



Burnham Beeches & Stoke Common

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Welcome to Burnham Beeches and Stoke Common

The City of London Corporation welcomes you to two wonderful open spaces in South Buckinghamshire. Covering hundreds of acres of beautiful countryside, both are nature reserves and home to rare and interesting wildlife. Whatever the time of year, and whether you explore on your own or join one of our walks or events, there's always something to see and do.

The nature reserves are a registered charitable trust and most funding comes from private sources. Please see page **24** to find out how you can help look after these fantastic open spaces.

Opening hours

In normal circumstances, both reserves are open to pedestrians at all times. Gates to the car parks at Burnham Beeches are opened from 8am and are closed at dusk (varies from 4.30pm in the winter to 9pm at the latest in the summer). Height restrictors are in place at Burnham Beeches – parking is limited for vehicles over 2.1m. Access for coaches and minibuses can be pre-arranged. There are no formal parking areas at Stoke Common.





The Beeches Café, toilets and Information Point are open every day (except Christmas Day) from approximately 10am to 5pm (seasonal variations apply). The café offers outdoor seating, including a dog free area, and serves hot and cold food and drinks.

Ranger service

Rangers are on the reserves every day of the year. Their work includes looking after the woods, wildlife and livestock, providing visitor services and making sure the reserves are safe. Please talk to a Ranger if you have any questions or problems – they are here to help!

Further information

Leaflets and fact sheets about the Beeches are available in the Information Point and from our website.

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How to get here

Why not come on foot or by bike? It's green and it's free! If you live further away, try these alternatives:

By train to either reserve

The nearest stations on London lines are at Burnham, Gerrards Cross and Slough.

By bus to Burnham Beeches

Buses stop in Farnham Common. From the bus stop it is a 10 minute walk north past the shops, turning left into Beeches Road. You will see the entrance to the reserve at the end of Beeches Road.

By car to Burnham Beeches

Follow the A355 north from the M4 (junction 6) or south from the M40 (junction 2). At Farnham Common, turn into Beeches Road and drive to the crossroads at the end. Straight ahead from this crossroads is Lord Mayors Drive and East Burnham Common. Parking is available in several large bays on your left.

There is no postcode for East Burnham Common or the visitor facilities but SL2 3PS will get you to the end of Beeches Road.

Parking conditions apply to all areas of Burnham Beeches (see website for the current daily charge). Disabled drivers displaying a valid blue badge can park for free, but they must register their vehicles with District Enforcement as shown on parking signs. Burnham Beeches has a Peoples' Parking Award for the quality of its disabled parking provision.

By bus to Stoke Common

Buses stop at Vine Road and Windmill Road for access to Stoke Common.

By car to Stoke Common

Limited parking (3-4 cars) is available in the lay-by on Stoke Common Road.

Full public transport (bus and train) timetables can be obtained from www.traveline.info telephone: **0871 200 22 33**.



Enjoying Burnham Beeches and Stoke Common

Please stick to the surfaced paths as much as possible – both nature reserves have very sensitive habitats that are easily damaged by just a few footsteps off-path.

Access for all at Burnham Beeches

The Easy Access Path, Sensory Trail and many of the closed internal roads are ideally suited to wheelchairs or buggies.

Monday – Friday 10am to 4pm: Car Free Zone access and a mobility scooter are available; prior booking is required for both. Call 01753 647358.

Cycling and horse riding

Cyclists and horse riders may use the tarmac roads at Burnham Beeches but, to prevent damage to the reserve and protect other visitors, off-road use is not permitted.

Cyclists and horse riders are able to enjoy the network of bridleways at Stoke Common.





Barbeques and fires

No BBQs or fires are allowed at either reserve.

To prevent damage to the reserves and minimise litter on them, BBQs are not permitted at Burnham Beeches or Stoke Common.



Enjoying the ponds

The ponds at both reserves are important for wildlife and are easily disturbed. Bodies of water can also be dangerous. Take a moment to stand or sit and watch the toads and frogs spawning in spring, dragonflies hunting in the summer and early autumn or ducks paddling all year round. Please remember:

- Bread is bad for the health of ducks and encourages rats.
- Frozen ponds can be very dangerous; don't walk on the ice or throw sticks/stones onto it.
- Please don't take/add frogspawn, frogs, fish, plants or any organism from/to any pond. This can spread disease and damage the ecosystem. It is illegal to release non-native species into the wild.



