



**Public Transport**

For public transport information to get to Cuffley and Brookmans Park from Welwyn Garden City and Hatfield contact:  
 Intalink (Bus Times): [www.intalink.org.uk](http://www.intalink.org.uk), Tel. 0870 608 2 608.  
 Train Information: [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk).

This charming site now owned by Cuffley Parish Council has a wide variety of flora, and the stream running along the southern boundary adds to the habitat diversity.  
 Access from Tolmers Road.

Access from Mill Green Lane.

- Waymarked Paths**
- 3/4 mile trail (25mins)
  - 1 1/4 mile trail (45mins)
  - 2 1/2 mile trail (75mins)
  - Footpaths

**Gobions Woods**

This 42 acre woodland and grassland is maintained by Gobions Woodland Trust. In Gobions Wood look out for the remains of the 18th century pleasure gardens.  
[www.brookmans.com/environment](http://www.brookmans.com/environment)  
 Main access from The Grove and Moffats Lane.



**Northaw Great Wood**



Explore 290 acres of oak, hornbeam and birch woodland. Once part of a vast common, the Great Wood has hidden away glades, ponds and brooks.  
 Gates open at 8am daily and close again at 5pm (1 November – 31 March) or 6pm (1 April – 31 October).

**Cuffley Playing Fields**

Access from Northaw Road East

**MUSEUMS**

**Mill Green Museum & Mill**  
 Housed in a fully restored 18th century watermill, the museum displays local artefacts from pre history to the present day. You can also watch flour being milled and see the water wheel in action. Admission is free. Open every day except Monday's.  
 Access from Mill Green Lane.

**Welwyn Roman Baths**  
 The remains of a third century Roman bath house are preserved in a vault under the A1(M). The baths are open most weekends and school holiday afternoons. There is a small admission charge for adults.  
 Access from Welwyn By-Pass.

For both museums: Tel. 01707 271362.  
[www.hertsmuseums.org.uk](http://www.hertsmuseums.org.uk) & scroll down to 'Mill Green Museum' or 'Welwyn Roman Baths'.



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For additional leaflets please contact:

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- all cycling issues in the Welwyn Hatfield area
- route maps
- maintenance issues
- information

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# Activity Map

where to walk, cycle & have fun outdoors in:

**2005 edition**

**Welwyn Garden City, Hatfield  
 Old Welwyn, Welham Green  
 Brookmans Park, Cuffley**



# Get out and explore

There is an open space within walking distance of almost every home and office in Hatfield and Welwyn Garden City and many more are just a short trip away.

This revised edition of the Activity Map now covers the whole district of Welwyn Hatfield and includes even more open spaces to discover, cycle tracks to ride and parks to play in. So get outside, breathe in the fresh air and take a bit of gentle exercise.

Whether you want to walk the dog, cycle, have a family picnic, grab a sandwich away from the office or kick a ball around with your grand children, use this guide to explore and enjoy the local area.



## PARKS WOODLANDS & NATURE RESERVES

**Bushey Ley Open Space** [D4]  
Access from Bushey Ley, The Ridgeway, & Black Fan Road.



**Chantry Lane Copse** [B6]  
Follow the way marked paths in this small pocket of woodland where chalk and flint were once quarried.

Access from Chantry Lane.



**The Commons** [D5]  
Roam through woods and grassland, then discover the wetland habitat of this recently established reserve. The adjoining field is managed to encourage farmland birds and local wildlife. Not suitable for pushchairs.

Access from The Commons & Howlands.



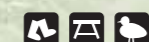
**Danesbury** [C2]  
Danesbury lies on high ground north of Welwyn Village. Gentle walks around meadows grazed by rare breeds of cattle.

Access from Codicote Road, North Ride, Bowmans Close & Carleton Rise.



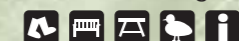
**The Dell** [C5]  
Small woodland on the outskirts of Hatfield.

Access from Pleasant Rise.



**Digswell Lakes** [C3]  
This 17.5 acre area of lake, wood and grassland is open to members of the Digswell Lake Society. Nestled between Bessemer Road and the River Mimram, it is owned and maintained by the Society. For information on membership, visit [www.digswell-lake.org.uk](http://www.digswell-lake.org.uk).

Access from Digswell Park Road.



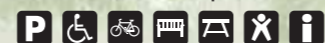
**Hazel Grove** [B6]  
Birds, bats and butterflies are on the increase in this oak-hornbeam wood since the revival of traditional coppice management by the University. Arrange a tour by contacting the University on 01707 285128.

Access from Hazel Grove.



