

Trails suitable for people with impaired mobility, wheelchairs, mobility scooters and push chairs

Burton Pond Trail

Delightful dragonflies and lake side views

Burton and Chingford Ponds Local Nature Reserve (LNR) is a complex of woodlands, heathland and parkland set around two large lakes. The two lakes were built in the 16th century to power the local iron industry. Waterfowl can be seen all year round and there is a rich variety of summer dragonflies such as the scarce chaser and emperor species. Plant life includes the pond edge and boggy plants such as tussock sedge and southern marsh orchid.

The easy access trail forms part of the LNR Nature Trail that loops around the whole site leading to the historic Burton Park. The whole trail is approximately 400m long with lake views. It is fairly easy going for motorised wheelchairs and push chairs. The LNR is jointly managed by the Sussex Wildlife Trust, South Downs Joint Committee and private landowners.

HOW TO GET THERE

By car: Burton Pond Easy Access Trail lies about 3km south of Petworth and about 1km east of the A285 Petworth to Chichester road.



VISITOR INFORMATION

- Please keep to the marked paths as the trail crosses areas of private land.
- Burton Mill (next to the car park) is open to the public selling tea on sunny summer weekends.
- There are no facilities at Burton Pond. The nearest wheelchair accessible toilet is in Petworth (car park).
- A small chapel in Burton Park (not wheelchair accessible) has 350 year old paintings on display.
- Please note that there is a fairly steep slope up from the car park at the base of the dam but beyond that the trail is quite level.
- For more information about the site and a more detailed map visit www.sussex.org.uk or contact Sussex Wildlife Trust on 01273 492630 and ask for a leaflet about the reserve.

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Common darter dragonflies



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Swans on Burton Pond



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The trail is pushchair-friendly

Key to symbols

direction of slope
 1:10 max. slope gradient
 50m slope length

parking includes disabled spaces

information

viewpoint muddy surface

ramp
 1:6 10m

gate

stile

easy access

suitable for motorised wheel chairs/pushchairs