



Little Marlow Lakes Country Park

Set alongside the stunning landscape of The Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the Little Marlow Lakes Country Park has been in the planning stages since 2002, when the vision was identified in the Wycombe District Council's Supplementary Planning Guide. Now a dedicated committee, working under the title 'Little Marlow Lakes Country Park – Community Partnership' is working hard to make the vision a reality. The Partnership is made up of many enthusiastic interest groups; Residents Committees, Parish Council, Fishing Groups, Bird Watching Groups, The Chiltern Society, the Marlow Society and The Thameside Preservation Trust, all of which are focussed on providing a local amenity for you to enjoy.



This area includes seven lakes where a variety of activities take place, from the fast paced water-sports on the lake at Westhorpe Farm, to the quieter fishing on the Marlow Angling Club lake, to the serene bird-watching at the Spade Oak Lake Nature Reserve. There have been over 219 species of birds recorded, ranging from the common but majestic Swan to the rare Little Egret.





You may have already seen some of the great work our volunteers have done. There are some information maps and signs that have been installed around the Spade Oak Lake by the Little Marlow Parish Council, as well as some other essential tasks involved in this sort of project, such as hedging, footpath maintenance, riverbank repairs, etc. There are many beautiful walks throughout the Country Park, ranging from a short and flat, stile-less stroll to a 6 mile woods and water walk, suitable for all ages and abilities. Refreshments are available throughout the walks. To find out more please visit www.chilternsaonb.org. We will also be looking to organise some events and activities involving walks, bird-watching, conservation projects, etc in the Spring/Summer of 2011. Please look out in the local press for more information.



All of the area included in the Country Park is assigned as Greenbelt, and we strongly believe protection and preservation is a vital part of the vision, whilst creating a local amenity for people to utilise and enjoy. As well as the activities that already take place, we hope to introduce more family friendly areas for children to enjoy safely whilst learning the importance of conservation and preservation, as well as the work involved in maintaining the countryside we are fortunate enough to live in. We hope to provide a visitors centre where people can find out about the Country Park, the on-going work and the various nature walks and trails available. Also local clubs will have information available for people interested in getting involved in the local events.



If you would like to volunteer and get involved, or find out any more information about the project, please contact:

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