Photography and filming

The Beeches is a wonderful place for taking a snapshot of a memorable family day out and is especially stunning in the autumn. If you've taken a great picture and you'd like to share it with us, please email it to the office or post it on social media- we would love to see it. Any professional photography or filming requires a licence; student and amateur films may be permitted but you must contact the office to seek permission. Call **01753 647358** for details.

Take your litter with you

It is best if you take your litter away and recycle it - alternatively please use one of our bins.



Dog walking

Responsible dog walkers and their dogs are welcome at Burnham Beeches and Stoke Common. When visiting either nature reserve, please ensure that your dog is kept under effective control at all times and do not allow it to disturb other visitors, wildlife or livestock. Please ensure that your dog is wearing a collar and tag and ALWAYS bring a lead with you. During bird nesting season (April – September inclusive) please keep your dog alongside, preferably on footpaths at all times.



Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) at Burnham Beeches

To maintain a balance between the needs of all users of the woodland, PSPOs apply at all times at Burnham Beeches. Please take a look at our 'walking your dog at Burnham Beeches' leaflet, signs on the reserve and website to familiarise yourself with the details and maps of the areas.

You may walk your dog across the whole reserve (with the exception of the small exclusion area at the café) but in some areas you will need to keep it on a lead. Under the PSPOs the following orders apply:

- 1) Fouling: You must clear up after your dog at all times and ensure that you dispose of it properly.
- 2) Dogs on leads: if you are in an area marked 2 on the map you must keep your dog on a lead no longer than 5m.
- 3) Dogs on lead by direction: if your dog is off lead in an area marked 3 on the map and an authorised person judges that it is not under effective control, they will ask you to put it on a lead.
- 4) Dog exclusion area at the Beeches Café: you must not allow your dog to enter the 'no dogs area'. If you use a recognised assistance dog because of a disability you are exempt.
- 5) Maximum number of dogs: each dog walker can bring a maximum of four dogs onto Burnham Beeches at any one time.

Under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, anyone failing to comply with the above will be liable to a fixed penalty notice of £80 or prosecution with a fine of up to £1000. If paid within 10 days, the fixed penalty is reduced to £50.

There is more information about dog walking on our website.





Fungi picking

Look, photograph, admire

Both nature reserves are home to a great variety of fungi, but picking is not allowed.

- Some species are very rare and removing them could threaten them further.
- Fungi provide habitats for many creatures, including some rare or threatened species.
- If removed, they cannot produce spores and the next generation is put at risk.
- With around 550,000 visits per year at the Beeches alone, if people were to collect fungi there would soon be none left for future visitors to enjoy.

#ClickDontPick

There is more information about fungi in our fact sheet.

Pollards and decaying wood

Much of Burnham Beeches was once 'wood pasture' – grazed, open woodland with pollarded trees. This attractive landscape is very good for wildlife.

What is a pollard?

Pollards are trees that are cut just above head height, encouraging them to send up multiple new shoots – it also extends the lives of the trees. By cutting the trees at this height, the livestock grazing beneath cannot eat the tender new shoots. The ancient pollards at the Beeches were once cut every 15 years or so, mainly for firewood. Many are over 400 years old.

As lifestyles changed, the practice of pollarding declined and the pollards were left uncut; this left them top heavy and vulnerable to collapse. At the Beeches we are re-establishing the ancient techniques, restoring the old pollards and creating new ones.



Climbing trees

The pollards are great shapes and may look ideal for climbing, but please don't - their age, rarity and the species they support make them very vulnerable to damage. If climbing is your thing, there are lots of younger trees.



Dead or alive?

Decaying wood is incredibly important at the Beeches for many of our rare species. It provides them with food and shelter and includes fallen branches or trees, log piles and standing dead trees.

Some wood is stacked in specially designed piles to create habitat for invertebrates, reptiles and other creatures. Please do take time to look out for some of the bugs and beasties making use of the dead wood on the reserve but don't disturb or move it – lots of these creatures are very sensitive to disturbance.

There is more information about pollards and decaying wood and how you can help us to look after them on our website and in our fact sheets.



Grazing animals

Livestock such as cows, ponies and pigs are very much part of the history of both reserves – William the Conqueror's Domesday book records the area as having enough woodland to feed 600 swine! When people stopped putting their animals on the land over 100 years ago, scrub and young woodland began to grow and the open areas began to disappear. This meant that the old trees and heathland habitats rich in wildlife started to decline.

