



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 note there is a small charge for these events. Adults £2, Children and OAPs £1 – unless otherwise stated.

For further information please contact us on 0845 456 2796 or email us at Hounslow-info@laing.com

All events at Bedfont Lakes, Boston Manor Park and Hounslow Heath start from their respective Information Centres.

April

Easter Fun Weekend

Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th April
Bedfont Lakes
11 am to 3 pm



Come and join the rangers for some Easter fun at Bedfont Lakes.

- Take a guided walk to look for spring wildlife.
- Take part in our Quiz Trail and earn yourself a chocolate treat.
- Meet some real Easter bunnies.
- Have a go at egg painting and lots more for the whole family.

Entry is free but some activities will incur a small fee.



April

Feathered Fun

Tuesday 6th April
Bedfont Lakes
10.30 am–12.30 pm

Join us for some bird based fun and games. Be a bird brainer and make a nest. Suitable for children 4+.



Reptile Residents of Hounslow Heath

Saturday 10th April
Hounslow Heath
9 am–11 am

Accompany our expert rangers on a hunt for the elusive reptiles of Hounslow Heath.



Birding for Beginners

Sunday 11th April
Bedfont Lakes
2 pm – 4 pm

Learn how to tell the difference between Coots and Cormorants and Doves and Dunnocks as you explore Bedfont Lakes with one of our knowledgeable rangers.



May

Spring Walk

Saturday 8th May
Hounslow Heath
10.30 am–12.30 pm

From woodland to heathland, take a wander through the varied habitats of Hounslow Heath and see spring wildlife at its best.



National Moth Night – Moths and Bats

Saturday 15th May
Bedfont Lakes
8 pm–10.30 pm

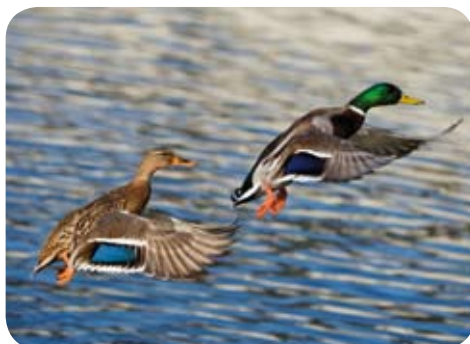
Celebrate National Moth Night with a candle-lit picnic. Bring a thermos, a blanket and some snacks and see what Bedfont Lakes has to offer in the world of moths and bats. There will be games and activities for all the family.



Stars in Our Sky

Friday 21st May
Bedfont Lakes
9 pm - 11 pm

Search the skies above the Bedfont Lakes to see constellations, planets and meteors.



June

Survival Skills

Tuesday 1st June (Half Term)
Bedfont Lakes
9 am–12 noon

Become a survival expert. Learn skills like shelter building, fire lighting and find out which wild foods are safe to eat. Cost is £5. Suitable for children aged 8+. Booking only by Sunday 30th May.

Teddy Bears Picnic

Friday 4th June (Half Term)
Bedfont Lakes
11 am–1 pm

If you go down to the Lakes today you're sure of a big surprise. Bring your Teddy Bear and a picnic along to Bedfont picnic for a fun day out. Booking only by Wednesday 2nd June.



Bat and Owl Walk

Friday 11th June
Bedfont Lakes
9 pm–11 pm

Using bat detectors, tune into the bats that fly the skies above the lakes and listen out for the local owls.

Butterfly Walk

Saturday 12th June
Hounslow Heath
11 am–12.30 pm



See the beautiful butterflies that flutter over Hounslow Heath during the summer.

Nature Day

Sunday 27th June
Bedfont Lakes
All Day

Take part in a whole day of nature themed events. Learn about the wildlife at Bedfont Lakes and the work of the Countryside Rangers. There will be activities for the whole family.



June

Nature Day

Sunday 27th June

All Day

Bring the family to Bedfont Lakes for a whole day of nature themed events to celebrate the International Year of Biodiversity!

- Find out more about the wildlife within the park and the work of the Countryside Rangers.
- Guided walks throughout the day; starting with a Dawn Chorus Walk and finishing off with a Night Safari.
- Help the Rangers carry out wildlife surveys around the Country Park. Have a go at Pond Dipping or take a Minibeast Safari to hunt for the tiny residents of Bedfont Lakes.
- Nature themed arts and crafts for all ages.
- And lots more!

Entry is free but some activities will incur a small fee.

