

Wildlife in Colchester

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LEXDEN SPRINGS LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

1.8 hectares

Grassland & scrub

- Unsurfaced 500m walking route with benches
- Limited local parking on Spring Lane

The meadow is rich in wild flowers, including Harebell, Pignut and Devil's-bit scabious, and is alive with butterflies on sunny days. At the base of the slope is a pond fed by a natural spring – a stream from it leads to a marshy area.

LEXDEN PARK LOCAL NATURAL RESERVE

7.7 hectares

Woodland & grassland

- Flat grassy footpaths with benches in the grassland
- More challenging walks in the woods
- Small car park off Church Lane

Lexden Park is a haven for walkers and lovers of wildlife. To its east is an area of woodland on higher ground which is part of the Lexden Dyke earthworks. It puts on a vibrant bluebell display during April and May. The spring-fed ornamental lake is surrounded by trees and shrubs. The small island supports interesting wildfowl, and a small wildlife retreat has been fenced off for amphibians.



FREE PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO ALL SITES, ALL DAY EVERY DAY

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Colchester Natural History Society
Colchester Natural History Society kindly secured the funding for this display and provided much of the information. The Society produces regular publications including a newsletter and programme of events. CNHS holds field meetings and evening talks throughout the year. New members always welcome.
www.colchesternaturalhistorysociety.org.uk

Colchester Borough Council Ranger Service
The ranger service manage and maintain these green spaces throughout Colchester. They work closely with various community groups and volunteers to achieve high standards of conservation and to provide recreation and educational opportunities in the local area.
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