

SUTTON NATURE EXPLORER MAP

Whether you want to take a stroll, observe and learn about nature, have some outdoor fun or simply relax, this map will help you discover the wildlife on your doorstep.



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For the fun-seekers among you, Sutton's wildlife sites have plenty to keep you entertained and enlightened. A range of activities and events for all ages run throughout the year including pond dipping and insect hotel building at Sutton Ecology Centre.

At selected events, children can be kept amused for hours with our Nature Discovery Backpacks, while adults can try their hands at traditional hedge-laying, take the family on a wildlife cycle ride or to an evening bat walk.

REST 5 6 7 11 13 15

Spending time outdoors in nature is calming and restorative - it makes you feel good. Throughout the Borough, many of our wildlife sites offer formal places to sit, relax and take in the delightful sounds, scents and views. It's surprising what you can learn when you take the time to stop.

At our grasslands, listen out for crickets, admire the delicate flight of butterflies and look up for kestrels hovering above, looking for voles. Take in the views of London from the north edge of Ruffett Wood or why not take a picnic to the Sutton Ecology Centre grounds? Remember to take your food and litter home though!

WALK 7 8 9 11 12 13 14 15

One of the best ways to discover Sutton's wildlife sites is to explore them on foot. You see a lot more and can have close encounters with nature this way.

Short walks through our woodlands can surround you with birdsong, dramatic autumnal colours, or the scent of wild garlic as you brush past its lush leaves. A visual feast awaits you in our grasslands in summer as pastel shades change to vibrant hues of yellows and purples by July. Stick to the mown paths to avoid disturbing ground nesting birds, such as meadow pipit or skylark.

There are also a number of walking routes through the Borough. The family-friendly Oaks Park Nature Trail, the Wandle Trail (also accessible by bicycle) following the course of the River or the Sutton Countryside Walk each take you through a number of formal and informal landscapes, meadows or near water features.

SUTTON'S WILDLIFE SITES

1. Cuddington Recreation Ground

Nearest buses: 293, E16
train: Stoneleigh

2. Sutton Common

Nearest buses: 80, 93

3. Anton Crescent Wetland LNR

Nearest bus: 80
train: West Sutton

4. The Warren

Nearest buses: 407, S3, 455, 463

5. Devonshire Avenue Nature Area LNR

Nearest buses: 80, 280, S3, S4

6. Belmont Pastures LNR

Nearest buses: 80, 280, S1, S3, S4
train: Belmont

7. Cuddington Meadows LNR

Nearest bus: 166
train: Banstead

8. Carshalton Road Pastures

Nearest buses: S4, 154, 166

9. Ruffett and Bigwood LNR

Nearest buses: 463, 166, 434

10. Wellfield

Nearest buses: S4, S3, 154

11. Queen Mary's Woodland

Nearest buses: 154, S4

12. Roundshaw Woods

Nearest bus: 127

13. Roundshaw Downs LNR

Nearest buses: 154, 455, S4

14. Wilderness Island LNR

Managed by London Wildlife Trust
Nearest buses: 151, 127, 157

15. Sutton Ecology Centre LNR

Nearest buses: 127, 157, 407, X26, 154
train: Carshalton

16. Carew Manor Wetland

Nearest buses: 407, 410

17. Beddington Farmlands

Nearest bus: 463
train: Hackbridge

18. Therapia Lane Rough

Tram: Therapia Lane

LNR = Local Nature Reserve
NB: this map shows selected sites only

KEY



Bat walks take place here



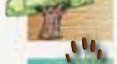
Sheep grazing



Cattle grazing



Grassland



Woodland/scrub



Wetland/pond



Train station



Tram stop



Footpath



Seasonal interest



Education events



Interpretation on site



Volunteer activities



Good views



Restricted access



Car park



Limited street parking may be available in this area



Public conveniences