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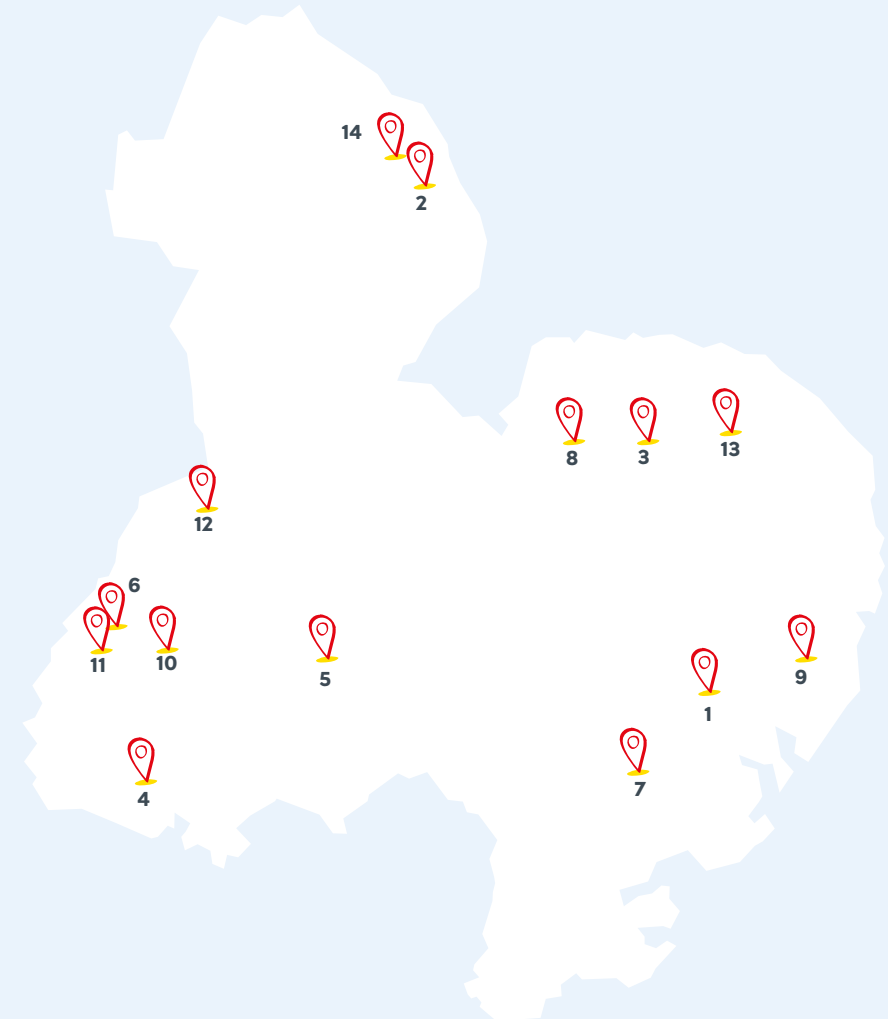
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Anglian Water's
Wildlife Sites



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Our Region



Key Icons

-  Parking
-  Cafe
-  No dogs allowed
-  Permit required
-  Accomodation
-  wc Toilets
-  Guide Dogs Only
-  Dogs on leads



Whether you're a keen explorer and bird watcher or just like getting out of the house, you may be surprised to hear about the number of sites we are responsible for.

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Use this guide as a quick reference to get out and about and explore hidden local treasures near you.



Alton Water



Grid Ref: TM155353

Located within the stunning countryside of Suffolk, Alton Water stretches across some 400 acres and offers many walking trails and nature walks.

The site is designated as a Local Wildlife Site due to its importance locally.

What you might see

- Dormouse
- Goosander
- Nightingale
- Kingfisher
- Osprey (on migration)
- Otter
- Tufted Duck

What else can you do?

