

MUSEUMS

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.

For more information visit the museums website https://welhat.gov.uk/museum or tel: 01707 357850
e-mail: museum@welhat.gov.uk







This map has been created to encourage you to get active and explore your town and surrounding area. It showcases key places to visit, activities and walking and cycling routes to travel around Welwyn Garden City and Hatfield.

Based on the original version published in 2005, the map has been updated by staff from Hertfordshire County Council and volunteers from WelHat Cycling to include the new walking and cycling improvements delivered from 2021 - 2024. Funded by Active Travel England, the improvements aim to make it easier and safer to walk, wheel and cycle. Providing more sustainable travel options helps to improve the health of our community, air quality, road safety and the local economy.

To find out more visit: **www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/activetravelfund**

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Countryside Management Service

WelHatCycling.org.uk
Promoting cycling in Welwyn Hatfield

The Countryside Management Service (CMS) works with communities across Hertfordshire to help them care for and enjoy the environment.

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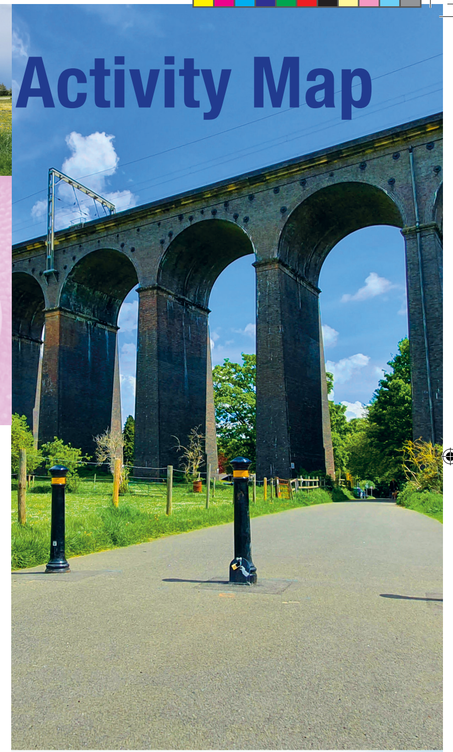
Activity Map



where to walk, cycle & have fun outdoors in: 2024 edition

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

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Get out and explore

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 includes the new spaces for walking and cycling that have been created since the last edition. Funded by Active Travel England, the improvements delivered by Hertfordshire County Council provide more opportunities for people to walk, wheel and cycle by making it safer, easier and more enjoyable for everyone.

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 local nature 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 e-mailing reserves@hmwt.org

www.hertswildlifetrust.org.uk

Access from Lemsford Village.

Mardley Heath [C1]
A favourite with horse riders and walkers alike, enjoy 90 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.

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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.