How to get there

By bus – the nearest bus stop is adjacent to the New Inn on Yorktown Road.

By car – access car park from Mill Lane, Sandhurst, GU47 8JW.

On foot/cycle – as for car.
Horseshoe Lake

Named after its horseshoe shaped island, Horseshoe Lake was originally part of an extensive network of working gravel pits. These have now been flooded and are an important part of the Blackwater Valley for wildlife, recreation and water sports.

Facilities

Circular route
For lakeside views, walk the 1.2 mile (2 km) loop walk around the lake which starts in the car park.

Longer walks
Follow the long distance path along the Blackwater River which runs for about 23 miles (37 km) from Aldershot to Swallowfield, passing through the attractive Blackwater Valley along the way. There are also public footpath links north across farmland to nearby Ambarrow Court & Hill and Finchampstead Ridges.

Wildlife
Horseshoe Lake supports a wide range of habitats, which includes open water, marginal shallows, shingle, bare ground, rough grassland and scrub. The site is home to amphibians such as the common frog, Daubenton’s bat and many insects such as grasshoppers, dragonflies and butterflies.

Cattle
Between July and October, there are grazing cattle around the lake and meadows. Dogs should be under close control, and preferably on a lead near cattle. Alternative walking areas are usually available.

Did you know…?
The Lake is used for watersports including sailing and canoeing.