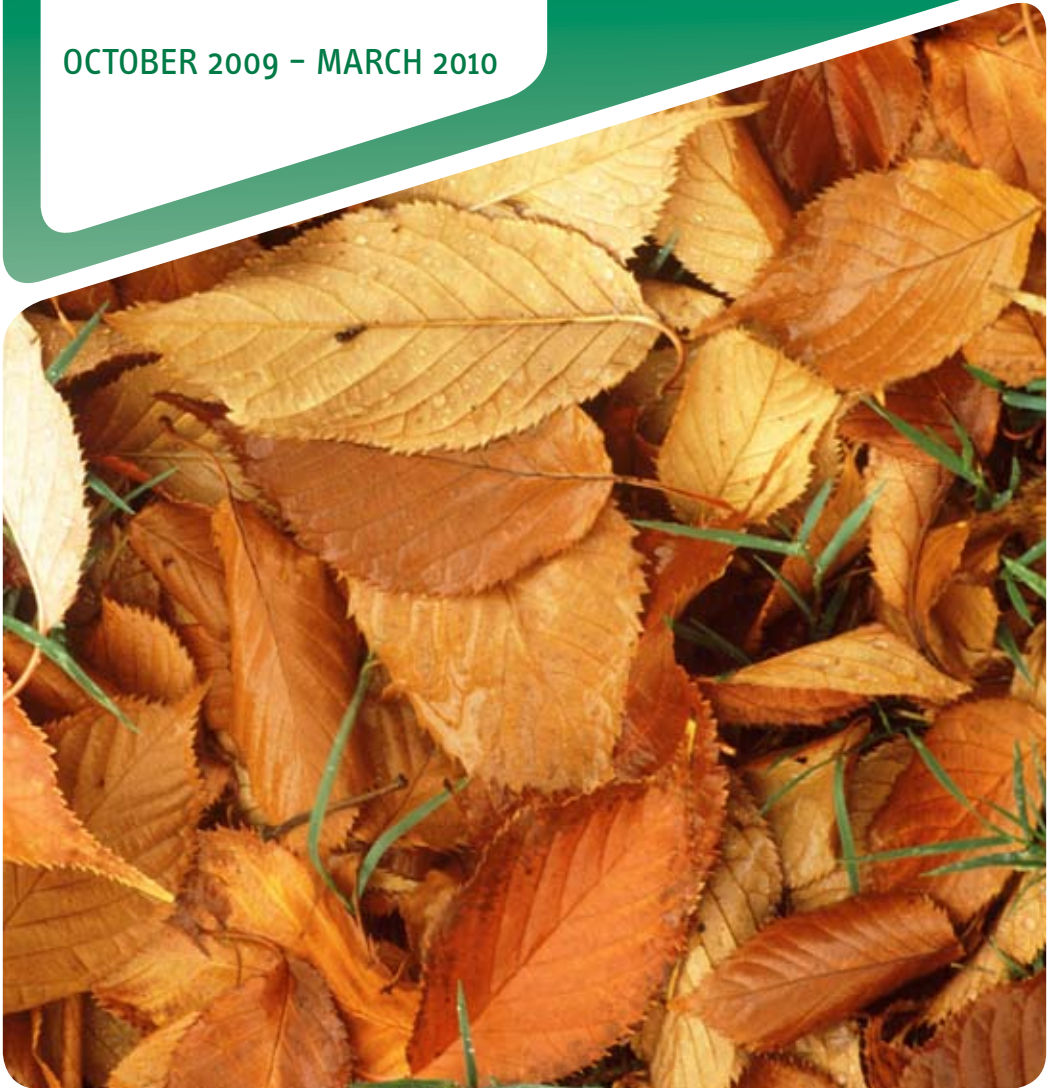




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The Countryside Ranger Service provides an annual programme of countryside walks and events for the public. Our aim is to broaden the knowledge and awareness of, and raise an interest in, nature, wildlife, and the countryside.

Please make sure you wear clothing suitable for the outdoors and weather on the day. Stout shoes or Wellingtons are advisable.

Please note that dogs are not permitted on any of the walks. Unless stated, walks last approximately 2 hours.

Charges

Unless otherwise stated, all walks are: Adults £2, Children £1

For further information please contact Hounslow Info on 0845 456 2796

All events at Bedfont Lakes/Cranford Park/Hounslow Heath start from their respective Information Centres.



Sun 25th October**Bedfont Lakes Country Park****10am -1pm****Apple Day**

Apple Day is an annual celebration of apples and orchards. To mark Apple Day the Rangers will be opening up the South Side Orchard in Bedfont Lakes Country Park and everyone is welcome to discover the different varieties of apples, take time to taste them and pick apples to take home. Local Beekeepers and Allotment holders will also be joining us and visitors can sample some of the fine local produce that can be found in the borough. Access to the South Side Orchard is from Challenge Road rather than Clockhouse Lane.



