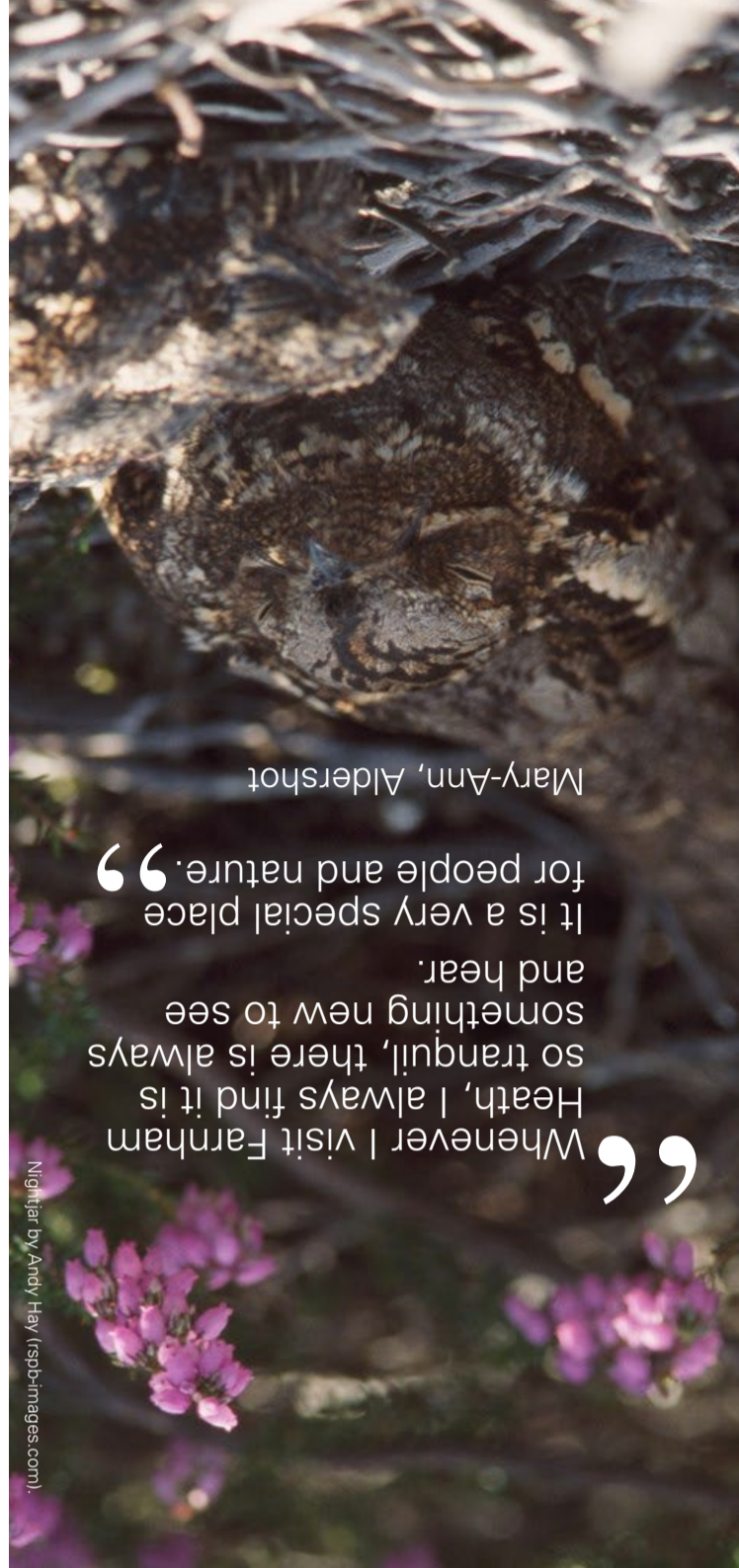


Farnham Heath is a magnificent lowland heath within the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Surrey has lost almost 90% of its heathland over the past couple of centuries, but here we have restored 100 hectares of this precious habitat. As the heathland vanished, so did the species dependent upon it. We now have breeding Dartford warblers, nightjars, woodlarks, tree pipits, silver studded blue and grayling butterflies. We have also reintroduced some species such as the stunning sand lizard and chirping field cricket. Birds such as nightjar and woodlark nest on the ground in gaps between the heather. All of this wildlife is sensitive to disturbance, so please keep to the paths. Dogs are welcome, but need to be on leads in some areas during the nesting season. Please leave the reserve litter and dog waste free.

