



Burnham Beeches & Stoke Common

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Guide and Events Diary 2024

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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 4.30 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. Parking is available in several large bays on your left.

There is no postcode for the Main Common/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 - 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 around 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.

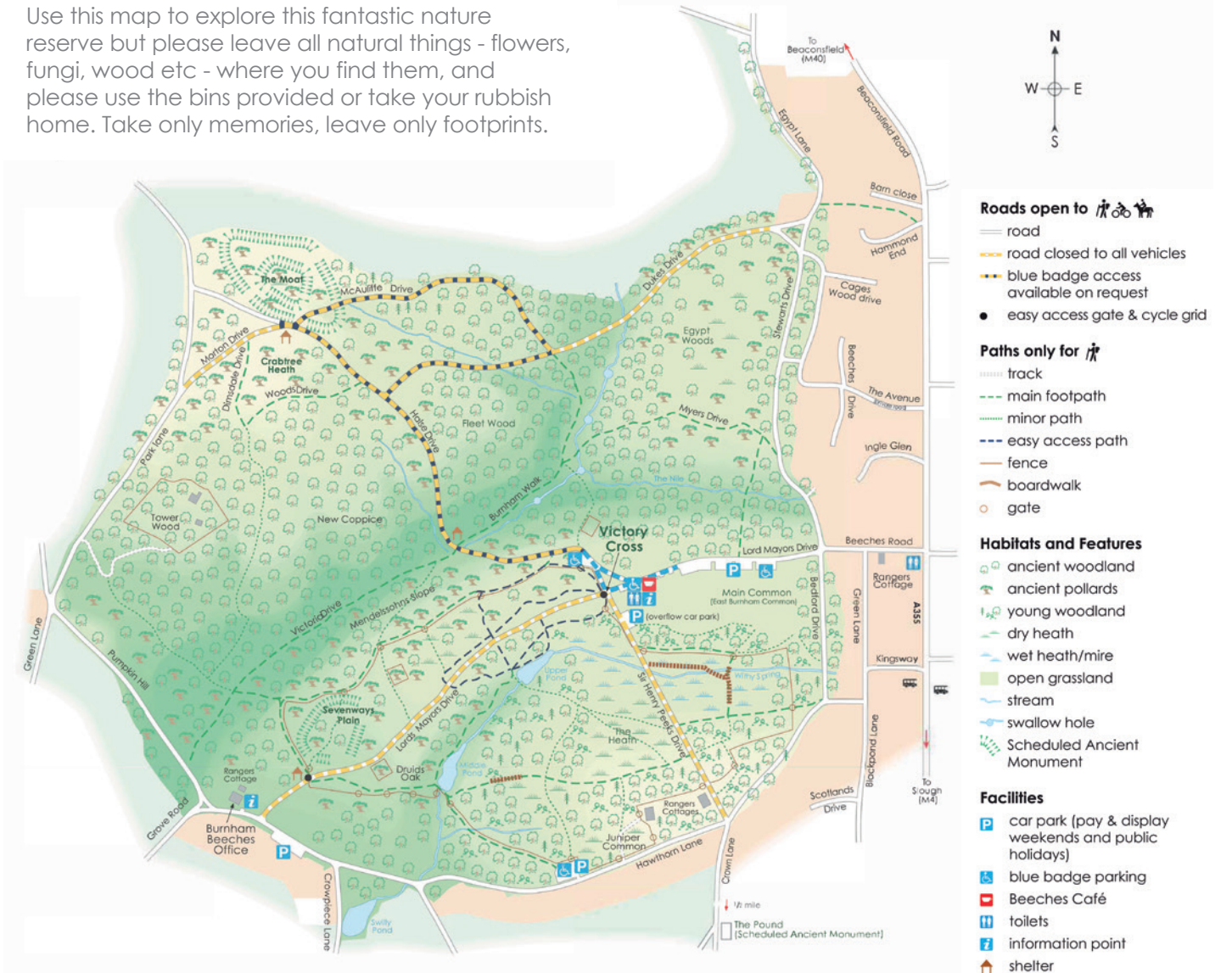
#GrazingItsAmazing

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.



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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.

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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 26-37 for details.

