

Thank you for purchasing our annual permit.

There are a number of reasons why sites have a permit. For some it is a requirement of the lease, for others to prevent vandalism or excessive disturbance, while on some sites we need to control access because of health and safety. Your annual permit allows you and 3 guests to visit the permit-reserves.

Reserves included in your annual permit are:

Duckmanton Railway Cutting

This site is important for its coal measures geology including different rock types and fossils. However the geology exposed is relatively unstable - please take care when examining the exposures at close quarters.

Golden Brook Storage Lagoon

A permit is needed for this small but important wetland site to reduce disturbance to its birds, dragonflies and flowers. Access is along two banks. One way leads to the viewing hide, which overlooks the main pool. The other bank leads to a boardwalk into the reed bed and the orchid meadow.

Please remain on the official paths at all times.

Hopton Quarry

This small abandoned quarry is extremely rich in wildflowers, including fly orchid and frog orchid.

However as a quarry it is also extremely dangerous with rough terrain and slippery paths in wet weather. Please take care when visiting the reserve and remain on the paths at all times to prevent damage to the wildflowers.



Frog Orchid

Mapperley Wood

A permit is only required for the hide on this site, to prevent vandalism. From hide the you can view part of the small fen and the surrounding woodland and enjoy the profusion of bird song that this reserve can offer.

Drakelow Nature Reserve

These old gravel pits and riverside meadows attract many bird species throughout the year, making it one of the county's top bird watching reserves.

Access through the security gate is also available to the local fishing syndicate, farmer, E-on staff and contractors, so ensure you drive carefully and respect other road users. Access to the reserve is by permit only through the security gates

located at the old Drakelow Power station 'C' gate. These gates should be kept locked at all times and access is via a coded padlock on the gate.

Spring Wood

This important reserve is permit only to protect its range of wildlife and prevent damage to its two hides.

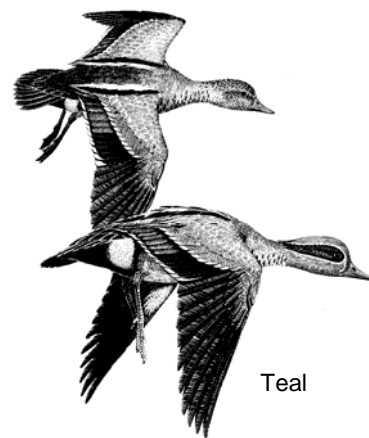
The reserve has all year round interest including its spectacular display of bluebells, wet woodland, a wide variety of breeding birds and views over neighbouring Staunton Harold Reservoir from the bird hides.

This reserve has wheelchair access.

Wyver Lane

To protect the wildlife there is no public access onto the reserve, but there are good views from Wyver Lane. A permit is only required for the hide, to prevent vandalism. From the hide visitors can see the main pool, which is important for its wintering and passage birds.

Wyver Lane is an important wetland site on the River Derwent providing a refuge for wildfowl including teal and wigeon.



There are number of restrictions which are given on the back of the permit. It is also important to note that there are no dogs allowed on Golden Brook Storage Lagoon or Drakelow Nature Reserve and that dogs should be on a lead on all other sites.

We hope you enjoy your visits to these reserves. If you have any problems or questions please contact the Trust.

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