How to get there

By bus – the nearest bus stop is the corner of Fernbank Road.

By car – access car park from Swinley Road, Winkfield, SL5 8BA.

On foot/cycle – main pedestrian entrance is opposite Fernbank Road.
Englemere Pond

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

Facilities

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.

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 and today it is still part of The Crown Estate.

Wildlife
Englemere Pond supports important wetland plant communities including common reed, lesser reedmace, marsh St. Johns wort, bog pondweed and round-leaved sundews. The site is notable for a range of animals such as reed warbler, hobby, snipe, downy emerald dragonfly and great-crested newt. Around the pond is an area of mixed woodland dominated by pines with some areas of regenerating heathland which historically covered the site. This provides an important habitat for reptiles, invertebrates and birds.