



# Map & Guide

# RESERVES



Derbyshire Wildlife Trust

## What to look for on our reserves...

Each reserve provides a vital refuge for animals and plants that are disappearing from our countryside. Whilst exploring, look for:



Water vole Ian Wilson

Water voles, which are suffering a devastating national decline, can still be seen regularly at Cromford Canal, Mapperley Woods and the Avenue Washlands.

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Bittern Elliott Neep

The bittern, a rare member of the heron family, sometimes visits Willington, Drakelow and Carr Vale in winter.

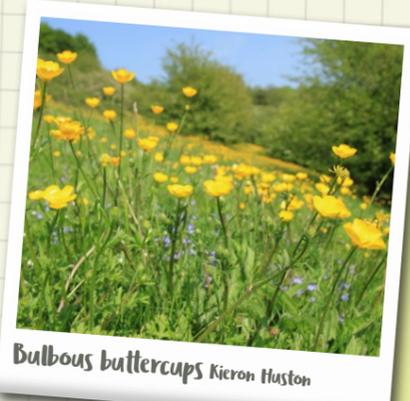
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Keep an eye out for fungi at Lea Wood, the Avenue Washlands and Mapperley Wood. Look for puffball, colourful orange peel and elegant common bonnet.



Common bonnet Paul Shaw



Bulbous buttercups Kieron Huston

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For meadows bursting with wild flowers each summer, head to Rose End Meadows, Hartington Meadows or our Wye Valley reserves.

Bluebells are plentiful across many of our woodland reserves in spring. Try Lea Wood, Mapperley Wood and Spring Wood.

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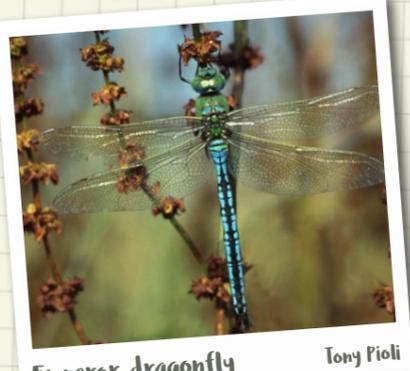
Bluebells Jim Higham



Barn owl Margaret Holland

Visit at dusk and if you are lucky you might spot a barn owl at Woodside Farm or the Avenue Washlands.

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Emperor dragonfly Tony Pioli

Look out for jewel-like dragonflies and damselflies. Hilton Willow Pits and Willington Wetlands are great places to try.

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A visit to Rose End Meadows, Gang Mine and Hilton in the summer will reward you with clouds of butterflies!

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Small copper Amy Lewis

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We've been protecting wildlife and wild spaces in Derbyshire since 1962. As the leading conservation charity in Derbyshire, we work hard to support our local wildlife with the support of our wonderful volunteers and members. With 49 nature reserves across the county and countless conservation and wellbeing projects, we're pretty busy! We want to see at least 33% of Derbyshire connected and restored for nature by 2030. Our nature reserves are essential to this. They enable us to showcase best practice, allow us to safeguard and connect species and habitats, and they bring people closer to nature.

## About Derbyshire Wildlife Trust

We are a small charity with big ideas.

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## Explore

Take a trip to one of our nature reserves and discover the wonderful wildlife on your doorstep.



## A little bit of house keeping...

Please remember that our reserves are home to lots of fantastic wildlife. Therefore, we ask that you don't camp or light any fires. Please also leave wild flowers, plants and fungi where they are for others to enjoy. Dogs should be kept on leads and litter taken home with you. We also ask that you stay on the paths to avoid disturbing wildlife. With your help and understanding we can make sure our reserves remain wonderful places for people and wildlife for years to come.

