

The Visitor Centre

Our grade II listed barn has been converted into an attractive centre and can be found at the Visitor Centre car park entrance off Weald Road.

The centre includes a shop with gifts and souvenirs for all seasons and an area serving teas, coffees, ice cream and other light refreshments.

There is also an exciting free exhibition full of lively and interactive displays.



The Ranger Service

Throughout the year the Rangers run many events and activities for visitors, schools and other interest groups, including summer holiday activity days. Pick up an events programme from the site information boards, at the visitor centre or most Tourist Information Centres.

Opening times

The park is open daily from dawn to dusk. Check the entrance boards to check the days closing times.

Visitor Centre Opening times

April – October:

Tuesday – Friday 10am – 4.30pm

Saturday, Sunday and some bank holidays:

10am – 5pm

Nov – March:

weekends only 10am – 4pm

How to get there

By road: Follow the brown Country park signs from the M25 Junction 28 turn off.

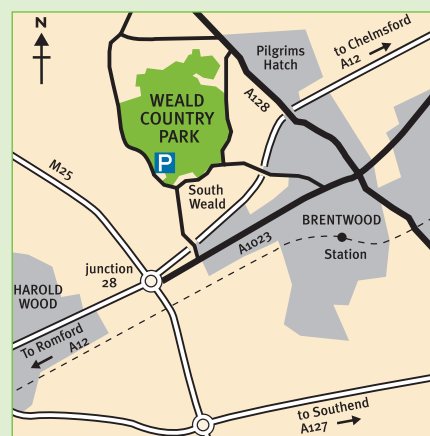
By rail: The nearest railway station is Brentwood which is approx. two miles from the park.

Enquiries

Telephone number: 01277 261343

Website

www.essexcc.gov.uk/countryparks



Weald Country Park is managed together with Brentwood Borough Council

Weald country Park

a landscape
sculptured by time

Welcome

Weald Country Park is steeped in history. It was once a deer park and used for hunting by the Abbots of Waltham in around 1063. It has been the site of a great hall with formal gardens and there are even the remains of Iron Age settlement which date from the 1st century BC.

If you look closely at the shapes and character of Weald's landscape, you will see a pleasantly sculpted land created by the many people who have lived here over the centuries.



The Deer Park

Just across from the visitor centre you will find the deer paddock, home to our herd of fallow deer. The deer were reintroduced in 1987 as a reminder that the park was once a Royal Hunting Estate. October to February is the time to watch the stags carrying their full set of antlers.

The Parkland

The park has almost 222 hectares (550 acres) of mixed woodland and grassland plus two lakes and a number of ponds.

The woodland is managed for wildlife, timber and recreational use. You can discover a variety of wildlife as you wander along the many woodland pathways. Look out for the great spotted woodpecker, nuthatch and treecreeper, and see if you can pick out the gnarled and twisted hornbeams or the great ancient oaks, carrying the signs of a lifetime of nesting holes.

Some areas of grassland are left to grow naturally and so produce a multitude of flowers and colours during the summer. Other areas are mown and provide ideal spots for family picnics and games.



The Lakes

The two lakes were added to the landscape in the 1700's, they were created by damming a small tributary of Weald brook. They have recently undergone major works, restoring the banks and removing years of built up silt deposits to improve the water quality.



Walking, cycling and horse riding

For walkers there is a network of pathways clearly marked on the map and a selection of self-guided trails, available from the visitor centre. Horse riding and cycling are welcome in the park, but are restricted to rides shown on the map overleaf. Cycle racks are provided at the visitor centre.

