

## What makes Swanwick Lakes special...

- It has scenic lakes, woods and meadows created by nature from abandoned clay workings.
- It contains many uncommon kinds of wildlife such as great crested newts, nightingales and mining bees.
- It provides a valuable space for people to relax and learn about wildlife.

## Swanwick Lakes' highlights

- Spring** Great spotted woodpeckers drumming and morning chorus of birdsong.
- Summer** Dragonflies darting across the water and butterflies dancing over meadows.
- Autumn** Gold-coloured birch trees reflected in deep green lakes and fungi erupting from the woodland floor.
- Winter** Sunlight streaking through frosted trees and flocks of tits passing close by.



## If you enjoyed your visit to Swanwick Lakes you may like to...

- **Become a Trust member** – support us in protecting wildlife for the future. By joining the Trust you are doing your bit to help local wildlife and help the Trust manage its reserves. Membership costs as little as £3.50 a month.
- **Make a donation** – Support the work at Swanwick Lakes, improving the area for wildlife and people. Donations of any amount are always welcome and can be made at the centre or online.
- **Become a volunteer** – you can help us look after the reserve or help with events here and at other Trust reserves and centres.

Find out more...

Contact Swanwick Lakes Education Officer on **01489 570240**

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## Swanwick Lakes Nature Reserve



How to find your way around this beautiful and historic nature reserve

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# Swanwick Lakes' Trails

All of the trails have firm, stony or concrete surfaces at least 1.5m wide and benches every 200m.

**Getting Around**  
 Most of the paths have firm, stony surfaces and benches every 200m. There are some steep slopes but the paths are flat elsewhere. The unsurfaced paths are waterlogged and slippery when wet because of the clay soil. The path around the eastern side of New Lake has around 60 steps, is less than 1m wide and has deep mud in winter.  
 For more information on getting around the site, see the map or contact the Study Centre (details overleaf).

**Red trail** ●●●●●  
**Distance:** 1km (~¾ mile)  
**Time:** 30 minutes

A circular route with views of woodland and grassland. The path goes over New Hill and there are steep slopes in some places.

**Blue trail** ●●●●●  
**Distance:** 600m (< ½ mile)  
**Time:** 20 minutes

A circular route around Bens Lake with good views across the other scenic lakes. The path has one short steep slope.

**Yellow trail** ●●●●●  
**Distance:** 500m (< ½ mile)  
**Time:** 15 minutes

A flat circular route through the wood to the best view point overlooking New Lake.