Welcome



“Whenever I visit Farnham Heath, I always find it is so tranquil, there is always something new to see and hear. It is a very special place for people and nature.”

Mary-Ann, Aldershot

Nightjar by Andy Hay (rspb-images.com)

Nearest town: Farnham
By train: the nearest train station is Farnham, which is 3 miles from our car park. By bus: Bus route number 19 runs from Farnham to Hindhead and the nearest stop is in Millbridge village, outside the entrance to Pierpoint House, leaving a mile (1.5 km) walk to the reserve along Reeds Road (follow signs to the Rural Life Centre). By bike: The reserve is just off of Susstrans National Cycle Route 22. There is a bicycle rack at the Rural Life Centre. Cycling is permitted along the bridleways. By car: Take the B3001 south from Farnham. Take the right hand fork immediately past the level crossing, signposted Tilford. Follow the signs to the Rural Life Centre. Entrance is on the right.

How to get here

The Rural Life Centre at the main car park offers an insight into our local heritage and culture. Visit their cafe for food and drink.

In this area...

Get involved
Please ask how you can volunteer with us or support us to help give nature a home. For dates and full details of all our events, please ask a member of the reserve team or visit: rspb.org.uk/farnhamheath

Family activities
If you would like to hear the magical churring of the nightjar, book on one of our guided walks. Please ask how you can volunteer with us or support us to help give nature a home.

Events
Discover more about the amazing wildlife at Farnham Heath by joining one of our events.

Take part with us

Top things to do

Spring/summer

A busy time for nature and a great time for you to explore.

- 1 Follow the butterflies along the path as they seek out nectar from the flowering heather.
- 2 Breathe in the fragrance of bluebells as you stroll through our Chestnut coppice.
- 3 Spot camouflaged Dartford warblers hiding in the flashes of yellow gorse.
- 4 Will you hear the beautiful song of the woodlark? Look up to witness their undulating flight.
- 5 Creep up to the log piles and see how many lizards you can spot.

Autumn/winter

Five things not to miss during the chillier months.

- 1 Seek out the crossbills, perched high in the conifer trees.
- 2 Enjoy a peaceful walk to experience the solidity of the bare boned landscape.
- 3 Our highest points offer stunning views of the Surrey Hills.
- 4 Follow the green trail in search of colourful fallen autumn leaves.
- 5 Discover Stags horn fungus emerging from piles of deadwood.

About us

Opening times

The reserve is open at all times and limited parking can be found on the roadside.

A large car park shared with the Rural Life Centre can be accessed most days, their opening hours are Wednesday to Sunday, 10am to 5pm from March to October, and Wednesdays and Sundays only, 11am to 4pm from November to February.

Admission charges

Entry is free, we welcome donations to help us maintain and manage this precious reserve. Farnham welcomes responsible dog owners, please respect our policy and keep dogs on leads in specified areas from February to September.

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Helping to give nature a home



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Farnham Heath

nature reserve

A tranquil oasis in a precious landscape

Immerse yourself in a sea of heather.

A welcoming wilderness full of wildlife.

Close your eyes and listen to nature.

Farnham Heath nature reserve

Finding your way around

The best way to discover the wildlife of the reserve is to follow one of our way-marked trails.

The trails will take you through different habitats, where there is always the chance of finding something unexpected. See if you can find a sand lizard basking on the open heathland paths, or a siskin feeding in the trees.

There is a walk for everyone depending upon the amount of time you would like to spend enjoying this beautiful open landscape.

Orange trail

Allow 30 minutes for this short loop, taking you through a mosaic of restored heathland.

This walk is perfect for you if you have a small window of time and would like to escape from the hustle and bustle. Walking through wide open expanses you can expect to see stonechats and if you look closely a Dartford warbler. Make sure you look up in the trees as there are often goldcrest, Britain's smallest bird, flitting about between the branches.

