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# WELCOME

Welcome to Lakeside North Harbour. We hope you enjoy exploring our Campus and can enjoy the diverse range of environments on offer. From wild meadows to small wooded areas and our beautiful lake, come and uncover the other side of our campus.

As we endeavour to manage these areas for the benefit of all, please keep to marked paths and avoid disturbing the wildlife.

> Walk 1 Walk 2





Bee Orchid



Common Blue Butterfly



### Nurturing the Campus

With over 100 acres of land, a unique waterway eco-system and a range of different habitats to care for, our grounds maintenance programme must carefully balance the needs of nature and those of a bustling business Campus.

Our landscaping team have over 20 years' experience working on our Campus, so they are completely in tune with the wildlife habitat requirements of the flora and fauna and the changes that each season brings. That's why we leave large areas of grasslands to go wild in the Summer, trim back hedgerows and bushes outside of breeding season, selectively manage weeds (a weed is only a plant growing in the wrong place after all) and only tend to the reed beds when absolutely necessary.

As well as working with a local angling association to take care of the lake, we also keep bees on site to encourage pollination and in turn attract a varied and seasonal bird population.

As custodians of this small pocket of the countryside, we work hard to protect it and enhance it wherever possible. But we also understand the positive power that nature offers to health and wellbeing and so we actively encourage our occupiers to engage with their surroundings in as many ways as possible and as often as they can.

Enjoy exploring!

## Key points for the map

1. Look out here in the early autumn for a variety of beautiful butterflies including the Clouded Yellow Butterfly, Speckled Wood Butterfly and the Common Blue Butterfly.

2. Along the grass strip here, as well as butterflies, you can spot a few different ants such as Black Ants and the Yellow Meadow Ant during the Spring time. It is also a good place to view the Common Carder Bee, Buff-Tailed Bumblebee, Red-tailed Bumblebee and even a White-Tailed Bumblebee Queen. 3. The Coot and Moorhen can be seen here all year round, can you tell them apart? The Coot is black with a distinctive white front face shield and beak, and the Moorhen is brown and black with a red frontal face shield and beak, tipped with yellow.

**4.** Poplar Trees can be viewed here all year round, look at them in the different seasons to see the changes to their leaves.

**5.** The Common Darter Dragonfly can be spotted here from August until September. Look out for other dragonflies around the lake throughout Autumn. You can see the Migrant Hawker Dragonfly and Common Hawker Dragonfly too.

**6.** Look out for our Canada Geese who arrive here at the end of Winter/beginning of Spring. They tend to be spotted in this area in the morning and move around during the day, holding up traffic whilst moving around the campus! 7. A Scots Pine can be found in this area, nothing grows underneath it because of its thick roots. The only thing that thrives here is some fungi.

8. Blue Tits, Great Tits and Long Tail Tits, can all be spotted in this area. They are here all year round however during the winter time they join into a mixed flock.

9. The Singing Reed Warbler, a migrant bird which comes to us in April and leaves around September. They come to breed in the extensive reed beds that can be seen here. You might not see them however you can hear them. Listen out for their distinctive song.

**10.** Bees and butterflies thrive in this meadow like strip. The overgrown branches are from the variety of trees we have here. The Hawthorn, Field Maple, Smallleaved Lime and Sycamore tree can all be found here. **11.** This area is home to numerous flowering plants in the Spring. Take in the beauty of the Bluebells, Cow Parsley and Germander Speedwell.

**12.** In the Summer a variety of Orchids can be spotted whilst walking around the lake. They begin to flower from around June. The Early Marsh Orchid can be spotted in the marsh near the pond. The Common Spotted Orchid and Pyramidal Orchid can both be found South of the lake.

**KEY FACTS WALK 1** 

Distance: pprox. 1.2km

> Time: 20 mins

Terrain:

Flat with very slight inclines/ declines. Mainly laid to path bu ikely to be some puddles or mud patches in autumn/winter

#### **KEY FACTS WALK 2**

**Distance:** Approx. 3km

> **Time:** 45 mins

Terrain: Flat with very slight inclines/ declines. Mainly laid to path but likely to be some puddles or muddier patches in autumn/winter