HALLOWE'EN 2009

CRANFORD PARK

SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER
from 6.30pm

Entrance by ticket only

Join us for our fright-filled Hallowe'en
to celebrate this ancient seasonal festival.

Dare you meet the characters to be found on our
guided walk around the woods and grounds of
Cranford Park?

This is our 10th anniversary of the event

Traditional Hallowe'en costumes welcomed

Adults £3 Under 16s £2
under 16s must be accompanied by an adult.

To book tickets please ring **01784 259 161**
or call in person to Bedfont Lakes
Country Park Information Centre



Sat 7th November

Cranford Park

9am

Winter Birdwatch

A two-hour walk around Cranford Park looking at the winter residents and commoner migrants that may be found here. Refreshments provided.

Sun 8th November

Bedfont Lakes Country Park

10am

Fungi Foray

A wander round Bedfont Lakes looking for the various mushrooms, toadstools, and other fungi that should be appearing now. Learn how to try and identify them, and also find out which ones are poisonous or edible.

Fri 20th November

Bedfont Lakes Country Park

7pm

Star Walk

Join the Rangers to take a look upwards to discover constellations, meteors, planets, and satellites.

Sun 6th December

Cranford Park

10am-3pm

Winter Woodland Day

Join us in the run-up to Christmas at Cranford Park to see, and learn about, traditional woodland management and crafts. A chance to buy some last minute gifts for loved ones.

Sun 20th December

Bedfont Lakes Country Park

12pm

Tree Dressing Day

Join in the winter solstice celebrations by helping us to dress one of our trees with all your unwanted tree decorations, and help the country park through the dark and dull winter months.



Sun 17th January

Bedfont Lakes Country Park

9am

Bird Walk

A stroll around the Country Park to look for some of our wintering bird species from the various ducks on North Lake to possibly seeing Bittern and Water Rail around the reedbeds fringing the lakes.

Sun 31st January

Bedfont Lakes Country Park

9am

Winter Walk

Join us as we stroll around Bedfont Lakes looking at the wildlife that is out and about braving the cold weather.

Fri 12th February

Bedfont Lakes Country Park

7pm

Moth Night

Join the Rangers to find out what species are braving the cold winter nights at Bedfont Lakes. Don't forget to wrap up warm and bring along a thermos of tea or coffee.

Fri 26th February

Bedfont Lakes Country Park

7pm

Star Walk

Another chance to join the Rangers looking skywards to discover constellations, meteors, planets, and satellites.



Sat 6th March

Cranford Park

11am

Signs of Spring

A two-hour walk around Cranford Park looking at the first signs of woodland springtime. Birds should now be starting to sing on their territories and the first flowers may well be in bloom. Refreshments provided.

Sun 7th March

Hounslow Heath

11am

Mammal Trapping

Hounslow Heath is home to several species of small mammals, including: mice, voles, and shrews. Using our animal friendly traps, come and see what we turn up and learn something of their lives in the undergrowth. Refreshments provided.

Sun 28th March

Bedfont Lakes Country Park

10am

Spring Walk

The earliest signs of springtime should now be on show. Come and look for the first flowers, pussy willow, frogspawn and more at Bedfont Lakes.



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, Hatton Cross, and Heathrow Terminal 4 with the Country Park.

Train

- Ashford and Feltham are the closest main line stations.

Tube

- Piccadilly Line to Heathrow Terminal 4, followed by a short bus or taxi ride.

Cranford Countryside Park

The Parkway, Cranford
Middlesex TW5 9RZ

How to get there
Map Grid reference - TQ10417815

Bus

- 81 (between Hounslow and Slough),
- 111 (between Kingston and Heathrow Airport)
- 105 (between Heathrow Airport Central and Greenford Station),
- 222 (between Hounslow and Uxbridge)
- H98 (between Hounslow and Hayes End).

All the above buses pass to the south of Cranford Countryside Park, along the Bath Road (A4). Alight at the first or second bus stop along the A4 and cross the road. Walk through Berkeley Meadows park before arriving at Cranford park on the other side of Cranford Lane, cross Cranford Lane to access the park by the southern entrance.

Tube

The closest tube station is West Hounslow (Piccadilly Line) it is a 40 minute walk along the A4 and up the A312 to the park.

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- Tickenham),
- 111 (Heathrow – Kingston, via Hounslow),
- R62 (Twickenham – Isleworth)

These stop off Simpson Road to the south.

Tube

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

Train

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

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