have been fenced off to reduce disturbance and artificial underground holts have been created.



Common Buzzard

The common buzzard can be seen circling above the open fields during the summer looking for rabbits.

Peacock Butterfly

Dozens of different types of butterfly thrive in the reserve because of its great diversity. Peacock butterflies are particularly noticeable because of their distinctive markings. They especially like the old fruit orchards where they feed on the fallen fruit in early autumn.