The park also offers an eight-mile cross country cycling track or a range of water sports. There is also the opportunity for fishing and hiking.

Where can I find out more?

anglianwaterparks.co.uk/alton-water



Alton Water

Holbrook Road, Stutton, Suffolk, IP9 2RY

Opening Times:

07:30-16:00 in winter and 07:30-20:00 in the summer months

 Tel: 01473 589105





Covenham Reservoir



Grid Ref: TF340963

Covenham Reservoir forms a prominent feature in the surrounding flat Lincolnshire landscape. The 15 metre high embankment covered with grassland is rich in wildflowers and attracts good numbers of birds.

The site is designated as a Local Wildlife Site due to its importance locally.

What you might see

- Arctic Tern
- Bee Orchid
- Black Tern
- Common Spotted Orchid
- Common Tern
- Green Hairstreak
- Long-tailed Duck
- Pintail

What else can you do?

As well as walking, you can also take part in several water sports.



Covenham Reservoir

Bull Bank, Louth, Lincolnshire, LN11 OPA



Opening Times:

Open all year round Dawn to Dusk

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Dereham Rushmeadow



Grid Ref: TF976133

The water flooded meadowland at Dereham Rushmeadow was designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest in 1989. It exhibits a wide range of grassland and woodland which is particularly unusual in Norfolk.

We work in partnership with Norfolk Wildlife Trust at this site.

!! This site has a very small car park and no toilet facilities.

What you might see

- Bog Bean
- Common Snipe
- Common Spotted Orchid
- Marsh Fern
- Otter
- Southern Marsh Orchid
- Water Vole

Where can I find out more?
norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk



 **Dereham Rush Meadows**
Rushmeadow Road, Dereham, Norfolk, NR19 2NW

 **Opening Times:**
Open all year Dawn to Dusk

 **Tel:** 01603 625540





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Buckinghamshire
Oxfordshire



Foxcote Reservoir



Grid Ref: SP713361

Lying in a rolling Buckinghamshire landscape of arable fields, pasture and woodland, Foxcote Reservoir is the kind of place that rewards patient visitors. Created in 1956, and designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest in 1984, this site has become important for the numbers of wintering waterfowl.

We work in partnership with the Wildlife Trust for Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire at this site.

! This site has a very small car park and no toilet facilities.

🔍 What you might see

- Adder's-tongue Fern
- Bittern
- Cetti's Warbler
- Coot
- Goosander
- Marbled White
- Pintail
- Raven
- Wigeon

? Where can I find out more?

bbowt.org.uk/nature-reserves/foxcote-reservoir-0



📍 Foxcote Reservoir

Foxcote Road, Buckingham, Buckinghamshire, MK18 1QQ

🕒 Opening Times:

Open all year Dawn to Dusk

☎ Tel: 01865 775476

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Grafham Water



Grid Ref: TL143671

Grafham Water holds nationally important numbers of wintering birds. It is one of the most important sites for diversity of passage migrants and wintering species of birds in the East Midlands. The site was designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest in 1986.

We work in partnership with the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire at this site.

What you might see

- Bee Orchid
- Bluebell
- Common Spotted Orchid
- Goldeneye
- Great Crested Grebe
- Nightingale
- Osprey (on migration)
- Spotted Flycatcher
- Yellow Wagtail

What else can you do?

As well as walking, the park offers everything from cycling to fishing and water sports.

Where can I find out more?

anglianwaterparks.co.uk/grafham-water

wildlifebcn.org/nature-reserves/grafham-water



Grafham Water

Grafham Water Fishing Lodge, West Perry, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, PE28 0BX

Opening Times:

Open all year 08:00 to Dusk

Tel: 01480 812154





Hollowell Reservoir



Grid Ref: SP687722

Spanning 140 acres, Hollowell Reservoir is a rural delight situated within the Northamptonshire countryside. Hollowell Reservoir is designated as a Local Wildlife Site.

