



Lower Moor

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Lower Moor is a 126.18 hectare nature reserve complex, situated near Oaksey in North Wiltshire.

The complex consists of three lakes, two brooks, ponds and wetland scrapes linked together by boardwalks, ancient hedges, woodland and meadows.

The lakes were created by gravel extraction in the 1970s. Today, look out for large populations of wildfowl which swim in the lakes including great crested grebe, teal, shoveler duck and goosander.

You can enjoy the birdlife from hides at Swallow Pool and Cottage Lake – the latter is accessible for wheelchairs and pushchairs. Water voles and otters use the Flagham Brook.

On sunny days see if you can spot the emperor, southern hawk and downy emerald dragonflies.

At Clattinger Farm, the UK's finest remaining example of enclosed lowland grassland can be seen. It is a Site of Special Scientific Interest for its fabulous wildflowers and is part of a Special Area of Conservation.

It is rich in wildlife because previous owners farmed the land traditionally without artificial fertilisers. We bought it in 1996.

Come in late April to see thousands of delicately patterned snakeshead fritillaries.

Walk through the meadows in June to see wildflowers such as meadow saffron, tubular water-dropwort, orchids and downy-fruited sedge - a Red Data Book plant.

In winter, wading birds such as teal, lapwing and snipe forage on the wet meadows.

Our vision is to create a county rich in wildlife and help people live sustainable lifestyles that protect the environment for the benefit of everyone. We have over 20,000 members, look after 40 nature reserves, are supported by hundreds of volunteers, and work with local communities, schools, businesses and public bodies to achieve our aims.

We hope that you have had a good trip to Lower Moor.

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Thank you for visiting Lower Moor.