Bringing back the livestock

We have re-introduced grazing animals to help restore and conserve the different habitats on the reserves, making them better for people and wildlife.

The way the livestock graze creates habitats that are great for wildlife and much better than those made by machinery. They can also reach areas where machinery is impractical (e.g. uneven ground or near decaying wood).

British White cattle and Exmoor ponies are traditional breeds that are suited to conditions at the Beeches. We have also used Berkshire pigs to graze and forage under the trees. At Stoke Common, Sussex cattle graze the heathland. Livestock are put in the grazing areas for six to eight months from around May.

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Fences and 'invisible fences'

Traditional fences or stock-proof hedges keep the livestock in but require gates to allow access. At the Beeches we use a combination of traditional and 'virtual' fences, enabling us to graze most of the reserve. With the virtual fence system, the cattle wear collars that keep them within a 'virtual paddock' (see website).

Help us with the grazing project

- Tell the Rangers about damage to fences or gates.
- Keep your dog under effective control.
- Do not approach or feed the livestock.
- Leave any 'dead hedges' or barriers in place.

#GrazingItsAmazing

There is more information about grazing on our website, and in our grazing fact sheet.



Burnham Beeches

Use this map to explore this fantastic nature reserve but please leave all natural things - flowers, fungi, wood etc - where you find them, and please use the bins provided or take your rubbish home. Take only memories, leave only footprints.





Roads open to

- road
- road closed to all vehicles
- blue badge access available on request
- easy access gate & cycle grid

Paths only for

- track
- main footpath
- minor path
- easy access path
- fence
- boardwalk
- gate

Habitats and Features

- ancient woodland
- ancient pollards
- young woodland
- dry heath
- wet heath/mire
- open grassland
- stream
- swallow hole
- Scheduled Ancient Monument

Facilities

- car park (pay & display weekends and public holidays)
- blue badge parking
- Beeches Café
- toilets
- information point
- shelter



Heathland restoration

What is heathland?

Heathland is one of the rarest habitats in Britain, characterised by plants such as heather, gorse and fine grasses and occurring on low nutrient soils. Lowland heath (found at Burnham Beeches and Stoke Common) supports a variety of specialised plants, animals and insects and is an internationally rare and unique habitat.

Agricultural improvements, declining management, road building and development have all contributed to heathland loss: in England, 84% has been lost since 1800 (Natural England 2002). About 80% of Buckinghamshire's remaining lowland heath is at Stoke Common and Burnham Beeches.

Restoring heathland

Without management, heathland quickly returns to scrub and young woodland, and the habitat value declines. We have been restoring our heathlands by felling young trees and bringing back grazing animals. This helps to keep them open and encourages a greater diversity of species.

There is more information in our heathland fact sheet and on our website.



Help keep the reserves special

Burnham Beeches and Stoke Common is a registered charitable trust, funded almost exclusively from private sources. Looking after the ancient trees, habitats, livestock, footpath networks, ponds, providing and emptying litter and dog waste bins all requires considerable financial resources.

Donate

All the money from parking charges, donations or legacies in wills funds work on the reserves. Donations can be made via our website or through the donations boxes at Burnham Beeches.



Volunteer

Volunteers help with practical projects, providing information, office work or ecological monitoring as well as acting as 'eyes and ears' on the ground.



Our weekday volunteers carry out practical work every Thursday from 9am – 4pm. Weekend tasks at the Beeches and Stoke Common usually run from 10am – 3pm.

For more information about the Friends of Stoke Common contact friendsofstokecommon@gmail.com



We provide all tools, work gloves and the all-important tea/coffee and biscuits.

See the events and volunteering programme pages 26-41 for details.

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Events and volunteering





Guide to events

The following pages list our walks, events and volunteer tasks for 2026. **Booking will only be taken four weeks before an event.** Not all our events are on the nature reserves - why not try one of our 'Wild Walks' which explore some of the other beautiful green spaces nearby. In addition to those listed, look out for 'pop up' events which will be advertised locally and on social media.

Booking an event: No booking is required for Simply Walk events. For all other events please visit www.eventbrite.co.uk. Most events are free, but any donations received will directly help support work on the reserve.

In some circumstances, e.g. poor weather, we may cancel events. We will give as much notice as possible – check our social media (see link on page 42) or call 01753 647358. We are sorry but if an event is cancelled, we are unable to return any donations made but we will make every effort to reschedule.

