

Enjoying our nature reserves

To enjoy your visit please...

- Respect wildlife.
- Keep dogs under strict control.
- Bring your binoculars and wear suitable clothing for watching wildlife.
- Take your litter away with you.
- Keep to the footpaths.



Protecting Gobions Wood

Less than 8% of Hertfordshire is woodland - due to clearance for industry, agriculture and development. This vital habitat is looked after by Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust, but coppicing trees and restoring hedgerows and ponds all take time and money.

How you can help us

We need your support to continue to protect local wildlife.

Why not:

- **Join as a member** – the majority of our income comes from our membership. We need you!
- **Volunteer** – work parties take place in winter months; please contact us if you would like to help.
- **Fundraise** – get your workplace or school involved and have fun raising money at the same time.

Visit our website to find out more
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Gobions Wood Nature Reserve



Watch out for...

- Wood anemones and bluebells
- Towering giant sequoia trees
- Fungi in autumn

Welcome to Gobions Wood Nature Reserve

Explore Gobions Wood and discover what makes this reserve so special.

Gobions Wood is a fascinating reserve, with an unusual history as part of a landscaped "Pleasure Garden". The reserve is primarily ancient woodland but includes ponds, hedges and grassland areas.

Highlights include stunning carpets of bluebells and wood anemones in spring and a wealth of fungi in autumn, with over 550 species being found here. The surrounding grasslands are full of wildflowers and invertebrates in the summer months.



Getting around

Size: 30.6ha (90.4 acres).
 Trails: Two waymarked trails around the wood
 Bluebell Trail: 1 mile. No steps or bridges.
 Woodland Trail: 1.5 miles.
 Surfaces: Unsurfaced path, uneven in places.
 Muddy in winter.

1 Ponds are great habitats for amphibians and invertebrates. Keep an eye out for frogs and toads in spring, and dragonflies such as broad bodied chasers and brown hawkers in summer.



2 Discover which wildlife to look out for in the wood, whatever the season.

3 Visit the two **giant sequoia trees**, standing like sentries on either side of the path.



4 The canal is one of the most visible remaining features of the old landscaped garden. Wood anemones put on a beautiful display here in spring.

9 Scrub is a really important habitat for birds. It provides them with a safe place to nest and plenty of insects and berries to eat.

5 Spectacular carpets of bluebells cover this area in spring. The twisty shapes of hornbeam trees are visible all year round.

6 Learn more about the history of the wood as a famous landscaped garden and get a great view of the folly arch.

8 The meadow teems with the sound of crickets and grasshoppers in summer. It's also a great place to spot butterflies, including marbled whites, meadow browns and skippers.



7 Keep an eye out for the **towering elm trees** with very straight trunks and deeply grooved bark. These are unusual as most mature elms were wiped out by Dutch elm disease in the 1970s.

Key

- Public Footpath
- Footpath
- Woodland Trail - 1.5 miles (approx)
- Bluebell Trail - 1 mile (approx) (No steps or bridges)
- Seat
- Info Panel
- Kissing Gate
- Steps
- Giant Sequoia

