

Northaw Great Wood

Country Park
Site of Special Scientific Interest

Explore 290 acres of oak,

woodland. Once part of a vast common, the Great Wood has

hidden away glades, ponds

Gates open at 8am daily

and close again at 5pm

(1 November – 31 March)

or 6pm (1 April - 31 October).

Access from

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Northaw Road East

Cuffley Playing Fields

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and brooks.

This charming site now owned by Cuffley Parish Council has a wide variety of flora, and the stream running along the southern boundary adds to the habitat diversity.

Access from Tolmers Road,

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Playing Fields

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For more information visit the museums website e-mail: museum@welhat.gov.uk





Mill Green Museum & Mill

Housed in a fully restored 18th century watermill, the museum displays local artefacts from pre history to the present day. You can also watch flour being milled and see the water wheel in action. There is a small admission charge. Open Tue-Thu and Sun.

Access from Mill Green Lane.



Welwyn Roman Baths

The remains of a third century Roman bath house are preserved in a vault under the A1(M). The baths are open most weekends and school holiday afternoons. There is a small admission charge for adults.

Access from Welwyn By-Pass.



https://welhat.gov.uk/museum or tel: 01707 357850





This map has been created to celebrate Welwyn Garden City's Centenary in 2020, with Ebenezer Howard's vision of a marriage of town and country. Sports have played a major part in the history of the town and the map is designed to encourage you to get active in the town and surrounding area.

It is based on an original version published in 2005, which has been updated by staff from Hertfordshire County Council and volunteers from WelHatCycling.

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Activity Map



where to walk, cycle & have fun outdoors in:

Welwyn Garden City, Hatfield Welwyn, Welham Green **Brookmans Park, Cuffley**



2021 edition



There is an open space within walking distance of every home and office in Hatfield and Welwyn Garden City and many more are just a short trip away.

This revised edition of the Activity Map has been created specially for Welwyn Garden City Centenary, with assistance from Hertfordshire County Council and WelHat Cycling. The map includes new cycle paths that have been created since the last edition, a few useful additional bridleways and some updates to information about local Parks. Woodlands and Museums.

Whether you want to walk the dog, cycle, have a family picnic, grab a sandwich away from the office or kick a ball around with your grandchildren, use this guide to explore and enjoy the local area.

PARKS, WOODLANDS & NATURE RESERVES

Bushey Ley Open Space [D4]

Access from Bushey Ley, The Ridgeway. & Black Fan Road.



Chantry Lane Copse [B6]

Follow the way marked paths in this small pocket of woodland where chalk and flint were once quarried.

Access from Chantry Lane.



The Commons [D5]

Roam through woods and grassland, then discover the wetland habitat of this recently established reserve. The adjoining field is managed to encourage farmland birds and local wildlife.

Access from The Commons & Howlands.



Danesbury [C2]

Danesbury lies on high ground north of Welwyn Village and includes the restored Victorian Fernery. Gentle walks around meadows grazed by rare breeds of cattle.

Access from Codicote Road, North Ride, Bowmans Close & Carleton Rise.



The Dell [C5]

Small woodland on the outskirts of Hatfield.

Access from Pleasant Rise.



Digswell Lakes [C3]

This 17.5 acre area of lake, wood and grassland is open to members of the Digswell Lake Society. Nestled between Bessemer Road and the River Mimram, it is owned and maintained by the Society. For information on membership, visit www.digswell-lake.org.uk.

Access from Digswell Park Road.



Howe Dell / Stream Woods and beyond... [C6]

Set in an area of grassland and woodland is a 'swallow hole' where the stream disappears into a basin shaped hole. It was created naturally by acidic water dissolving the underlying chalk and causing the soil to collapse. Why not cycle here on the Great North Way? Oxleys Wood [C6] and Centenary Park [C6] are only a few minutes ride or walk away to the south.

Access - Various points in South Hatfield.



Lemsford Springs [B4]

This reserve is owned and managed by the Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust. There are two hides for bird watching by the River Lea. Access can be arranged by telephoning the trust on 01727 858901.

www.hertswildlifetrust.org.uk Access from Lemsford Village.



Mardley Heath [C1]

A favourite with horse riders and walkers alike, enjoy ninety acres of open heath and woodland. A great place for bluebells in May.

Access from Heath Road car park & Oaklands residential area.



Rolls & Blackthorn Woods [D4]

Connecting Panshanger and the Cole Green Way, take a walk through this local woodland.

Access from Black Fan Road & Panshanger residential area



Sherrardspark Wood [C3]

A large oak/hornbeam woodland right on the doorstep of hundreds of Garden City residents. Extending over 200 acres, there are way-marked paths and bridleways and many access points on all sides.

Various access points on foot. Parking at Campus West and Rectory Road.



Singlers Marsh [C2]

This small and sometimes wet lowland meadow is grazed by rare breed cattle in late summer and autumn. You can take a stroll, listen to the birds, or feed the ducks in the River Mimram.

Access from Fulling Mill Lane & Codicote Road.



St Albans Road East Park [C6]

Somewhere to stretch your legs in the heart of Hatfield Access from St Albans Road East & French Horn Lane

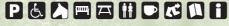


Stanborough Park [C4]

126 acres of parkland are ready to be explored with a range of facilities for all. Follow the paths around the two lakes, try orienteering, hire a boat, learn to sail, explore Stanborough Reedmarsh reserve or take a break at the café. There are also facilities for fishing including platforms for the disabled.

www.better.org.uk

Access from Stanborough Road.



Tewinbury (D3)

A diverse 10 acre reserve nestling in the Mimram Valley, where a fantastic two storey hide gives great views of the wildlife in clear, chalk stream waters.

www.hertswildlifetrust.org.uk

Access from road entry to Tewin Bury Farm.



Tewin Orchard and Hopkyns Wood (D2)

This traditional village orchard has locally distinct fruit varieties and a hide which is perfect for watching badgers and other mammals from.

www.hertswildlifetrust.org.uk

Access from Upper Green Road.



PLAYING FIELDS

King George V Playing Fields [D4]

Welwyn Garden City

Improve your forehand on one of the tennis courts, shoot some basketball hoops or take your skateboard / BMX down to the Skate Park. If you want a slower pace relax with a game of bowls.

Main access from Beehive Lane.



Birchwood Playing Fields [C5] Access from Longmead.



Digswell Playing Fields [C3]

Access from Digswell Park Road & Hertford Road.



Handside Lane Playing Fields [C4] Access from Hobbs Way, off Colgrove.



Lemsford Playing Fields [B4] Access from Brocket Road.





Moneyhole Lane Playing Fields [D4] Main access from Sylvan Way.



Roe Hill Playing Fields [B6] Main access from Briars Lane.



Welwyn Playing Fields [C2] Access from Ottway Walk.



