

Welcome to Callington Road Local Nature Reserve



Purple loosestrife



Shaggy ink cap

The Reserve is a rich haven for wildlife, including some unusual plants, insects and trees.

It is a wildlife oasis of 6.5 hectares surrounded by urban development. It supports a mosaic of wildlife habitats including wildflower meadows, mixed scrub, regenerating woodland and a dewpond which is replenished by rainwater.

Established by Bristol City Council, the site was designated a Local Nature Reserve on 1st October 2009.

It is managed in partnership with the Friends of Callington Road Local Nature Reserve.

Friends of Callington Road Local Nature Reserve

Friends of Callington Road Local Nature Reserve are a group of local residents who share an appreciation of wildlife and work closely with Bristol City Council to maintain and improve the Reserve for the benefit of wildlife and visitors.

The Friends are determined to preserve and protect the extensive wildlife for the benefit of current and future generations.

The group organises regular activities to help visitors enjoy and learn about the amazing range of plants, trees, insects, birds and mammals present.

We hold about four meetings each year, and everyone is encouraged to attend. New 'Friends' are always welcome!

For details of meetings and events, see the Reserve notice boards or visit www.bristol.gov.uk/page/callington-road-local-nature-reserve.

Young roe deer



Perpetual pea



Marbled white



Common blue damselfly



Friends of CRLNR group



Bluebell planting



Conservation



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Visiting the Reserve

Location

The nature reserve is situated between Knowle and Brislington in south Bristol.

The main access is from Callington Road, near the junction with the A37 Wells Road. Access is also available via steep steps from Imperial Walk by using the public right of way which crosses the reserve.

Car parking is available on adjacent roads. Please park with consideration for local residents.

Bus number 36 from Bristol City Centre stops on Callington Road.

Accessibility

The main access from Callington Road is via kissing gates suitable for wheelchairs. Surfaced paths give access to The Field, the dewpond and the Green Lane. A surfaced loop path provides limited wheelchair access into the more remote Upper Slopes.

Dog walking is permitted in The Field area with dog bins provided at all entrances. Dogs must be kept on leads in the Upper Slopes which are designated a quiet refuge for breeding roe deer and other mammals and birds.

When visiting, please help to maintain the reserve for the benefit of wildlife and other visitors. Please place litter in the bins provided, and do not light fires.

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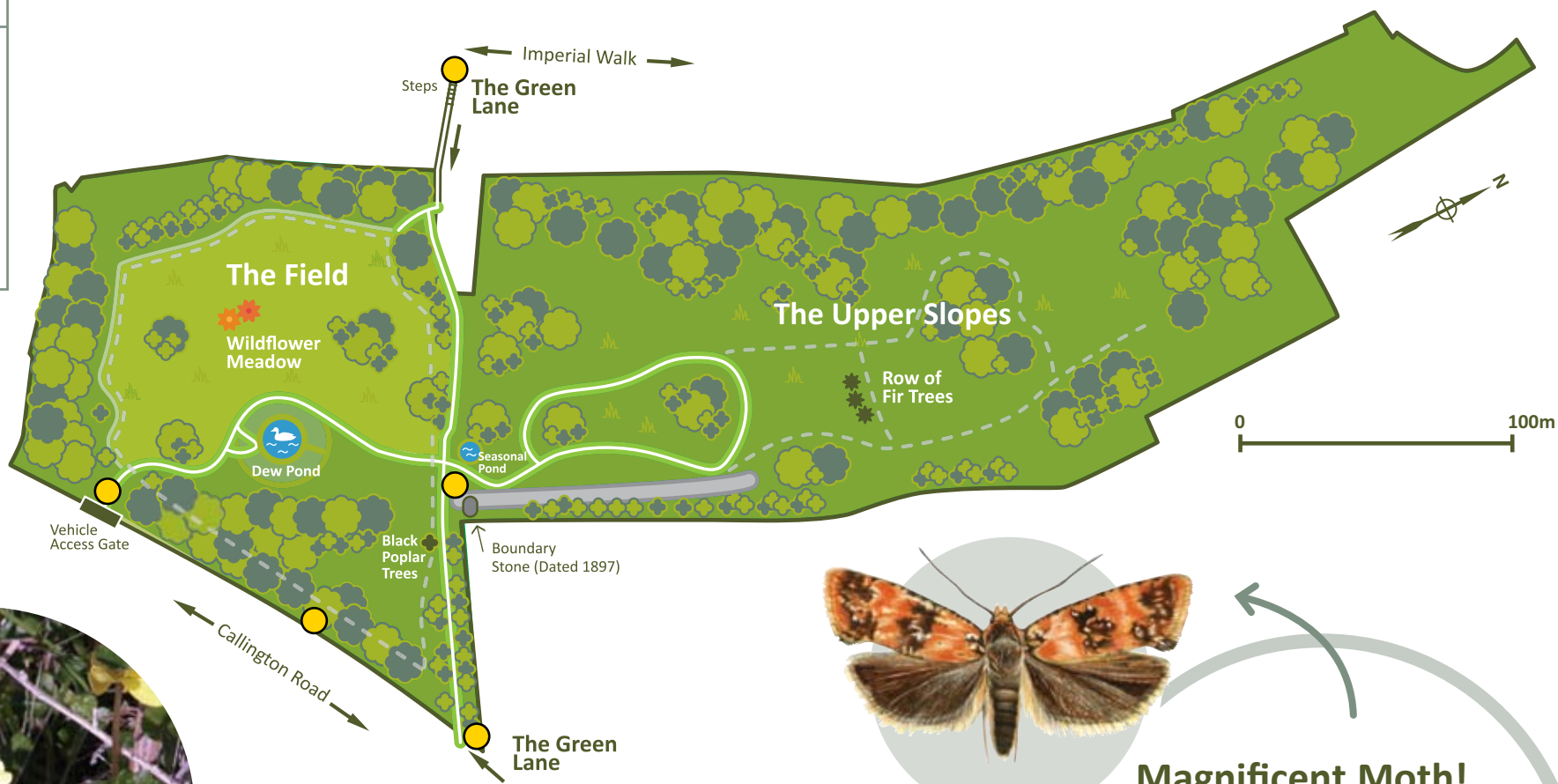
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Discover the wildlife at Callington Road Local Nature Reserve

