Englemere Pond Local Nature Reserve

The site's main feature is a shallow acidic pond, which offers open water and marsh habitats, surrounded by plantation forest and heathland areas. Englemere Pond is designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) for its rare wetland plants and animals.





Facilities

- Parking
- Picnic benches
- Wildlife trails
- Pond viewing
- Boardwalks

Circular routes

The Woodpecker Trail is a short 20 minute circular walk through woodland and to the pond. The Dragonfly Trail, a longer 40 minute walk, explores the full range of habitats at this nature reserve. Both start and end at the car park and are waymarked to help you find your way.



Snipe, Gallinago gallinago



Adder, Vipera berus

Longer routes

From the north and west entrances you can join the Bracknell Forest Ramblers Route, a 26 mile (41.8km) walk around the borough.

History

For much of its recorded history the site has been part of a great Royal Hunting Forest that surrounded Windsor Castle. Today it is part of The Crown Estate and is managed by the borough council.

Wildlife

Englemere Pond supports important wetland plant communities including common reed, lesser reedmace, marsh St. John's wort, bog pondweed and round-leaved sundews.

The site is notable for species such as reed warbler, hobby, snipe, downy emerald dragonfly and great-crested newt. The mixed woodland is dominated by pines with some areas of regenerating heathland. This provides an important habitat for reptiles, invertebrates and birds.