Waggy walks is a series of dog walks of varied lengths, both on and off Burnham Beeches, that are a great chance for dogs to socialise (and their owners of course!). All well-behaved dogs and owners are welcome! The walks can include on, and off-lead areas so always bring a lead. Tasty dog treats will be provided.


Simply Walk is organised in association with Buckinghamshire County Council and the free one-hour walks start from the café: Wednesday walks start at 11am; Sunday walks start at 2.30pm. Walkers should arrive 15 minutes beforehand. Contact the Burnham Beeches office or Fiona Broadbent (**01494 475637**) for more information.

***New for 2026*: Junior Rangers.** Join us to learn how to care for one of the UK's most loved National Nature Reserves! Aimed at 11-18 years old, this 'hands-on' program runs across 12 sessions throughout the year at both reserves. Activities are based on real Ranger tasks, such as habitat management and surveys, adapted to be fun, safe, and age appropriate. No two sessions are the same! Booking required via Eventbrite. Under 16's must be accompanied by responsible adult.

January

VOLUNTEER	Friends of Stoke Common 
	Saturday 3 January, 10am - 3pm
WALK	Simply Walk 
	Wednesday 14 January, 11am - 12noon
VOLUNTEER	Junior Rangers 
	Sunday 18 January, 10am - 1pm
	<i>Booking required. Under 16s must be accompanied by a responsible adult.</i>
VOLUNTEER	Burnham Beeches volunteers 
	Sunday 18 January, 10am - 3pm
WALK	Simply Walk 
	Sunday 18 January, 2.30pm - 3.30pm
WALK	Waggy Walks 
	Sunday 25 January, 9am - 10.30am
	It's the first Waggy Walk of 2026! Join us and fellow dog walkers on a free, 1 ½ hour walk to explore Burnham Beeches and its wildlife. <i>Booking required.</i>

February

VOLUNTEER	Junior Rangers 
	Saturday 7 February, 10am - 1pm
	<i>Booking required. Under 16s must be accompanied by a responsible adult.</i>

VOLUNTEER	<h2>Friends of Stoke Common</h2> <p>Saturday 7 February, 10am - 3pm</p> 
WALK	<h2>Simply Walk</h2> <p>Wednesday 11 February, 11am - 12noon</p> 
WALK	<h2>Simply Walk</h2> <p>Sunday 15 February, 2.30pm - 3.30pm</p> 
VOLUNTEER	<h2>Junior Rangers</h2> <p>Wednesday 18 February, 10am - 1pm</p> <p><i>Booking required. Under 16s must be accompanied by a responsible adult.</i></p> 
FAMILY FUN	<h2>Meet the Ranger: build a bird box</h2> <p>Thursday 19 February, 10am - 1pm</p> <p>Want to give nature a helping hand? Join us for a hands-on workshop and learn how to build and decorate your very own bird box. Discover which birds might move in, the best place to put your box, and how you can make your garden more wildlife friendly. <i>Booking required. £10 per bird box.</i></p> 
WALK	<h2>Waggy Walks go Wild: five farms</h2> <p>Friday 20 February, 9am - 10.30am</p> <p>Join us for a scenic 1 ½ hour guided Waggy Walk through woodlands, farms and hidden trails! Starting at the former Jolly Woodman pub, we'll be passing through five working farms, including the well-known Odds Farm and the duck-filled Hicknaham Farm. <i>Booking required.</i></p> 
WALK	<h2>Wild walks: Upton Court Park to Windsor Circular</h2> <p>Saturday 21 February, 10am - 12.30pm</p> <p>You won't believe how easy it is to get to Windsor from Slough on this 7km route. Along the way we'll join up with the Thames Path, see Windsor Castle and the historic village of Eton. Well behaved dogs are welcome but please bring a lead. <i>Booking required.</i></p> 
VOLUNTEER	<h2>Burnham Beeches volunteers</h2> <p>Sunday 22 February, 10am - 3pm</p> 

WALK

Simply Walk



Sunday 22 February, 2.30pm - 3.30pm

March

WALK

Winter tree ID



Sunday 1 March, 10am - 12.30pm

Join one of the Rangers on this gentle stroll around the reserve to learn how to tell one tree from another when their leaves are off. *Booking required.* Suggested donation £4.

