

A recently established pond lies to the right across the bridge and is home to increasing species of pond life, plants, frogs and toads and is also attractive to bats. In the summer dragonflies and common blue damselflies hover over the water. Around the pond there are to be found bluebells and meadow cranesbill.

**AREA k** has just been coppiced, necessary to produce different ages of tree growth which give variations in light, warmth and shelter where woodland glade plants and animals will thrive. Field maple, gean hazel and hornbeam trees were planted by pupils from Riverside Junior School in December 1998.

**AREA l** the path passes through an earlier coppiced area of elder, hawthorn and ash plantation and meanders back along the riverbank, which is rich in plants such as white campion, fat hen, yellow pea, garlic mustard, tufted vetch, red clover and pineapple weed.

The mud banks along the tidal Crouch provide a rich and vital food source for wading birds. Redshank and oystercatcher can be seen probing for worms and shell-fish and lapwing roost in the sheltered spots. Mute swans, mallard and many other birds are also to be seen.



Mute Swan and Mallard

The Reserve is accessible to wheelchair users but the extended walk along the river Crouch on either side of the Reserve is not. It is hoped that you enjoy your visit.

PERHAPS YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION OR TO BECOME A FRIEND OF KENDAL PARK NATURE RESERVE.

For more information please ring 01702 232038

- PLEASE OBSERVE THE COUNTRY CODE AND KEEP TO THE WAYMARKED FOOTPATH
- KEEP DOGS UNDER STRICT CONTROL
- PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG AND USE THE LITTER BINS PROVIDED

Public Transport	Regular buses from Rayleigh and Southend to Ferry Road
Parking	Large free car park in Pooles Lane
Toilets	Pooles Lane car park with disabled facilities.
Refreshments	The Anchor Public House The T Junction Tea Shop The Simla Indian Restaurant Riviera Café & Bistro

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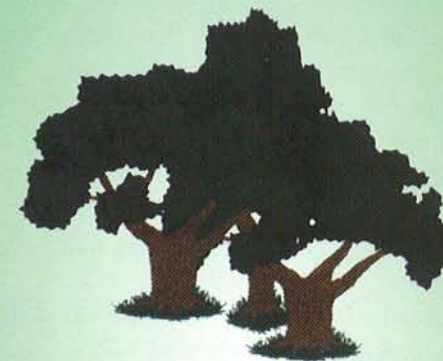


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## Guide to KENDAL PARK NATURE RESERVE



This Nature Reserve covers almost 9 acres of the only natural woodland, set on the river Crouch. It was granted Local Nature Reserve status by Rochford District Council in 1995. Since that time it has been managed by Hullbridge Parish Council who is helped and advised by a volunteer group, Friends of Kendal Park. The river is a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and the Essex Estuaries Special Protection Area (SPA) for wildfowl and waders and forms part of an internationally important area for wintering birds.

**YOU WILL FIND IT SITUATED AT  
THE RIVERSIDE END OF  
FERRY ROAD, THE ENTRANCE IS  
OPPOSITE THE LARGE FREE  
CAR PARK IN POOLES LANE.**

Welcome to  
**KENDAL PARK  
NATURE RESERVE**  
Open all year

You will find a way-marked circular path which wanders through meadowland and woods, offering beauty, peace and tranquillity. There are rustic seats on which to sit and take in the views across the river Crouch.

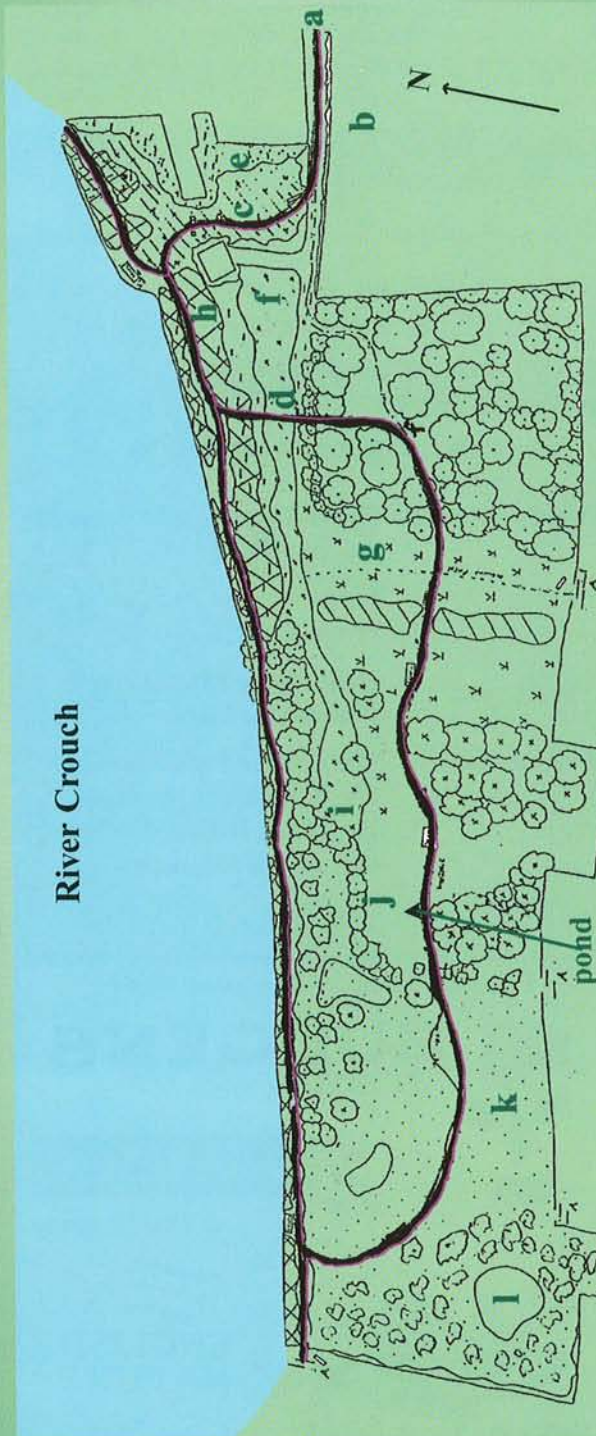
**AREA a** through the lych gate and wander past

**AREA b** which contains at least 40 different plants and wildflowers such as hedge mustard, red dead-nettle, goose grass, hop trefoil, ivy-leaved toad flax and corn poppy.

**AREA c** is being developed into meadowland and in the summer has wildflowers such as hoary cress, charlock, ox-eye daisy, cut-leaved cranesbill, dog rose, black mustard, pineapple weed, smooth sow thistle, yarrow, stinking chamomile, corn marigold and common mallow. These flowers attract many varieties of butterflies such as speckled wood, small white, brimstone, orange tip, holly blue, meadow brown and comma.



Red Admiral, Peacock and small Tortoiseshell.



**AREAS d and e** are screens and tunnels of hawthorn, blackthorn, dog rose and field maple.

**AREA f** the path follows through an ash plantation where bluebells abound throughout the glades.

**AREA g** an open grassy area suitable for picnics, which in spring is surrounded in violets, snowdrops and bluebells.

**AREAS h, i and j** contain ash, oak, field maple, dog rose, hawthorn, blackthorn and brambles which provide berries and nectar for birds such as dunnock, blackbird, song thrush, robin, blue, great and long-tailed tits, wood pigeon, dove, various finches and green woodpecker as well as small mammals and invertebrates.



Bat



Squirrels