Permits are available to collect from Pitsford Water.

What you might see

- Caspian Gull
- Goosander
- Linnet
- Osprey (on migration)
- Otter
- Redpoll
- Scaup
- Stonechat
- Wheatear
- Yellow Wagtail

What else can you do?

As well as walking, fishing and sailing is available here.

Where can I find out more?

anglianwaterparks.co.uk/hollowell-water



Hollowell Reservoir

Guilsborough Hill, Hollowell, Northampton NN6 8RN

Opening Times:

Open all year 08:00 to Dusk

 Tel: 01604 781350

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Lexden Gathering Grounds



Grid Ref: TL967251

The Lexden Gathering Grounds nature reserve comes alive in spring. Offering an array of native plants and trees, which cover the steep sides of the valley, leading down to the partially wooded marsh at the bottom. Lexden Gathering Grounds is designated as a Local Wildlife Site.

We work in partnership with Essex Wildlife Trust at this site.

! This site has a very small car park and no toilet facilities.

What you might see

- Alder
- Bluebell
- Corydalis
- European Badger
- Great Spotted Woodpecker
- Hazel
- Moschatel
- Primrose
- Small Copper butterfly
- Sparrowhawk

Where can I find out more?

essexwt.org.uk/nature-reserves/lexden-gathering-grounds



Lexden Gathering Grounds
Cooks Lane, Colchester, Essex, CO3 4DB

Opening Times:
Open all year Dawn to Dusk

Tel: 01621 862960





Marham Fen



Grid Ref: TM155353

Marham Fen is a local wildlife site with a very large and complex mire with evidence of glacial ponds.

The site has a range of habitat types, from woodland, scrub, chalk and fen grassland and small open areas of water.

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🔍 What you might see

- Common Lizard
- Dingy Skipper
- Grasshopper Warbler
- Grizzled Skipper
- Scarce Emerald Damselfly

? What else can you do?

As well as walking, birdwatching is a great way to explore this site.



Marham Fen

Hoggs Drove, Marham, King's Lynn, Norfolk, PE33 9JW



Opening Times:

Open all year Dawn to Dusk

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Newbourne Springs



Grid Ref: TM274433

Newbourne Springs was designated in 1986 as a Site of Special Scientific Interest. This small wooded valley with its spring-fed stream used to be a source of water for Felixstowe. Together with its small area of marsh, fen and adjacent heathland this reserve is good for flowering plants and a variety of birds.

We work in partnership with Suffolk Wildlife Trust at this site.

!! This site has a very small car park and no toilet facilities.

What you might see

- Bluebell
- Common Spotted Orchid
- Fly Orchid
- Goldcrest
- Lesser Spotted Woodpecker
- Marsh Marigold
- Nightingale
- Nuthatch
- Southern Marsh Orchid
- Stag Beetle
- Treecreeper

Where can I find out more?

suffolkwildlifetrust.org/newbournesprings



Newbourne Springs

Woodbridge Lane, Newbourne, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP12 4NY

Opening Times:

Open all year

 Tel: 01473 890089





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**Bedfordshire
Cambridgeshire
Northamptonshire**

Pitsford Water

WC (Nature reserve only)

Grid Ref: TM274433

Nestled in rolling rural Northamptonshire, Pitsford Water is a lovely blend of woodland, meadow and grassland, there are stunning views over the water. The park is split into two with the nature reserve being on the north side of the causeway.

The site was designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest in 1984.

We work in partnership with the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire at this site.

What you might see

- **Great Northern Diver**
- **Great White Egret**
- **Osprey** (on migration)
- **Smew**
- **Spotted Flycatcher**
- **Wigeon**
- **Wood Warbler**

What else can you do?

As well as walking, the park offers everything from cycling to fishing and water sports.