Purple trail

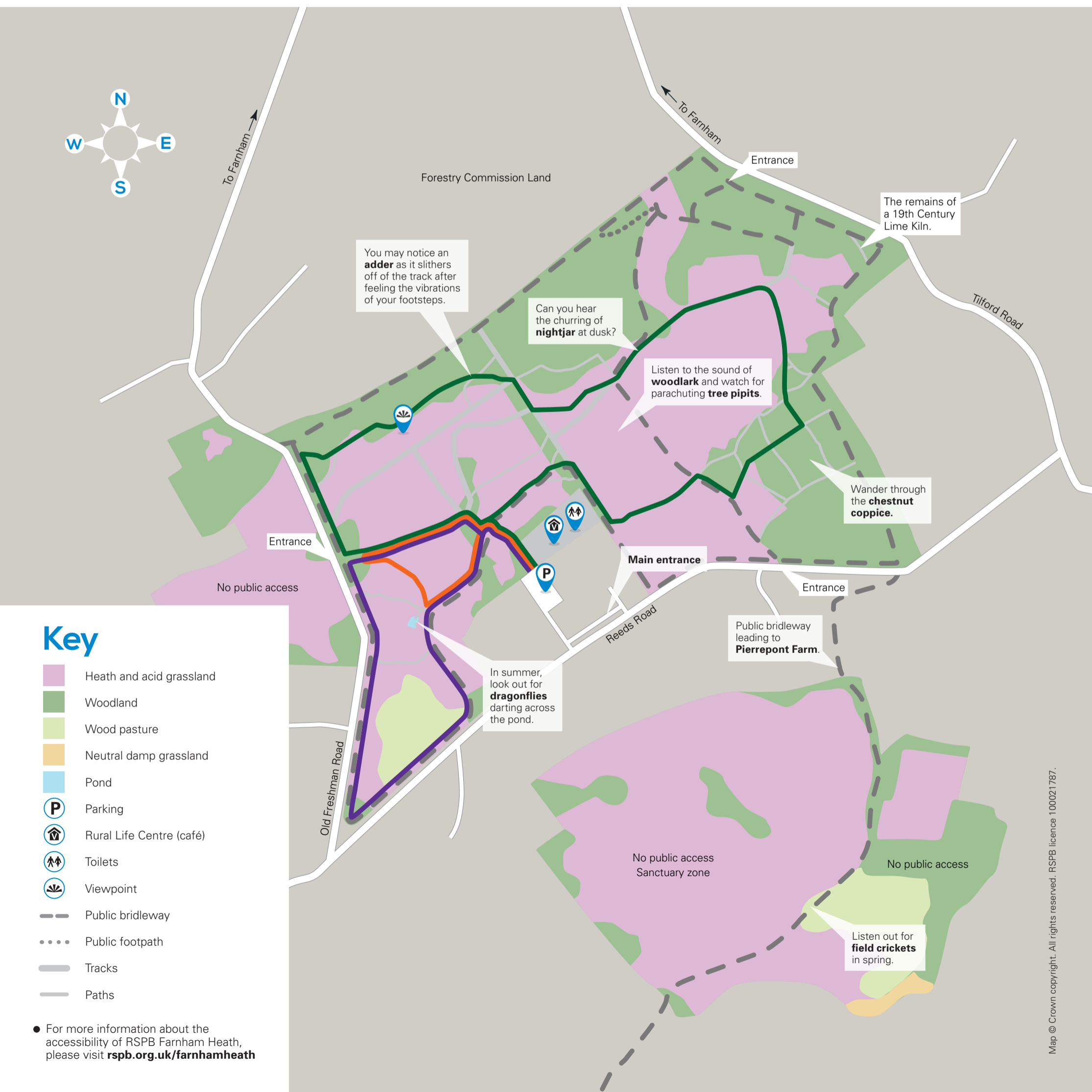
A longer route to give a wider experience of the reserve, and all it has to offer. Allow yourself at least 45 minutes, more if you want to seek out some secretive wildlife.

On the purple trail you experience the western part of our heath, the heather here is well established and buzzing with life during the summer. You will also spot our pond, a perfect place to sit and relax absorbing all of the sights, smells and sounds.

Green trail

The longest route lets you explore most of the reserve; there are some muddy patches in wet weather and some steep slopes. Allow at least 90 minutes.

This walk lets you explore an assortment of habitats including tranquil expanses of heathland with spectacular views, quiet woodland areas that boast numerous species of butterflies and damselflies in the summer and visiting finches in winter.



Key

- Heath and acid grassland
- Woodland
- Wood pasture
- Neutral damp grassland
- Pond
- P Parking
- 🏠 Rural Life Centre (café)
- ♿ Toilets
- 👁 Viewpoint
- Public bridleway
- Public footpath
- Tracks
- Paths

● For more information about the accessibility of RSPB Farnham Heath, please visit rspb.org.uk/farnhamheath