VOLUNTEER

Junior Rangers



Saturday 7 March, 10am - 1pm

Booking required. Under 16s must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

VOLUNTEER

Friends of Stoke Common



Saturday 7 March, 10am - 3pm

WALK

Simply Walk



Wednesday 11 March, 11am - 12noon

VOLUNTEER

Burnham Beeches volunteers



Sunday 15 March, 10am - 3pm

WALK

Simply Walk



Sunday 15 March, 2.30pm - 3.30pm

WALK

Wild Walks: nature in the heart of Slough



Saturday 28 March, 10am - 12.30pm

This 9km route links up some of the best green spaces in Slough and will give us plenty of opportunities to spot wildlife and marvel at the stunning waterways and parks in the heart of town. Well behaved dogs welcome but please bring a lead.









VOLUNTEER

Junior Rangers



Saturday 28 March, 10am - 1pm

Booking required. Under 16s must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

VOLUNTEER	<h2>Friends of Stoke Common</h2> <p>Saturday 28 March, 10am - 3pm</p> 
FAMILY FUN	<h2>Woodland Explorers: waking the Wildlings</h2> <p>Saturday 28 March - Sunday 12 April</p> <p>Spring is stirring and the Beeches are waking. Pick up your trail leaflet from the Burnham Beeches Information Point and set off on an adventure through the reserve to spot the signs of nature's return. <i>Bring a pencil!</i> Suggested donation £3 per leaflet.</p> 
WALK	<h2>Waggy Walks</h2> <p>Sunday 29 March, 9am - 10am</p> <p>Join us and fellow dog walkers on a free, 1 hour walk to explore Burnham Beeches and its wildlife. <i>Booking required.</i></p> 
<h1>April</h1>	
WALK	<h2>Simply Walk</h2> <p>Wednesday 8 April, 11am - 12noon</p> 
WALK	<h2>An introduction to Burnham Beeches</h2> <p>Sunday 12 April, 2pm - 3.30pm</p> <p>Join one of the Rangers on this introductory tour to discover what make this beautiful nature reserve so special. <i>Booking required.</i> Suggested donation £4.</p> 
EVENT	<h2>Meet the Ranger and the reptiles</h2> <p>Sunday 19 April, 10am - 12noon</p> <p>One of the Rangers will be near the café with some of the reptiles and amphibians that can be found on the reserves. <i>No booking required.</i></p> 
VOLUNTEER	<h2>Burnham Beeches volunteers</h2> <p>Sunday 19 April, 10am - 3pm</p> 
WALK	<h2>Simply Walk</h2> <p>Sunday 19 April, 2.30pm - 3.30pm</p> 

The secret world of trees



Saturday 25 April, 10am - 1pm

WALK

Did you know trees can communicate with each other, share nutrients with unhealthy neighbours and even defend each other from incoming attacks? Discover the wondrous processes of life, death and rejuvenation in the woodland on this morning tour of the Beeches. *Booking required.* Suggested donation £4.

Waggy Walks



Sunday 26 April, 9am - 10am

WALK

Join us and fellow dog walkers on a free, 1 hour walk to explore Burnham Beeches and its wildlife. *Booking required.*

May

Junior Rangers



Saturday 2 May, 10am - 1pm

VOLUNTEER

Booking required. Under 16s must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Friends of Stoke Common



Saturday 2 May, 10am - 3pm

VOLUNTEER

Wild Walks: Gerrards Cross to Hedgerley



Saturday 9 May, 10am - 12.30pm

WALK

This lovely 9.5km circular route begins at Gerrards Cross Station and explores a lovely mix of town, woodland, countryside views, and historic landmarks to Hedgerley. This walk is perfect for an adventure starting and ending by train! Well-behaved dogs are welcome but please bring a lead. *Booking required.*









Meet the Ranger and the reptiles




Sunday 10 May, 2pm - 4pm


EVENT

One of the Rangers will be near the café with some of the reptiles and amphibians that can be found on the reserves. *No booking required.*

