

Green Flag

In 2008 Anglers Country Park was awarded Green Flag status which recognises and rewards the best green spaces in the country.



Countryside Rangers

The Ranger Service cares for the park by carrying out site patrols, practical conservation work and helping visiting schools and other groups to explore and understand the natural environment.

Volunteers such as the Winterset Wildlife Group help the Countryside Rangers to manage and maintain the site. Recent works include installation of Sand Martin banks, Tern rafts and nest boxes which provide homes for a variety of birds.

If you are interested in volunteering opportunities on this and other sites please contact Natural Environment.

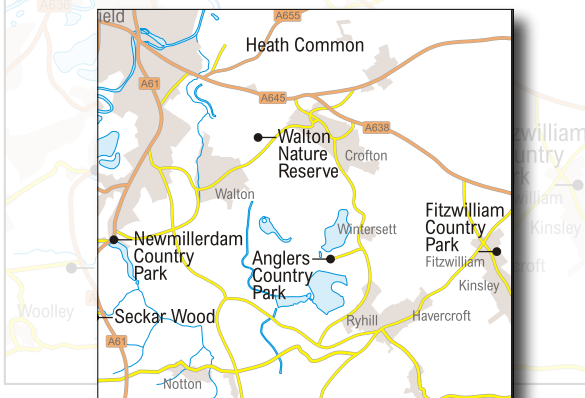
Sustainability

The visitor centre is working towards being sustainable. Solar panels located on the roof provide hot water and electricity; and wood sourced locally from Haw Park Wood fuels the wood burning stove. The benches located around the park are also produced from timber sourced from the woodland.

Events

Both the Rangers and Interpretative Officers, as well as local enthusiasts, provide free events throughout the year including walks, talks and craft events. The annual events leaflet can be obtained from the visitor centre and other public locations throughout the district. Information about our events can also be found on the Internet.

Where we are



The Countryside Code

“ Be safe - plan ahead and follow any signs
Leave gates and property as you find them
Protect plants and animals,
and take your litter home
Keep dogs under close control
Consider other people ”

Wakefield welcomes responsible dog owners

For further information please contact:
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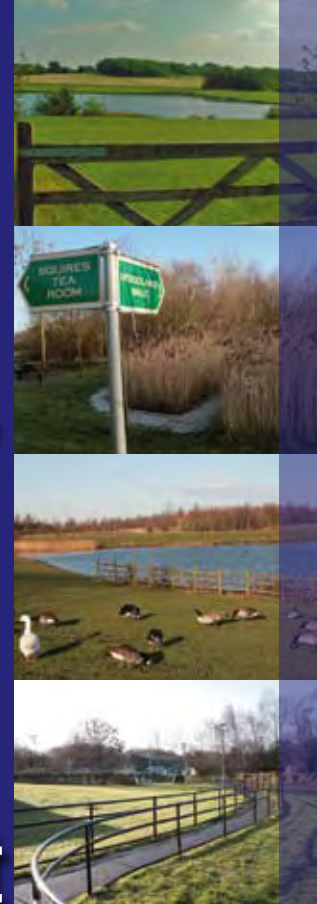
The park is open every day of the year.

Discover....

Anglers Country Park

Winterset

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Anglers Country Park, Winterset

is a 64 hectare country park located 4 miles south east of Wakefield. It is dominated by a lake, surrounded by grassland, woodland and a wetland area known as the 'Pol'.

This site once formed one of the deepest opencast coal mines in the country reaching a depth of 250 feet.

Since the opening of the park in 1986, it has become one of the most important inland bird sites in Yorkshire and the lake is designated a Site of Scientific Interest for its migratory birds.



Ruddy Darter Dragonfly



Common Blue Damselfly

Dragonfly photographs courtesy of Paul Meredith

Facilities include free car parking with disabled bays, a visitor centre with Interpretative Officers who will provide information on local and national countryside and conservation issues, a **cafe** and **toilets**.

In the centre learn about the pioneering conservation work of Charles Waterton and its influence on today's naturalists. There is a "Kiddies' Corner" with puzzles, games and craft activities.

Electric mobility scooters are available on loan, free of charge.

Opening times for the visitor centre:

April 1st - October 31st

11.00am - 4.00pm

November 1st - March 31st

10.30am - 3.30pm

Open Tuesday to Sunday. Closed Monday (except Bank Holidays)

All facilities within the park are pushchair and wheelchair friendly.

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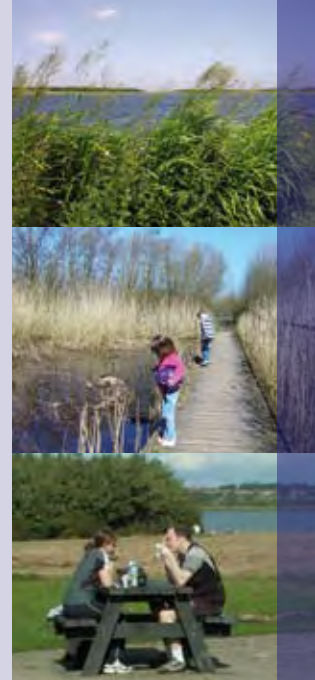


Outdoor Activities

The **2 mile Lakeside Walk** can be enjoyed by walkers, joggers, cyclists and horse riders; whilst the hides located on the main lake and Pol provide excellent observation points for the local wildlife.

To the rear of the visitor centre, you can take a short stroll around the Woodland Walk. Picnic areas can also be found behind the visitor centre and overlooking the lake.

Interpretation panels located around the park provide the visitor with points of interest and benches allow rest points to take in the views.



Nature Conservation

Anglers Country Park is a Local Nature Reserve which is carefully managed to conserve and improve its habitats for the benefit of wildlife and for the visitor to enjoy.

There is always something different to see as the wildlife changes with the seasons.

Spring sees the arrival of the swifts and swallows which can be seen swooping over the lake and grassland for insects. Summer brings damselflies and dragonflies to the water's edge. Autumn sees waterfowl from northern Europe, including goldeneye and widgeon which spend the winter on site before returning to their breeding grounds.

Wildlife sitings are noted on a blackboard at the entrance to the park.