

Pages Wood



Formed by combining the adjacent farmsteads of Mount Pleasant and Pages Farm, the site was first provided with three new bridges.

One in the north west towards Harold Wood, while the other two connected the meadows and hedges of the south west. Together these created a large area of greenspace, dipping down from the car park at the south east (off Hall Lane) to the River Ingrebourne, then north and uphill to Harold Wood. The resulting valley of green space offers excellent views, both within the site and around it, as well as a rich mosaic of habitats – for both people and wildlife.

Over 100,000 trees have been planted since Pages was opened in 2002 and these are now maturing well. Broad swaths of woodland sandwiched between grassy meadows will be the result.

Not surprisingly with this diversity of habitat, the quality of wildlife to be seen is impressive too. The potential for long walks, without encountering road traffic, is excellent.

The connection to the London Loop means you can easily roam further afield. The opportunity for safe cycling for children is extensive and there are large areas for them to explore too. Whether you just want to take the kids out, or relax and watch wildlife, have some gentle exercise, or be really active – you can do it all at Pages Wood.

Pages Wood is our largest site in Thames Chase and provides ample space for everyone.



Locations and information Enjoy your visit



Thames Chase



Visit Pages Wood

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Public Transport:

Visit www.transportdirect.info

Post Code:

RM14 1TT

Walk:

via the London Loop

Car:

FREE car park on site

OS Ref:

TQ 562 894



Thames Chase Community Forest:

Thames Chase is part of 12 community Forest's in England. With a network of 47 sites its aim is to help promote the creation and continuing development of greenspace on the edge of East London and South Essex. The Forestry Commission own and manage 10 community woodlands with this area.

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Pages Woods Fact File

Size: 74ha
Walks: 6.5km
(1.2km is un-surfaced – part of the London Loop)
Cycling: 6.5km
Horses: 2.2km and throughout the site's grassed areas
Open: 8.00am to dusk
Parking: Free
Created: 2002

Woodland Code: Cycle with care. Respect the peace and quiet of the woods and wildlife. Take your litter home with you. Never light fires and smokers take care. Dogs are welcome but please keep them under close control and always clean up after your pet.

Riders Code: Please walk or trot on the marked trails. Do not canter or gallop. Please do not ride on the pink paths – they are for pedestrians.

Royal connections

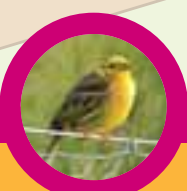
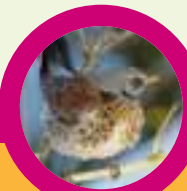
Reputedly Pages Wood was once part of the Royal Hunting Forest of Havering, owned by King Harold of 1066 fame. Since then the local area has been variously known as Harold's Wood, Herrold's Wood, Kinges Wood and now today Harold Wood.



Key

- Walkers or cyclists
- London Loop route and footpaths
- Horses
- Bridleway
- Bench
- Car Park
- Picnic table
- Dog bins
- Meadow
- Woodland
- Urban area

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Scale



What's out or about?

Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

Wintering fieldfare and redwings
Territorial robins
Elder first leaves
Kestrels hunting from perches
Newts and frogs return to ponds
Hedgehogs active
Warblers arrive
Herons active
Yellowhammer calling
Skylark flight song
Water voles active
Ox-eye daisies bloom
Dragonflies hawking
Kingfisher
Grass snakes basking
Martins and swallows gather before migrating south
Cobnuts
Hazelnuts
Chestnuts
Flocks of finches
Elderberry and sloes on blackthorn
Fungi proliferate
Holly blossoms

There's plenty to see and hear throughout the year