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Events and volunteering





Guide to events



The following pages list our walks, events and volunteer tasks for 2024. **Bookings will only be taken four weeks before an event; full details of meeting points and times are given when booking.** Bookings for all events except Simply Walk taken at **www.eventbrite.co.uk**. Most events are free but any donations received will directly help support work on the reserve.

Not all our events are on the nature reserves – look out for ‘Beyond the Beeches’ events which explore some of the other beautiful green spaces nearby. In addition to the events listed, we will have ‘pop up’ events highlighting how and why we care for the nature reserve; these will be advertised locally and on social media.

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 38) or call 01753 647358. We are sorry but if an event is cancelled, we are unable to return any donations made. However, we will make every effort to reschedule.

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

January

VOLUNTEER	Friends of Stoke Common	
	Saturday 6 January, 10am - 3pm	
WALK	Waggy Walks	
	Sunday 7 January, 2pm - 4pm	
WALK	Join us and fellow dog walkers on a free, two hour walk to explore Burnham Beeches and its wildlife. All well-behaved dogs and owners are welcome! It's a great chance for dogs to socialise (and their owners of course!). Please bring a lead. Tasty dog treats will be provided. <i>Booking required.</i>	
	Simply Walk	
VOLUNTEER	Wednesday 10 January, 11am - 12noon	
	Meet at the café at 10.45am.	
VOLUNTEER	Burnham Beeches volunteers	
	Sunday 21 January, 10am - 3pm	
WALK	An introduction to Burnham Beeches	
	Saturday 27 January, 11.30 - 1pm	
WALK	Join one of the Rangers on this introductory tour to discover exactly what makes this incredible nature reserve such an amazing place. Suggested donation £3. <i>Booking required.</i>	

February

VOLUNTEER	Friends of Stoke Common	  
	Saturday 3 February, 10am - 3pm	
EVENT	Meet the Ranger: building for birds	
	Sunday 11 February, 12noon - 1pm	
EVENT	Meet our community engagement Rangers by the café during National Nestbox Week, to learn about the importance of Burnham Beeches and ancient woodland for birds <i>and</i> to discover ways to support birds in your garden.	

FAMILY FUN

Woodland Explorers: craft club



Monday 12 February, 10.30am - 1pm

See what woodland inspired, creative crafting the Rangers have in store in this fun family event. Suggested donation £2.

FAMILY FUN

Woodland Explorers: craft club



Tuesday 13 February, 10.30am - 1pm

See what woodland inspired, creative crafting the Rangers have in store in this fun family event. Suggested donation £2.

WALK

Simply Walk

Wednesday 14 February, 11am - 12noon

Meet at the café at 10.45am.

VOLUNTEER

Burnham Beeches volunteers

Sunday 18 February, 10am - 3pm

March

VOLUNTEER

Friends of Stoke Common

Saturday 2 March, 10am - 3pm




WALK

Simply Walk

Wednesday 13 March, 11am - 12noon





Meet at the café at 10.45am



VOLUNTEER	Burnham Beeches volunteers
	Sunday 17 March, 10am - 3pm
VOLUNTEER	Friends of Stoke Common
	Saturday 23 March, 10am - 3pm
FAMILY FUN	Woodland Explorers: Easter egg hunt 
	Saturday 23 March - Monday 1 April
	We've hidden some 'Easter eggs' in the woods and your task is to find them. Get your trail leaflet from the Burnham Beeches café and see if you can find the eggs and solve the puzzles on the trail. A small chocolate treat awaits when you return. Cost £3. <i>Bring a pencil.</i>
WALK	Lore of the forest 
	Sunday 24 March, 10.30am - 1pm
	From druidic practices under mighty Oaks to the Scandinavian idolisation of the Tree of Life, delve into some of the fascinating stories that have been told in woodlands throughout the ages on this two and a half hour amble around the National Nature Reserve. Suggested donation £3. <i>Booking required.</i>
<h1>April</h1>	
WALK	Simply Walk
	Wednesday 10 April, 11am - 12noon
	Meet at the café at 10.45am.
EVENT	Meet the Ranger and the reptiles 
	Sunday 14 April, 2pm - 4pm
	One of the Rangers will be near the café with some of the reptiles and amphibians that can be found on the reserves.
VOLUNTEER	Burnham Beeches volunteers
	Sunday 21 April, 10am - 3pm