Key	
	Entrances
	Pond
	Hard path
	Soft path
	Grassland
	Trees and bushes



Celandines



Field blewit



Magnificent Moth!

A rare micro-moth, **Commophila aeneana**, is present here. This is the only part of south west England where this species has been recorded. You'll need to look carefully though – it's very small!

The way it was...

The Field

"The Field" was originally part of Imperial Sports Ground, until it became isolated when Callington Road was extended to Wells Road. It was then used as an Archery Range and later as a "Pitch and Putt" mini golf course. Some of the flat "greens" are still visible.

The Green Lane

The Green Lane runs through the Reserve. It is a public Right of Way and is over one hundred years old.

Near the entrance to The Upper Slopes is an ancient boundary stone dated 1897. This marked part of the eastern boundary of Bristol. A seasonal pond near here is usually dry in summer. It was originally built as a "wheel washing" pond in the days when wooden wheeled horse drawn carts were common. Water Forget-me-not and Yellow Flag Iris bloom here.

The Upper Slopes

This area was formerly cultivated as allotments. As a result, previously cultivated trees and flowers have survived and flourish. Plum, damson, and apple trees are visible. Redcurrant bushes fruit in the summer, as do Michaelmas Daises, Golden Rod, and Evening Primrose.

What can you see?

Along the Green Lane are some unusual trees. These Black Poplars have a distinctive bark pattern and were popular in the Middle Ages when they were often planted along watercourses. There used to be a stream here but it was culverted when Callington Road was extended.

The Green Lane is a great place to search for bats. Look above you at dusk during the summer months to get a glimpse of them as they hunt for insects among the trees. Six different species have been recorded here.

The secluded Upper Slopes are home to a wealth of wildlife. Bullfinches, blackcap and whitethroat breed here. Roe deer, hedgehogs, grey squirrels and several small mammal species are resident.

Look for butterflies, bees and other flying insects which may land on the flowers near you. Be quiet, you may be lucky to see a fox! They hunt during the day and night, but run away if frightened by noise.

The Field is the place to look for fungi in the autumn. See if you can spot Snowy Wax Cap, Glistening Ink Cap or the lilac-tinged Field Blewit, also known as Blue-leg!

Ancient boundary

English bluebell

Black poplar bark

Glistening ink cap

Green shield beetle

Blackcap (male)

Common blue (female)



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