

Swanholme lakes LNR

Swanholme Lakes Local Nature Reserve is accessible through Hartsholme Country Park. It is an important wildlife site for Lincoln and was designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) in 1985.

Formally a gravel quarry the 63-hectare site comprises dry heath, wet heath, sphagnum bog and open water habitats.

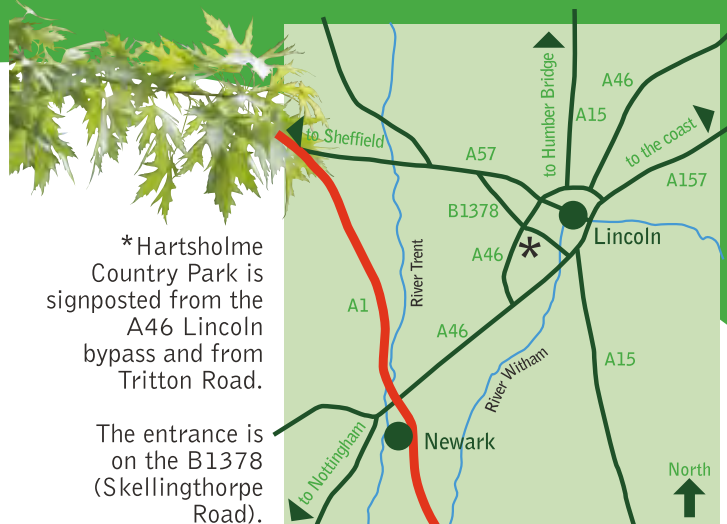
Important species for the site include several pondweeds *Potamogeton* spp. and water soldier *Stratiotes aloides*. The lakes also support many invertebrate species including 16 breeding species of dragonflies and damselflies, three species found - red-eyed damselfly *Erythromma najas*, variable damselfly *Coenagrion pulchellum*, and ruddy darter *Sympetrum sanguineum* are rare in Lincolnshire.

Many of the habitats and the species found within are important locally and nationally in terms of biodiversity and they feature in National and Local Biodiversity Action Plans (BAPS). You can find out more about this at our Visitor Centre.



How to find us

There is a regular bus service from the City Bus Station.



*Hartsholme Country Park is signposted from the A46 Lincoln bypass and from Tritton Road.

The entrance is on the B1378 (Skellingthorpe Road).

Guidelines for visitors

Please keep to the main network of paths to reduce damage to plants and disturbance to wildlife.

Dogs are welcome, but please keep your dog under control at all times, respect the dog free areas and keep your dog on a lead in Swanholme Lakes Local Nature Reserve.

Please clean up after your dog using the dog waste bins provided. These are clearly marked on the map overleaf.

No barbecues or fires of any kind permitted anywhere in Hartsholme Country Park or Swanholme Lakes LNR.

The lakes are for wildlife only; swimming and paddling, by people or dogs, disturbs wildlife and can be dangerous and hazardous to health.

Please make use of the rubbish bins around the park. Litter is unnecessary and can be hazardous to health.

Contact Details

Hartsholme Country Park and Swanholme Lakes Local Nature Reserve are managed and maintained by the City of Lincoln Council's team of Park Rangers. Please contact the Park Rangers for details of guided walks, children's activities, conservation volunteer days and all other enquiries about the Park and Nature Reserve.

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Hartsholme Country Park and Swanholme Lakes Local Nature Reserve

An oasis of countryside within the City of Lincoln, Hartsholme Country Park and Swanholme Lakes Local Nature Reserve are located just 3 miles from the city centre.

The lakes, woods, meadows and heaths are home to many plants and animals. A wildlife haven and a wonderful place to visit and unwind.

www.lincoln.gov.uk/hartsholmecp



Map & Guide



Hartsholme Country Park

Hartsholme Country Park is situated in the south-west of Lincoln, approximately 3 miles from the city centre.

The site became a Country Park in 1974 and comprises Victorian landscaped gardens, a large reservoir, woodlands and grasslands. Many features, both natural and built, survive from the original landscaping of Hartsholme Hall in the 1860s.

Whatever your age, interests or abilities, Hartsholme Country Park has something to offer you: Fun in the children's play area, exercise around the orienteering course or a gentle stroll around the scenic grounds.

Enjoy refreshments at the café, or learn more about the site in our Visitor Centre. We are open all year round and are dog friendly.

For those who find a day visit just isn't enough camping facilities are available from March to October in our English Tourism Council 3 star rated Touring Park.

Hartsholme Wildlife Highlights

Many water birds have made their home on Hartsholme Lake, some are winter visitors and others can be seen all year round.

Hartsholme has over 80 different species of tree; many were planted in the 1860's as part of the landscaped gardens. Over 400 species of fungi have been recorded across the site.

All three species of woodpecker that are found in Britain: Great spotted, Lesser spotted and Green Woodpecker can be found in Hartsholme.