For information on timings of events please refer to signs at the Information Centre, or ring 0845 456 2796.



July & August

History of Hounslow Heath

Saturday 10th July
Hounslow Heath
11 am–1 pm

A walk around the Heath with local historian Eddie Munday. Find out more about the Heath's links to Highwaymen, the military and the airport.



Butterfly Life Cycle Trail

Saturday 24th July
Bedfont Lakes
2 pm–4 pm

Learn about the life cycle of the butterfly through fun crafts and games. Suitable for children age 4+.



Heathland Walk

Saturday 14th August
Hounslow Heath
11 am–1 pm

This walk is timed to coincide with the heather flowering. Come and see the best London heathland site north of the Thames.



Night Safari

Friday 27th August
Bedfont Lakes
8 pm–10 pm

Lots of things crawl and creep around at night, bring a torch to surprise the shy night animals of Bedfont Lakes.



August



Wild On Wednesdays

Bedfont Lakes
Tune in to your wild this summer

Every Wednesday through August

Join the Rangers in a range of different activities and get to learn more about the park's wildlife including:

- Pond dipping
- Minibeasting
- Crafts
- Nature spotting
- Suitable for children aged 5+

From 11 am-1 pm on 4th,
11th, 18th, 25th August



September



A walk on the wild side

Sunday 5th September
Boston Manor Park
11 am–1 pm

Take a walk on the wild side through Boston Manor Park and discover some of the park's inhabitants.

Bird walk

Saturday 11th September
Bedfont Lakes
9 am–11 am

Spot migrant birds on passage over Bedfont Lakes as they make their way to faraway lands. (All abilities welcome.)

Mammal walk

Saturday 18th September
Hounslow Heath
10.30 am–12.30 pm

Explore the grassland of the park with the Rangers and uncover some of the mammals that make the park their home. An excellent chance to see wild mice and voles and to learn about their interesting life stories.

Autumn art and leaf trail

Saturday 25th September
Bedfont Lakes
11 am–1 pm

Catch the first sights of autumn and join us on a leafy trail through the park. We will also spend time using an autumn theme to create some art and crafts.

Fungus Foray

Sunday 26th September
Hounslow Heath
11 am–1 pm

Find out about the fungi growing at Bedfont Lakes. Hunt for the mysterious fungi that appear overnight such as Shaggy Ink Cap and Chicken of the Woods.



Volunteering Opportunities

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?

Meet at the Information Centre in Bedfont Lakes at 10 am on the following Saturdays:
April 24th, May 29th, June 26th, July 24th and August 21st.

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



How to get there

Bedfont Lakes Country Park LNR

Clockhouse Lane (B3003)

Bedfont

Middlesex

TW14 8QA

Site facilities include Information Centre, toilets, and car parking

Public Transport

- Bus - Route 116 to Bedfont Green and a short walk to the Country Park. Route H26 connects Feltham, Hatton Cross and Heathrow Terminal 4 with the Country Park. H25 connects Butts Farm, Hatton Cross and Feltham with the Country Park.
- Train - Ashford and Feltham are the nearest mainline stations, with regular trains from Waterloo and Clapham Junction.
- Tube - Piccadilly Line to Hatton Cross, followed by a short bus or taxi ride (H26 or H25).

Hounslow Heath LNR

450, Staines Road (A315)

Hounslow

Middlesex

TW4 5RB

Site facilities include Information Centre, toilets, and car parking.

Public Transport

- Bus – Services 116 / 117 / 235 (via Hounslow Bus Station) all stop by the Staines Road entrance. Services 110 / 111 and the R62 stop off Simpson Road to the south.
- Tube – Piccadilly Line to Hounslow West, followed by a short bus or taxi ride(1.2k)
- Train – Hounslow is the closet main line station and is 1.4km from the reserve's southern entrance.

Boston Manor Park

Boston Manor Road,

Brentford,

Middlesex

TW8 9JX

Site facilities include Pavilion Café, toilets and car parking.

Public Transport

- Bus – E8 bus from Ealing/E8 Bus from Brentford and 195 from Brentford to Southall/Hayes buses stop outside the park and the H91 stops nearby on Great West Road
- Tube – Boston Manor is the nearest tube station. Exit the station, turn right and walk for ½ mile and the park is on your right.
- Train – Brentford mainline, exit station turn right onto Boston Manor Road. Walk for ½ mile crossing the A4 and the park is on your left.



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