

RSC Walk with the Warden at Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve 26 March 2022

Meeting Point 1 outside Sevenoaks Railway station at 9.30am and 10am Meeting Point 2 at Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 3DH

Charged Parking (no cash): £3.50

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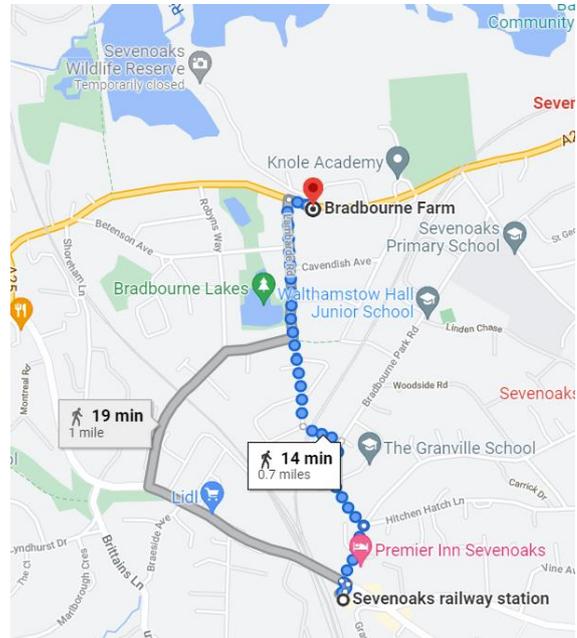
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Guide dogs only

Only guide dogs are allowed on the reserve. Dogs are allowed in the car park and picnic area on a lead.

About the reserve

The reserve was the first example of a gravel pit site being developed for the purpose of nature conservation. This restored former quarry is a spectacular site for birds, as well as dragonflies and damselflies there is also a diverse community of plants, fungi and other wildlife, including creatures of the night such as bats and glow-worms. So far well over two thousand species have been identified and more are regularly being added to the list. This pioneering nature reserve covers 73 hectares and comprises five lakes surrounded by woodland, there are a few ponds, seasonally flooded pools as well as grassland and small areas of reedbed, the clear water of river Darent flows through the northern part of the reserve and supports a reasonable population of invertebrates and fish.



The deeper lakes attract all the common wildfowl which are especially abundant in the winter. Surface feeding duck such as teal and shovelers tend to frequent the shallower areas. Waders such as green and common sandpiper, greenshank, lapwing and little-ringed plover can be seen around the muddy edges of the shallow water. The last two species nest on the reserve. Grey herons are resident and other birds like kingfisher, grey wagtail can often be located. Birds such as reed bunting and reed warbler can easily be seen in the reedbed in the summertime.

The trees and scrub support of breeding perching birds, including the common garden birds, warblers such as chiffchaffs and blackcaps, woodpeckers (all 3 species including the lesser-spotted are found here), treecreepers and bullfinch. In the winter the alder trees attract flocks of siskins and redpolls.

The walk is free, it last for about 90 minutes; don't forget to bring binoculars and camera.

Register with Robert Goldmann at rgoldmann@dggs.kent.sch.uk

In case you get lost/miss the group Robert's mobile is 07450 226472

