

Welcome to The Christopher Cadbury Wetland Reserve at Upton Warren



Worcestershire
Wildlife Trust

This wetland nature reserve is in two distinct parts – The Moors pools (freshwater) and The Flashes pools (saline). The pools and surrounding habitat are home to an unusual range of plants and wildlife and the reserve is one of the region's best birdwatching sites.

The two parts of the reserve are separated by a privately owned lake that was formed as a result of quarrying for materials to construct the M5 motorway in the 1960s. Now home to water activities, the lake provides an important link between the two sets of pools, creating a corridor that allows wildlife to move across the whole site.



Avocet



Reed bunting

W Wildlife Trust members must carry their membership card with them as non-members are required to purchase a permit (from our website, an onsite volunteer or the café by the activities lake).

P Parking is free for members and permit holders. The Moors car park is open down to dusk but please do not block gates or the road. Opening times for The Flashes car park (privately owned) is seasonal, please see onsite signage.

H There are several birdwatching hides around the pools. Sadly, The Flashes isn't accessible to wheelchairs but please see map for accessible hides at The Moors.

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! To avoid disturbance to wildlife, please stay on marked paths. Paths can become muddy in winter and in wet weather.

D Dogs are not allowed anywhere on this nature reserve.

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Your support

By volunteering, becoming a member, donating or leaving a gift in your will you can help us to manage this and more than 75 other places for wildlife throughout Worcestershire.

We work with other landowners, managers and communities to **restore, recreate** and **reconnect** fragmented natural habitats to achieve a landscape where wildlife can flourish and people can lead happier and healthier lives.

We're part of a national network of The Wildlife Trusts, protecting wildlife across the UK.



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Who was Christopher Cadbury?

Christopher Cadbury was a founding member of the Trust and instrumental in what would become the national Wildlife Trusts movement. He bought much of the land here at Upton Warren for the newly formed Worcestershire Wildlife Trust in 1968; it became one of our first nature reserves.