Where can I find out more?

anglianwaterparks.co.uk/pitsford-water

wildlifebcn.org/nature-reserves/pitsford-water-nature-reserve



Pitsford Water

Brixworth Rd, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN6 9BN

Opening Times:

Open all year 08:00 to Dusk

Tel: 01604 781350

Ravensthorpe Reservoir



Grid Ref: SP681702

Our 114-acre Victorian reservoir in Ravensthorpe is the perfect place to visit and enjoy an abundance of wildlife. The site is designated as a Local Wildlife Site.

What you might see

- Goldeneye
- Great White Egret
- Hobby
- Nuthatch
- Osprey (on migration)
- Otter
- Red-crested Pochard
- Smew
- Spotted Flycatcher
- Tufted Duck

What else can you do?

As well as walking, this site is popular with anglers offering trout and predator fishing.

Where can I find out more?

anglianwaterparks.co.uk/ravensthorpe-reservoir



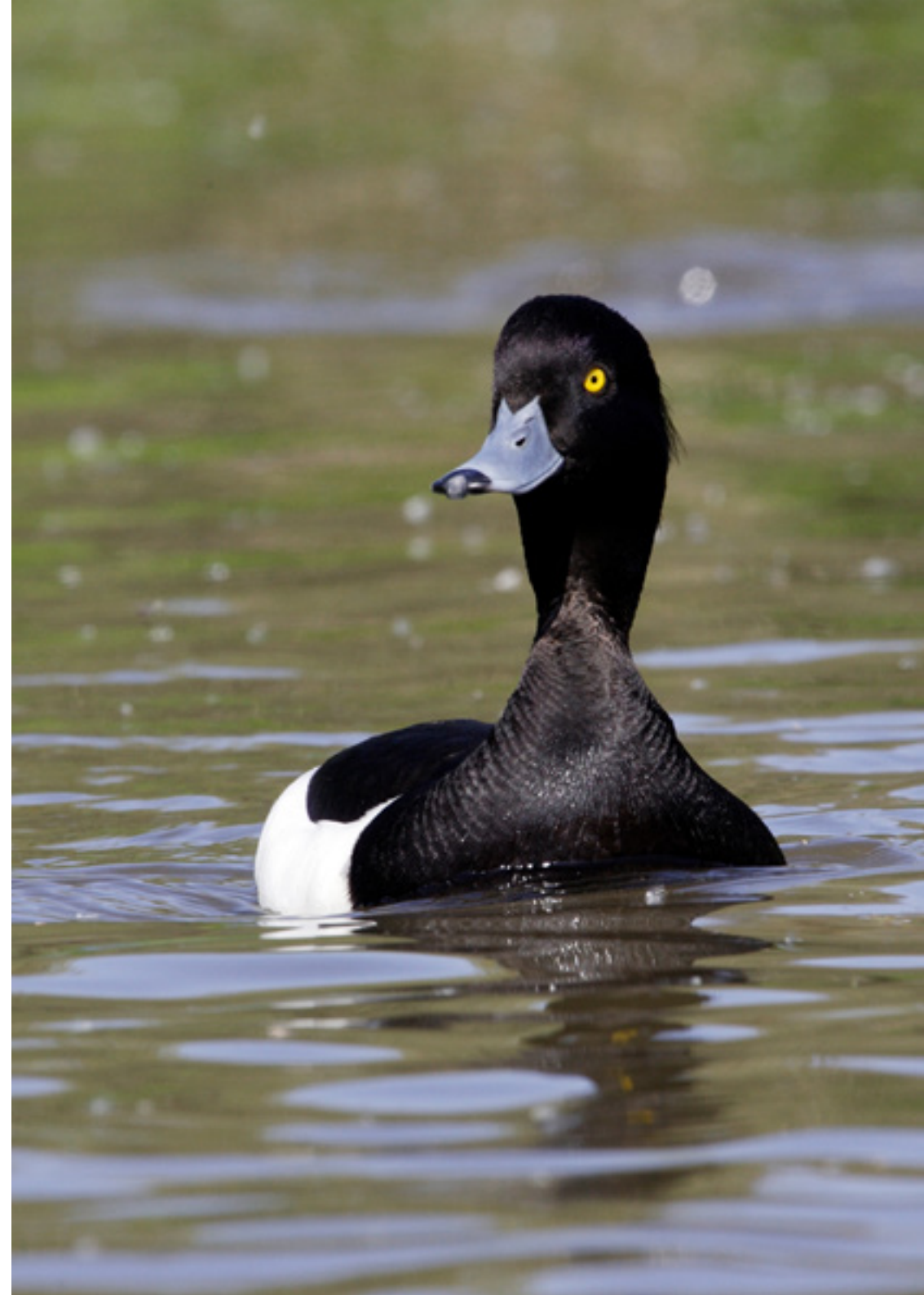
Ravensthorpe Reservoir

Teeton Rd, Ravensthorpe, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN6 8EJ

Opening Times:

Open all year 08:00 to Dusk

 Tel: 01604 781350





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Rutland Water



Grid Ref: SK878072

For the nature buff - the western shoreline is home to Rutland Water Nature Reserve. A Site of Special Scientific Interest, Special Protection Area and Ramsar site (wetland of international importance) - in the summer, the reserve is home to the Rutland Osprey Project. In the winter, it supports some 30,000 overwintering wildfowl.

Managed by Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust, we work in partnership at this site to deliver a diversity of wildlife; from reedbeds, to woodlands, to wild flower meadows.

What you might see

- Great White Egret
- Marsh Harrier
- Osprey
- Otter
- Pintail
- Water Vole

What else can you do?

Activities including cycling, fishing, water sports and climbing. Come for a walk or even book your wedding at Normanton Church.

Where can I find out more?

anglianwaterparks.co.uk/rutland-water
rutlandwater.org.uk



Rutland Water

Rutland Water Nature Reserve, Egleton, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 8BT

