



London Borough
of Hounslow

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Hounslow's parks and green spaces together represent one of the highest percentages of green areas of all London boroughs. Our Countryside Rangers are responsible for the management of the borough's parks and have expertise in wildlife conservation, ecology and countryside interpretation.

They work with local communities and visitors alike to appreciate, enjoy and care for the natural environment. The Countryside Rangers have a planned programme of activities and events; anyone can join in and learn more about Hounslow's natural environment, wildlife and hidden treasures. Anyone is welcome to come along to our events; here are some tips before you start out;

- Please wear clothing and footwear suitable for uneven terrain and the weather conditions on the day.
- Dogs are not permitted on the guided walks due to the sensitive nature of much of the wildlife we will be looking for.
- Please feel free to bring binoculars and cameras if you have them. This may enhance your enjoyment of our events.
- Presently, there are no refreshment facilities on our sites, so please bring what you might want with you.
- Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Please see individual event for costs. For further information please contact us on 0845 456 2796 or email us at Hounslow-info@laing.com

All events at Bedfont Lakes and Hounslow Heath start from their respective Information Centres.

Halloween

Sunday 30th October
11am and 2pm

It's bubble, bubble ... toil and trouble on Halloween at Bedfont Lakes in Hounslow.

Join us for our 12th annual Halloween celebrations including gory games and creepy crafts.

Take a walk around the haunted woods and discover spooky secrets hiding amongst the trees.

Traditional Halloween costumes welcome.

Suitable for families with children aged 4+.

BOOKING ESSENTIAL
Tickets: £3 per child.
To book please call 01784 259161.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Fungi Foray

Saturday 1st October
Bedfont Lakes 1pm

Have a wander around the lakes and look for interesting mushrooms, toadstools and other fungi. £1 per child/concession, £2 per adult.



Heathland Conservation Day

Saturday 5th November
Hounslow Heath 10am - 3pm

Remember, remember the 5th November and join the Rangers in some heathland conservation. Help manage this important habitat by taking part in some scrub bashing, then finish the day by toasting a sausage or a marshmallow on a stick over the bonfire (please bring your own food).

Cost: FREE Ages 14 years+ (under 18yrs must be supervised by an adult)

Seasonal Stroll – Take a wander on Hounslow Heath

Sunday 20th November
Hounslow Heath 11am

Take a wander on the Heath and admire the late autumn colours, weird and wonderful fungi and other seasonal sights.

£1 per child/concession, £2 per adult.

Conservation - What Is It All About?

Saturday 12th November
Bedfont Library
10.30am - 12pm

The Countryside Rangers will be visiting Bedfont Library to talk about their work and how they support and manage some of the most important sites in the borough and the flowers and fauna that inhabit both Bedfont Lakes Countryside Park and Hounslow Heath. Topics to be covered include nature conservation, wildlife and habitats. Learn about the countryside right on your doorstep and about the volunteering opportunities that are available. Cost: FREE



Christmas Craft Workshop

Sunday 4th December
Bedfont Lakes
11am - 1pm

Learn how to make your own willow wreath and other tree decorations using nature's own materials from Bedfont Lakes.

£1 per child/concession, £2 per adult.



Winter Bird Walk

Sunday 15th January Bedfont Lakes 9am

Take a walk around the lakes to see our winter bird residents, with a possibility of catching a glimpse of the elusive Bittern in the reedbeds.

£1 per child/concession, £2 per adult.



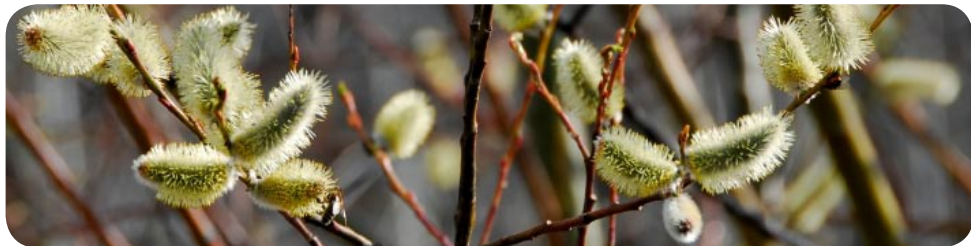
Mammal Safari

Sunday 12th February
Hounslow Heath
10am

Using animal friendly traps see some of the small mammals that make Hounslow Heath their home and learn something of their secret lives in the undergrowth.

£1 per child/ concession, £2 per adult.





Signs of Spring Walk

Saturday 10th March
Bedfont Lakes
10am

Take a leisurely stroll by the lakes. See spring flowers, frogspawn and other signs that tell us that winter is finally over.

£1 per child/concessions, £2 per adult.



Spring Walk

Sunday 25th March
Hounslow Heath
11am

See the Heath as it bursts into blossom. Hear Stonechats singing from the gorse bushes and observe other springtime sights.

£1 per child/concession, £2 per adult.



Are you

- Looking to gain experience in the conservation industry?
- Wanting to meet like-minded people?
- Interested in putting something back into your local park?
- After a greener way to lose weight?



Then why not join Bedfont Lakes Conservation Volunteers?

Bedfont Lakes Conservation Volunteer dates

Meet at the Information Centre in Bedfont Lakes at 10 am on the following Saturdays:

8th October 2011	7th January 2012
22 October 2011	21st January 2012
5th November 2011*	4th February 2012
*Heathland conservation task at Hounslow Heath	18th February 2012
19th November 2011	3rd March 2012
3rd December 2011	17th March 2012
17th December 2011	31st March 2012



Please bring clothes appropriate for the weather, sturdy footwear, plenty to drink and some lunch. For more information, see www.blcv.co.uk



Bedfont Lakes Country Park

Clockhouse Lane, Bedfont
Middlesex TW14 8QA

How to get there –
Map Grid reference - TQ07647252

Bus

- 116 to Bedfont Green and a short walk to the Country Park.
- H26 connects Feltham and Hatton Cross with the Country Park.
- H25 connects Feltham and Butts Farm with the Country Park. Alight at Bedfont Green and take a short walk to the entrance on Clockhouse Lane.

Train

- Ashford and Feltham are the closest main line stations.

Tube

- Piccadilly Line to Hatton Cross, followed by a short bus or taxi ride.

Hounslow Heath

450 Staines Road, Hounslow
Middlesex TW4 5AB

How to get there –
Map Grid reference - TQ12167501

Bus

- 116 (Hounslow Bus Station – Bedfont/Ashford Hospital),
- 117 (Hounslow Bus Station – Feltham/Staines),
- 235 (Isleworth – Feltham/Sunbury, via Hounslow Bus Station)
- 237 links Hounslow Heath to Shepherd's Bush Green via Chiswick, Brentford, Isleworth and Hounslow.
These stop by the Staines Road entrance.

- 110 (Hounslow- Twickenham),
- 111 (Heathrow – Kingston, via Hounslow),
- R62 (Twickenham – Isleworth)
These stop off Simpson Road to the south.

Train

- The nearest railway station is Hounslow, which is 1.4km from the Heath's southern entrance. Bus services link Hounslow Heath to Feltham Station which is 2km to the south west.

Tube

- The nearest underground station is Hounslow West (Picadilly Line) is 1.2km to the north of the Heath's main entrance on Staines Road.



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