

Developed from former gravel workings, Leybourne Lakes Country Park is dominated by a series of lakes and flower rich grasslands that offer both quiet recreation for visitors and a valued sanctuary for a variety of wildlife. The 93 hectare (230 acre) Country Park has spectacular views across its many lakes and out to the North Downs.

Accessibility

All hard-surfaced paths around the lakes (marked on the map), provide good access for wheelchairs and buggies. There are disabled parking bays in the main car park for Blue Badge holders. 'Lake View' disabled parking bays are also available. For further information on Park accessibility, please contact the Rangers' Office or visit the website.

Ranger Team

A small team of rangers help to manage and maintain the Country Park. For further details contact the Rangers' Office.

Volunteer Conservation Group

The 'Volunteer Conservation Group' operates in conjunction with BTCV (British Trust for Conservation Volunteers). The Task Days take place on the second Tuesday of every month, and include a variety of site management and conservation tasks.

Volunteer Ranger Scheme

The Volunteer Ranger Scheme allows local residents, regular visitors and countryside enthusiasts to help out with projects around the Park and to work alongside the Ranger team carrying out the daily tasks.

For more information about our volunteer schemes, please contact the Rangers' Office or visit the website.

Sponsored Benches

To sponsor a bench contact the Rangers' office or visit the website.

Contact details

Rangers' Office: 01634 243397

Website: www.tmbc.gov.uk/LLCP

Email: leisure.services@tmbc.gov.uk

HOW TO GET THERE

Walking & Cycling: Pedestrian entrances are marked on the map overleaf. There are pedestrian crossings on the A228 by the main entrance and also on Leybourne Way.

Bus: Arriva Bus 71 and 151 stop near the Country Park. For more information visit www.arrivabus.co.uk or telephone Traveline on 0871 2002233

Road: From M20 - exit at Junction 4 and follow signs for A228(N). Continue straight ahead on the A228(N) at the traffic lights. Take the fourth exit at the next roundabout into the Country Park. From M2 - exit at Junction 2 and follow signs for A228(S). Continue straight ahead on the A228(S) at the first, second and third roundabout. Take the first exit at the fourth roundabout into the Country Park.



Car park charges apply. A 2.1m height barrier is in operation at the entrance to the car park. Six high vehicle bays are available just outside the car park. The Country Park's postcode is ME20 6AA.

Opening Times

The Country Park is open all year. The car park opens daily (including Christmas Day), at 7.30am and closes at dusk (see car park entrance for details).

Leybourne Lakes Country Park is owned and managed by Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council.

This information is available in other formats, please contact the Rangers' Office on 01634 243397 or email leisure.services@tmbc.gov.uk

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A family day out

Leybourne Lakes is a Green Flag Award winning Country Park, offering a high standard of open space for everyone to enjoy. The park is home to a range of leisure activities including walking, cycling, fishing, windsurfing, scuba diving and bird watching. The Park also provides the ideal spot for a family picnic.

Play Area

A play area and play trail around the ocean lake will also keep the young ones entertained.

Walking

Visitors of all ages are able to walk on the many flat, user friendly paths that surround the lakes. Seats are provided, with good viewpoints around 'The Ocean Lake'. The 'Ocean Circular Walk' is 2.5 km (1.5 miles) and will take approximately 45 minutes to walk.

Refreshments

Refreshments are available every weekend and Bank Holiday throughout the year. They are also available daily during the Summer Holidays. All refreshment services are weather permitting.

Cycling

Cycle racks are provided in the main car park. All paths are multi-user, so please be respectful of other users.

Wildlife

A wide variety of wildlife can be seen in all areas of the Country Park. The Mill Stream, as well as the grassland and wooded areas, are good places to look.

Dog Walking

Dogs are welcome to enjoy the Park too. We do ask that they are kept under close control and on leads in designated areas. Please clean up after your dog, using the bins provided.

Green Flag Award

Leybourne Lakes has been a Green Flag Award winning Country Park since, 2007. The park is assessed against key criteria including being a welcoming place and providing a safe and secure site.

Water Sports

Leybourne Lake Water Sports Centre operates within the Country Park and offers a variety of water sport activities including windsurfing and scuba diving. For more information please contact the Centre direct on 01634 246006 or visit www.leybournelakeswatersports.co.uk

Healthy Walks

Healthy Walks around the Country Park take place every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, with an extended walk once a month. For further information on Healthy Walks visit www.tmbc.gov.uk.

Events

If you wish to use the Park for a countryside related event please contact the Rangers' Office or visit the website for an Events Booking Form.

Fishing

The majority of the fishing lakes within the Country Park are run by Mid Kent Fisheries. For more information, contact MKF direct on 01227 730668 or visit www.midkentfisheries.co.uk

Your Enjoyment

For your safety and enjoyment and that of other Park users, please observe the Countryside Code. No public swimming, barbecues, unauthorised boating, model boating or motorbikes are allowed. For your safety, CCTV is in operation within the Country Park.



Thank you for your co-operation.

Spring & Summer

During the spring, the Park is full of a wide variety of bird species; many of which breed in the Park. Some of the rarer species seen in the Park include the Garden Warbler and Reed Bunting.

As summer approaches, the Park becomes a haven for invertebrate species particularly damselflies and dragonflies, these are most commonly seen along the Mill Stream that flows through the Park.

Autumn & Winter

Gradually through autumn and into the winter months, one of the Park's wildlife highlights is the wintering wildfowl populations including bitterns, shovelers and tufted ducks.

Pick up the Country Park By Numbers or Junior Wildlife Watch leaflets from the car park or visit the website.

Useful Information

Toilets are located in the main car park.

The car park is 'Pay & Display' and is in operation at all times.

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