WALK	<h3>Simply Walk</h3> <p>Wednesday 13 May, 11am - 12noon</p> 
VOLUNTEER	<h3>Burnham Beeches volunteers</h3> <p>Sunday 17 May, 10am - 3pm</p> 
WALK	<h3>Simply Walk</h3> <p>Sunday 17 May, 2.30pm - 3.30pm</p> 
FAMILY FUN	<h3>Meet the Ranger: tremendous trees</h3> <p>Wednesday 27 May, 12noon - 2pm</p> <p>Join one of our knowledgeable Rangers by the café for some fun, interactive games to learn about the trees of Burnham Beeches and how important they are for the wildlife that lives here. <i>No booking required.</i></p> 
WALK	<h3>Waggy Walks go wild: Burnham Parish Council Chairman's walk</h3> <p>Friday 29 May, 9am - 10am</p> <p>Starting at the Blackwood Arms, this 4km circular Waggy Walk is going wild, taking us through idyllic fields and woodland paths. <i>Booking required.</i></p> 
<h2>June</h2>	
VOLUNTEER	<h3>Friends of Stoke Common</h3> <p>Saturday 6 June, 10am - 3pm</p> 
WALK	<h3>Simply Walk</h3> <p>Wednesday 10 June, 11am - 12noon</p> 
WALK	<h3>Burnham Beeches at war</h3> <p>Sunday 14 June, 2pm - 4.30pm</p> <p>Burnham Beeches played a vital role in the marshalling of military vehicles in preparation for the D-Day landings. Join one of the Rangers to discover more about how this ancient woodland became a military camp. <i>Booking required.</i> Suggested donation £4.</p> 




VOLUNTEER | **Burnham Beeches volunteers** 
 Sunday 21 June, 10am - 3pm

WALK | **Simply Walk** 
 Sunday 21 June, 2.30pm - 3.30pm

WALK | **Wild Walks: Langley and Colne Valley** 
 Saturday 27 June, 10am - 2pm


Join one of the Rangers for an 8.5km ramble that takes in part of the Grand Union Canal, joins up with the Colne Valley Trail and cuts through Langley Park. Well behaved dogs are welcome but please bring a lead. *Booking required.*


WALK | **Waggy Walks** 
 Sunday 28 June, 9am - 10am


Join us and fellow dog walkers on a free, 1 hour walk to explore Burnham Beeches and its wildlife. *Booking required.*

July

VOLUNTEER | **Friends of Stoke Common** 
 Saturday 4 July, 10am - 3pm

WALK | **Simply Walk** 
 Wednesday 8 July, 11am - 12noon

VOLUNTEER | **Burnham Beeches volunteers** 
 Sunday 19 July, 10am - 3pm

WALK | **Simply Walk** 
 Sunday 19 July, 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Woodland Explorers: walk with the Wildlings



Thursday 23 July - Tuesday 1 September

FAMILY FUN

This summer explore the wild side of Burnham Beeches. Pick up your trail leaflet from the Burnham Beeches Information Point and set off to meet the Wildlings - the wild residents that make their homes amongst the ancient trees. Discover their stories, learn how to protect their habitats, and see the reserve through their eyes. *Bring a pencil!* Suggested donation £3 per leaflet.

Wild Walks: wander to Wooburn Green



Saturday 25 July, 10am - 12.30pm

WALK

Let's wander to Wooburn Green! This circular route is just under 10km and is full of variety, nature, and local charm – perfect for walkers of all levels looking to explore new corners of the local countryside. Well-behaved dogs are welcome but please bring a lead. *Booking required.*

Waggy Walks



Sunday 26 July, 9am - 10am

WALK

Join us and fellow dog walkers on a free 1 hour walk to explore Burnham Beeches and its wildlife. *Booking required.*

Be a Wildling for a day



Tuesday 28 July, 10am - 12noon

FAMILY FUN

Let your imagination run wild! Discover Burnham Beeches through stories and art. Children aged 5 – 10 years old can enjoy a tale told by our Rangers, then bring the adventure to life with their own artwork, that will be displayed on the reserve. *Children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times. Booking required.* Suggested donation £3.

Junior Rangers



Wednesday 29 July, 10am - 1pm

VOLUNTEER

Booking required. Under 16s must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Meet the Ranger and the Wildlings



Friday 31 July, 10am - 12noon

FAMILY FUN

Ever wondered who the Wildlings really are? Join our Rangers for a fascinating show-and-tell where you'll meet some of Burnham Beeches' wild residents. From tiny insects to birds and mammals, get up close with living residents and taxidermy specimens as you learn about their habitats, behaviours and how you can help protect them. *No booking required.*

