



Sunset over the Wyncham Hill Limes



Dogs are welcome at the Country Park. Please be responsible and clear up after your pet; dog bins are provided throughout the site for disposal of waste. Cattle graze on Wyncham and Summerhouse Hills in the summer months, if the cows have calves they will be protective of them, so keep your dog under close control. Please remember our wildlife is protected, don't let your dog chase or damage any animals or their habitats.

The art of den building



The junior ranger team is a great way to meet new friends and try your hand at the work of a ranger.

Children aged between 8-12 years are invited to join the children's 'Look Out' club and participate in a variety of wildlife and outdoor themed events. Or for slightly older young people (12-16 years)

Various regular activities are organised for our younger Country Park users.

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Frosty morning at Wyncham Hill

Guided walks and events take place throughout the year, pick up a programme from the Tourist Information Centre or Library, or see the listing on line. Each year, on the second May Bank Holiday, we host a free family fayre, with a wide range of stalls and activities all linked around wildlife, the countryside and the town of Yeovil, visit us on the grassy area outside Goldenstones. Alternatively learn more about the Country Park's wildlife by booking on a bat walk or other themed activity. The Country Park has a permanent orienteering course, a self-led fitness trail and a geology trail. All the information needed to do these trails is available from the Tourist Information Centre in Yeovil town (just on the edge of the park).

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Country Park and better explain the fabulous wildlife on site.



Fun at the May Fayre



Our grateful thanks go to Yeovil Town Council for their annual funding donation to the Country Park and its works, and also to the Big Lottery Fund for capital grant money used to improve

The work of the on site ranger team is supported by a group of enthusiastic conservation volunteers. Meeting every Thursday the team carry out a huge range of projects across the Country Park site. Join us as a volunteer to help in the planting of trees, clearance of invasive laurel, creation of new steps, maintenance in the valley gardens, bird and bat box monitoring and many other projects besides. You need no previous experience, only a willingness to join in and some old clothes! All training and materials will be provided.

Yeovil volunteers in action



How to get there...

Yeovil Country Park is situated on the southern edge of Yeovil Town. Follow the brown tourist signs to Goldenstones. Parking and toilets are available at Goldenstones Leisure Centre. Designated disabled parking is in the play area car park accessed from Addewell Lane and in Goldenstones car park. Walk to site from the town centre via Petters Way past the Heritage and Visitor Information Centre.



Opportunities to enjoy and conserve wildlife and countryside

For further information please contact the Countryside Team, South Somerset District Council, The Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil, Somerset, BA20 2HT. Contact Centre 01935 462462 www.southsomerset.gov.uk

If you need this information in large print, Braille, audio or another language, please contact 01935 462228

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Opportunities to enjoy and conserve wildlife and countryside





Yeovil Country Park is a fantastic countryside site covering 127 acres of land across five very different units of green space curved around the south and eastern sides of Yeovil Town.

Close to the town centre visit Penn Hill Park, the gardens of the old Penn House, with beautiful vantage points across the town. Head out towards Goldenstones to the most famous area of site, the Victorian Valley Gardens of Ninesprings, with meandering paths, grottos, streams and springs. Explore this wooded valley and visit the lake where the returning pair of nesting swans raise their brood each May. Follow the cycleway out past the play area and reach Summerhouse Hill, a steeply sloping grassy field with a picnic area. Follow the track along towards Wyndham Hill, where

corridor of woodland and grassland home to otters and many insects and birds.

The Country Park is served by a far reaching network of paths and tracks. Access for bicycles is along the main cycleway through the site that follows the route of the old Yeovil to Taunton railway. Exploring off this surfaced trail will lead you into more secluded areas of the Country Park. A circular all

ability trail loop now runs around the lake and play area of site: there should be no obstacles for pushchairs and wheelchairs. The immediate area around the lake is a dog exclusion zone, enforced to protect the wildfowl on the lake. Disturbance to the birds and loss of young has seen a dramatic decrease in their numbers over the years and by creating a more peaceful haven for them we hope to see numbers rise again. Please do not feed bread to the lake's wildfowl, use grain instead.



See the Swan and her cygnets in May



Buzzing with insect life



Endangered water voles



Popular bat walks



Protected otters



Activities to entertain all the family

For such a busy park, so close to a bustling town, Yeovil Country Park has an amazing array of wildlife.

Not all of it is easy to spot, but given patience and a bit of luck a visit to the Country Park could be brightened by a flash of kingfisher blue, or a swiftly moving water vole in the springs. Our rarest occupants are the otters at Riverside Walk, and the water voles in the Ninesprings area. Both these species are heavily protected under UK law, as their

populations are so low and thinly distributed. If you do see these mammals please report it to a ranger, regular updates and information about the populations helps the rangers manage the habitats in the best possible state for our endangered mammals. Commoner, but no less spectacular species, include the kingfishers often seen darting up and down the valley gardens to the lake, and the pair of nesting swans on the lake's island. Every year the Pen makes a nest on the island and sits on her nest of eggs. Usually we see around 6 cygnets each year in May, all of which will eventually leave to pair up and make a home

elsewhere. The mixed habitats of the Country Park mean that we are home to many species of bird, butterfly and bug. At dusk during the summer months visit the lake area to spot bats swooping down over the lake to hunt their insect prey, and keep an eye open in the woods to see the purpose designed boxes erected by the rangers to encourage their breeding and hibernation.



The Park's logo is a Green Woodpecker

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- Footpath
- Cycle Path
- Easy Access
- Public Bridleway
- Railway
- Car Park
- Bus Stop
- Refreshments
- Railway Station

Approx. 125 metres