Opening Times:

Open all year 09:00 to 17:00 (16:00 November - April)

 Tel: 01572 770651

Taverham Mill



Grid Ref: TG160138

A haven for bird enthusiasts, as a visitor to Taverham Mill you will find a hide which provides the perfect opportunity to view birds in their natural habitat.

The River Wensum was designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest in 1993 and a Special Area of Conservation, as well as a Local Wildlife Site.

Permits to walk the nature trail are available from the visitor centre.

What you might see

- Buzzard
- Highland Cow
- Hobby
- Otter
- White-clawed Crayfish

What else can you do?

As well as walking, this site is popular with anglers with the lakes full of Carp, Tench, Roach, Perch and Pike.

Where can I find out more?

anglianwaterparks.co.uk/taverham-mill

Taverham Mill

Taverham Mill, Costessey Rd, Taverham, Norwich, Norfolk, NR8 6TA

Opening Times:

Open all year 09:00 to 17:00

 Tel: 01603 861014





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Tetney Blow Wells



Grid Ref: TA319011

Tetney Blow Wells was designated in 1987 as a Site of Special Scientific Interest. The reserve consists of four large blow wells with associated habitats, which include damp woodland, meadow and old water-cress beds that have been colonised by marsh vegetation and reedbeds.

The blow wells are the result of artesian springs where water under pressure escapes from the chalk through structural weaknesses in the overlying boulder clay to reach the surface.

We work in partnership with Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust at this site.

! This site has a very small car park and no toilet facilities.

🔍 What you might see

- **Common Snipe**
- **Marsh Harrier** (Occasional)
- **Reed Warbler**
- **Southern Marsh Orchid**
- **Water Violet**

? Where can I find out more?

lincstrust.org.uk/nature-reserves/tetney-blow-wells



📍 Tetney Blow Wells

Church Lane, Tetney, Grimsby, Lincolnshire, DN36 5JX

🕒 Opening Times:

Open all year

☎ Tel: 01507 526667

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