



ACCESS GUIDE – BIRCHMORE POND

Address

Birchmore Lane, Newport, Isle of Wight

Postcode for Sat Nav: PO30 3BP

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How to get there:

By Car

Birchmore Pond is on Birchmore Lane which is accessed off Blackwater Hollow. Follow the signs for 'Naturezones'. The site is on the corner where the lane forks to the left.

By Public transport

Blackwater Hollow Bus Stops (Route3). The pavement is flat and on the east side of Blackwater Hollow. Birchmore Lane is also the east side. It is 0.4 mile reasonably flat walk to the pond. The site is on the corner where the lane forks to the left.

By Foot / Bike

The site is accessed from the National Cycle Route 23 on the Blackwater to Merstone section.

Nearest Public toilets

There are no toilets anywhere near this site. The nearest toilets are in the town of Newport.

Car and bike parking

There is informal car parking directly outside the site. Please park carefully as farm vehicles use this lane. There is flat access from the parking area to the site. It is a country lane with loose stones.

There are two cycle racks within the site.

Getting around the site

There is a Information Pillar at the entrance to the site. The site information pillar has a QR code that links to an audible description creating a mind's eye view of the area to allow a visually impaired person to enter with confidence. The information pillar also has a QR code that links to a map and activities. There is also a site map on the Information Pillar.

There are no made paths on the site. Paths are mown and in places worn through to the soil. The paths are uneven in places and vegetation may impede access at certain times.

There is a low log seat with no back. The path from the seat to the pond edge is short but steep (1 in 5).

The path along the pond edge is minimum 40 cm, very undulating and has slipped in one place.

The site is free from gates, steps and stiles.

What you can see

- Look out for dragonflies and damselflies in late spring and early summer,
- Butterflies include red admirals and meadow browns,
- Bright yellow flag irises can be seen in the pond May-July,
- Look out for the purple flowers of knapweed, bright yellow birds-foot-trefoil (sometimes called eggs and bacon) and the frothy pinky heads of hemp-agrimony, which is also known as raspberries and cream,

What you can hear

- Peace – you will be unlucky to hear any traffic,
- The wind rustling the reeds and trees,
- Dragonflies make a noise like a football rattle,
- Birdsong,
- Something plopping in the water!

What you can smell

- The sweet smell of blackberries in late summer,
- Water mint - you needn't go in the pond for this,

What you can touch

- The Birchmore Troll,
- You can feel the texture of some of the plants – but be careful of stinging nettles and brambles!

We look after Birchmore Pond for the benefit of the plants and animals that live here and for you as visitors...we hope you enjoy your visit.