August

VOLUNTEER

Friends of Stoke Common



Saturday 1 August, 10am - 3pm

Be a Wildling for a day



Tuesday 4 August, 2pm - 4pm

FAMILY FUN

Let your imagination run wild! Discover Burnham Beeches through stories and art. Children aged 5 – 10 years old can enjoy a tale told by our Rangers, then bring the adventure to life with their own artwork, that will be displayed on the reserve. *Children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times. Booking required. Suggested donation £3.*

VOLUNTEER

Junior Rangers



Wednesday 5 August, 10am - 1pm

Booking required. Under 16s must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Meet the Ranger and the Wildlings



Thursday 6 August, 10am - 12noon

FAMILY FUN

Ever wondered who the Wildlings really are? Join our Rangers for a fascinating show-and-tell where you'll meet some of Burnham Beeches' wild residents. From tiny insects to birds and mammals, get up close with living residents and taxidermy specimens as you learn about their habitats, behaviours and how you can help protect them. *No booking required.*

Wild Walks: Mircean Way to the Thames and Dorney Common



Saturday 8 August, 9.30am - 2.30pm

WALK

This 14.5km walking route is a longer one, so please bring some lunch. Along the way we'll see some brilliant grassland and wetland nature reserves, walk along the river Thames and see Dorney Common. Well-behaved dogs are welcome but please bring a lead. *Booking required.*

Simply Walk



Wednesday 12 August, 11am - 12noon

WALK

Meet the Ranger and the bugs and beasties



Sunday 16 August, 2pm - 4pm

EVENT

One of the Rangers will be near the café to answer any questions that you may have about this beautiful nature reserve. *No booking required.*

Simply Walk



Sunday 16 August, 2.30pm - 3.30pm

WALK

Wild Walks: Burnham Parish Council Chairman's Walk



Wednesday 19 August, 10am - 11am

WALK

Join us on this 4km circular route through Littleworth Common from the Blackwood Arms - it's a lovely way to explore the local area! Well-behaved dogs are welcome but please bring a lead. *Booking required.*



WALK

Waggy Walks: special session



Friday 21 August, 10am - 2pm

Join us for an exciting edition of Waggy Walks as we welcome a special guest to teach us some new tricks. *Booking required.*

WALK

On location - FILMS



Sunday 30 August, 2pm - 4pm

Join us on a 2 hour guided tour of one of the most popular film locations in the country to see where Harry Potter, Robin Hood and James Bond were filmed. *Booking required.* Cost £4.

September

WALK

Be a bat detective



Friday 4 September, 7pm - 8.30pm

As the sun sets over Burnham Beeches, join our Rangers on a twilight adventure to uncover the secret lives of bats. Learn to use a bat detector to hear bats' hidden calls and discover why these night-time hunters are so important. Perfect for curious little ones (must be accompanied). Don't forget to bring a torch. *Booking required.* Suggested donation £4.

VOLUNTEER

Friends of Stoke Common



Saturday 5 September, 10am - 3pm

WALK

Simply Walk



Wednesday 9 September, 11am - 12noon

WALK

On location - TV



Sunday 13 September, 2pm - 4.30pm

Join us on this 2 ½ hour, guided tour to see where New Tricks, Waking the Dead, Midsomer Murders, The Professionals, The Persuaders, The Saint and Minder were filmed. *Booking required.* Cost £4.












VOLUNTEER

Junior Rangers



Sunday 20 September, 10am - 1pm

Booking required. Under 16s must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

VOLUNTEER	Burnham Beeches volunteers 
	Sunday 20 September, 10am - 3pm
WALK	Simply Walk 
	Sunday 20 September, 2.30pm - 3.30pm
WALK	Waggy Walks 
	Sunday 27 September, 9am - 10am
	Join us and fellow dog walkers on a free, 1 hour walk to explore Burnham Beeches and its wildlife. <i>Booking required.</i>
<h2>October</h2>	
VOLUNTEER	Junior Rangers 
	Saturday 3 October, 10am - 1pm
	<i>Booking required. Under 16s must be accompanied by a responsible adult.</i>
VOLUNTEER	Friends of Stoke Common 
	Saturday 3 October, 10am - 3pm
WALK	Simply Walk 
	Wednesday 14 October, 11am - 12noon
VOLUNTEER	Burnham Beeches volunteers 
	Sunday 18 October, 10am - 3pm
WALK	Simply Walk 
	Sunday 18 October, 2.30pm - 3.30pm
EVENT	Meet the Ranger: fascinating fungi   
	Tuesday 27 October, 12noon - 2pm
	It's time to enter the vast world of fungi! From their peculiar feeding mechanisms to fungus wars, there is definitely plenty to learn about, so meet our Community Engagement Rangers at the café. They'll even show you some of the species found here at Burnham Beeches. <i>No booking required.</i>