**Howe Dell / Stream Woods and beyond...** [C6]  
Set in an area of grassland and woodland is a 'swallow hole' where the stream disappears into a basin shaped hole. It was created naturally by acidic water dissolving the underlying chalk and causing the soil to collapse. Why not cycle here on the Great North Way? **Oxleys Wood** [C6] and **Centenary Park** [C6] are only a few minutes ride or walk away to the south.

Access - Various points in South Hatfield.



**Lemsford Springs** [B4]  
This reserve is owned and managed by the Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust. There are two hides for bird watching by the River Lea. Access can be arranged by telephoning the trust on 01727 858901.

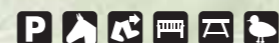
[www.wildlifetrust.org.uk/herts](http://www.wildlifetrust.org.uk/herts)

Access from Lemsford Village.



**Mardley Heath** [C1]  
A favourite with horse riders and walkers alike, enjoy ninety acres of open heath and woodland. A great place for bluebells in May.

Access from Heath Road car park & Oaklands residential area.



**Rolls & Blackthorn Woods** [D4]  
Connecting Panshanger and the Cole Green Way, take a walk through this local woodland. Owned and maintained by Redland Lafarge.

Access from Black Fan Road & Panshanger residential area.



**Sherrardspark Wood** [C3]  
A large oak/hornbeam woodland right on the doorstep of hundreds of Garden City residents. Extending over 200 acres, there are way-marked paths and bridleways and many access points on all sides.

Various access points on foot.  
Parking at Campus West and Rectory Road.



**Singlers Marsh** [C2]  
This small and sometimes wet lowland meadow is grazed by rare breed cattle in late summer and autumn. You can take a stroll, listen to the birds, or feed the ducks in the River Mimram.

Access from Fulling Mill Lane & Codicote Road.



**St Albans Road East Park** [C6]  
Somewhere to stretch your legs in the heart of Hatfield.

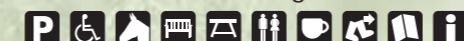
Access from St Albans Road East & French Horn Lane.



**Stanborough Park** [C4]  
126 acres of parkland are ready to be explored with a range of facilities for all. Follow the paths around the two lakes, hire a boat, learn to sail, explore Stanborough Reedmarsh reserve or take a break at the café. There are also facilities for fishing, including platforms for the disabled.

[www.finesseleisure.co.uk](http://www.finesseleisure.co.uk) & click on 'Stanborough Park'.

Access from Stanborough Road.



## PLAYING FIELDS

**King George V Playing Fields** [D4]  
Welwyn Garden City

Improve your forehand on one of the tennis courts, shoot some basketball hoops or take your skateboard / BMX down to the Skate Park. If you want a slower pace relax with a game of bowls. Main access from Beehive Lane.



**Birchwood Playing Fields** [C5]  
Access from Longmead.



**Digswell Playing Fields** [C3]  
Access from Digswell Park Road & Hertford Road.



**Handside Lane Playing Fields** [C4]  
Access from Hobbs Way, off Colgrove.



**Lemsford Playing Fields** [B4]  
Access from Brocket Road.



**Moneyhole Lane Playing Fields** [D4]  
Main access from Sylvan Way.



**Roe Hill Playing Fields** [B6]  
Main access from Briars Lane.



**Welwyn Playing Fields** [C2]  
Access from Ottway Walk.





Linking Hertfordshire towns and countryside, the Great North Way forms a north south cycle route through the County over 32 miles. Look out for the National Cycle Network '12' signs in Welwyn Garden City, Hatfield and Welham Green.



Mardley Heath



From Welwyn Garden City the greenway provides the gateway to explore the beautiful Ayot countryside. Follow the old railway line through Sherrardspark Woods all the way to Wheathampstead. The trail is open to walkers and cyclists.



The Ayot Greenway



Lemsford Springs



Providing a green route between Hatfield House and St Albans Abbey, this 6½ mile trail can be used by walkers and cyclists. The paths makes an ideal day trip to St Albans being close to the town centre, Verulamium Park and the Abbey.

The Alban Way



Great North Way



Singlers Marsh



Sherrardspark Woods



Stanborough Park



St Albans Road East Park



Howe Dell / Stream Woods



Centenary Park



Digswell Lakes



Welwyn Garden City Town Trail

Find out about the development of our historic Garden City on the town trail starting from The Campus. Contact Pedal Point for a leaflet.



King George V Playing Fields



The Cole Green Way

An old railway line, canal towpaths, open spaces and quiet roads form a green route for walkers and cyclists between Welwyn Garden City and Ware via Hertford. The Cole Green Way runs along the former railway line between the outskirts of Welwyn and Hertford.



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