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General Information

Savernake Park is suitable for picnics.

The play area is designed to appeal to children of all ages.

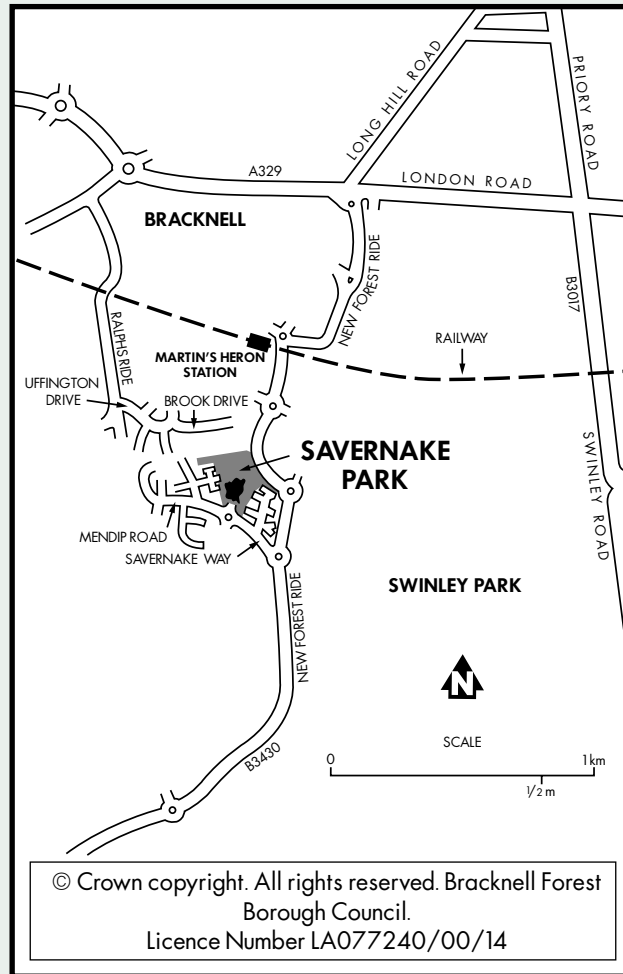
There is also a kick-about area suitable for ball games.

Seats are placed at intervals on the banks of the pond to enable visitors to relax and enjoy the scene.

Some of the paths are suitable for wheelchair users.

Please use the bins for litter and bagged dog mess.

The site has a small car park at the junction at Savernake Way and Mendip Road. There is also pedestrian and cyclist access from Hythe Close, The Warren and New Forest Ride.



For more information about Savernake Park contact the Open Spaces, Countryside & Heritage Service at The Look Out on 01344 354400.