VOLUNTEER

Junior Rangers



Wednesday 28 October, 10am - 1pm

Booking required. Under 16s must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

WALK

Waggy Walks go wild: beyond the Beeches



Friday 30 October, 9am - 10.30am

It's spooky season so bring your dog's best Halloween costume and let's go wild! You and your dog can expect peaceful woodlands, occasional muddy patches and glimpses of local wildlife. Walk starts at the Blackwood Arms. *Booking required.*

FAMILY FUN

Meet the Ranger: Wildlings create



Friday 30 October, 12noon - 2pm

Join our Rangers for a burst of creativity in the heart of Burnham Beeches. Take part in a fun, hands-on art workshop at the café where you'll design and create your own wild artwork inspired by the reserve. Learn about the reserve and express what wild means to you through colour, texture and imagination. *No booking required.*

WALK

Wild Walks: Taplow, the Thames and Cookham



Friday 30 October, 9.30am - 1.30pm

Join us for one of the best local strolls to admire the autumn colours as they reach their peak. Along the way, be sure to keep your eyes peeled for the local wildlife, as well as some incredible riverside houses and we may even have time to visit a country pub in the historic village of Cookham. Well behaved dogs are welcome but please bring a lead. *Booking required.*



November

The ancient trees of Burnham Beeches



Sunday 1 November, 2pm - 4pm

WALK

Our old trees have fantastic tales to tell, as do the Rangers! Join one of the Rangers to discover how and why the ancient pollards were created and what we are doing to keep them alive. *Booking required.* Suggested donation £4.

Junior Rangers



Saturday 7 November, 10am - 1pm

VOLUNTEER

Booking required. Under 16s must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Friends of Stoke Common



Saturday 7 November, 10am - 3pm

VOLUNTEER

Simply Walk



Wednesday 11 November, 11am - 12noon

WALK

Burnham Beeches volunteers



Sunday 15 November, 10am - 3pm

VOLUNTEER

Simply Walk



Sunday 15 November, 2.30pm - 3.30pm

WALK

Make your own Christmas wreath



Saturday 28 November (morning)

EVENT

There's something about a homemade decoration, especially at Christmas. Come and have a go at creating your very own Christmas wreath to impress your friends and neighbours, at one of our 1-hour sessions. *Booking required.* Cost £20 per wreath.



WALK

Waggy Walks go wild: wander to Wooburn Green



Sunday 29 November, 9am - 11.30am

Waggy Walks is wandering to Wooburn Green! This circular route is just under 10km and is full of variety, nature, and local charm – perfect for walkers and their dogs to explore new corners of the countryside. *Booking required.*

December

WALK

Simply Walk



Wednesday 9 December, 11am - 12noon

VOLUNTEER

Burnham Beeches and Friends of Stoke Common volunteers



Saturday 12 December, 10am - 3pm

FAMILY FUN

Woodland Explorers: walk with the Wildlings



Saturday 19 December - Sunday 3 January

Winter has arrived and the Wildlings are settling down for a long rest. Pick up your trail leaflet from the Burnham Beeches Information Point to discover where the Wildlings hibernate. Learn how animals survive cold months, and why it's important not to disturb them. *Bring a pencil!* Suggested donation £3 per leaflet.

WALK

Waggy Walks



Sunday 20 December, 9am - 10.30am

Tis' the season so join us and fellow dog walkers for the last Waggy Walk of 2026 at Burnham Beeches! Bring your best Christmas jumpers! *Booking required.*





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- The Commons, comprising four separate, registered charities, relies on the public for income and donations to protect 800 hectares of outstanding environments attracting 2.5 million visits annually.
- We receive more than £2.5m from the City of London Corporation to protect The Commons which stretch from Burnham Beeches and Stoke Common in Buckinghamshire to the borders of South London, Croydon and Surrey.
- We now need to do more to protect these important sites for wildlife and visitors and include Sites of Special Scientific Interest, historic landscapes and scheduled monuments.



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The money from parking charges, donations or legacies in wills funds work on the reserves. Donations can be made via our website or through the parking machines and donations boxes at Burnham Beeches.

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