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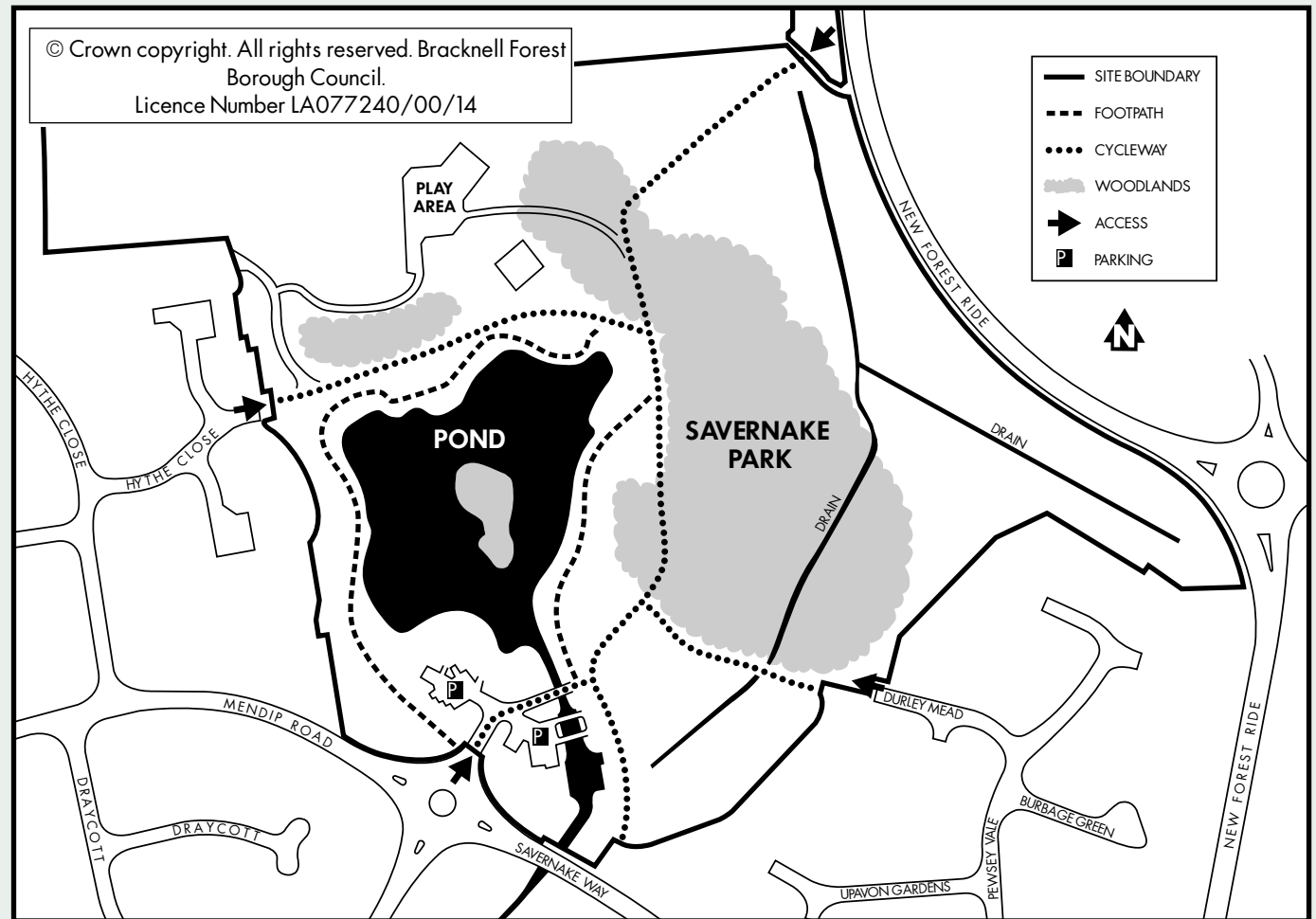
Savernake Park, an attractive, urban amenity area on the eastern outskirts of Bracknell, takes its name from Savernake Forest in Wiltshire, renowned for its stately, mile-long avenue of beech trees. The site's focal point is a large, purpose-built pond, where fishermen can often be seen motionless on the banks. Cyclists, walkers and families, who regularly feed the ducks, are also among those who visit Savernake Park, making use of the paths and cycleways round the edge of the pond. Part of the site is enclosed by established woodland and close to its northern boundary are a grassy recreation area and a children's playground.

THE POND

The pond was built chiefly as a flood control mechanism and is fed by surface water drainage from the surrounding estates. The water level rises rapidly during periods of heavy rainfall. The design was adapted to cater for recreational use with the help of grants from Thames Water and the Sports Council. The pond is stocked with carp, roach and tench. Fishing permits are available from Bracknell Forest Borough Council (01344 868222). The pond itself is managed by Thames Water Utilities Ltd, problems regarding lifebuoys or pollution of the water should be reported to Thames Water on 0645 200800.

WALKING AND WILDLIFE

From the car park you can walk around the pond in a clockwise or anti-clockwise direction. The lower, waterside path is the more obvious route for pedestrians and fishermen, while the outer, tarmac path, which skirts the eastern and northern



boundaries of the pond, can also be used by cyclists. As well as studying the intricate design of the pond, look out for two purpose-made sculptures alongside the main path - the 'Grass Blades' and 'Nessie, the Loch Ness Monster'. The mixed deciduous woodland areas adjacent to the pond have been protected from development because of their important ecological value. These wooded areas provide a rich habitat for birds and more than 20 species have been seen in the park. As well as birds, grey squirrels can sometimes be seen scampering along the branches of the trees, and frogs can often be seen close to the edge of the pond. If you take a stroll around this landscaped site, you will find there is always something to see.