WALK	<h3>Waggy Walks</h3> 
	<p>Saturday 27 April, 11am - 1pm</p> <p>Getting a bit bored of the same old scenery on your dog walk? Join us on a two hour adventure to Cocksherd Wood through to Haymill Valley nature reserve (where plenty of tennis balls can be thrown). There will be loads to keep you and your dog interested. All well-behaved dogs and owners are welcome! Please bring a lead. Tasty dog treats will be provided. <i>Booking required.</i></p>
EVENT	<h3>Meet the Ranger: ‘not so rotten’</h3>    
	<p>Sunday 28 April, 12noon - 1pm</p> <p>Wonder why there is so much decaying wood at the Beeches? Join our Community Engagement Rangers to find out why and learn about its importance for wildlife on the nature reserve. There will be ancient trees and decaying wood treasures to show you too!</p>

May

VOLUNTEER	<h3>Friends of Stoke Common</h3>
	<p>Saturday 4 May, 10am - 3pm</p>
EVENT	<h3>Meet the Ranger and the reptiles</h3>    
	<p>Sunday 5 May, 2pm - 4pm</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.</p>
WALK	<h3>Simply Walk</h3>
	<p>Wednesday 8 May, 11am - 12noon</p> <p>Meet at the café at 10.45am.</p>
WALK	<h3>Beyond the Beeches: Gerrards Cross to Stoke Common</h3> 
	<p>Saturday 11 May, 10am - 12/12.30pm</p> <p>There are some fantastic walks to be had using the great network of public footpaths all around Burnham Beeches. Join us on this 6.5km walk from Gerrards Cross Station to Stoke Common, returning on the bus (don't forget to bring your fare for the return journey!) <i>Booking required.</i></p>

VOLUNTEER	Burnham Beeches volunteers
	Sunday 19 May, 10am - 3pm
FAMILY FUN	Woodland Explorers: half term trail 
	Saturday 25 May - Sunday 2 June
Unleash the explorer in you with our half term trail and activity booklet. Aimed at explorers up to age 12. Pick up your copy from our Information Point and guide yourself along the route. Suggested donation £2. <i>Bring a pencil.</i>	

June

VOLUNTEER	Friends of Stoke Common
	Saturday 1 June, 10am - 3pm
WALK	Burnham Beeches at war 
	Sunday 9 June, 10.30am - 1pm
Join us to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day and discover the vital role played by this ancient woodland in the preparations for the landings. Suggested donation £3. <i>Booking required.</i>	
WALK	Sensory walk 
	Sunday 16 June, 11am - 1pm
Take some time out and tune into nature on a short, gentle stroll in the Beeches using all your senses. Bring a cushion or something to sit on. <i>Booking required.</i>	
VOLUNTEER	Burnham Beeches volunteers
	Sunday 23 June, 10am - 3pm
WALK	What's buzzing in the Beeches? 
	Wednesday 26 June, 5pm - 7pm
Do you know your bumble from your honeybee? Join the Rangers and Jonathan Jones to discover the pollinating insects of the reserve and the plants that they love. Find out about the threats to bees and other insects and how to encourage them in your own garden. A walk aimed at families and suitable for all ages. <i>Booking required.</i>	

July

VOLUNTEER	Friends of Stoke Common <hr/> Saturday 6 July, 10am - 3pm <hr/>
	The secret world of trees  <hr/> Sunday 7 July, 10.30am - 1pm <hr/>
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. Suggested donation £3. <i>Booking required.</i>
WALK	Simply Walk <hr/> Wednesday 10 July, 11am - 12noon <hr/> <p>Meet at the café at 10.45am.</p>
WALK	On location - FILMS  <hr/> Sunday 14 July, 2pm - 4pm <hr/>
	Join us on a two-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. Cost £3. <i>Booking required.</i>
VOLUNTEER	Burnham Beeches volunteers <hr/> Sunday 21 July, 10am - 3pm <hr/>
	Woodland Explorers: woodland safari trail  <hr/> Wednesday 24 July - Tuesday 3 September <hr/>
FAMILY FUN	What creatures can you see on your journey around the Beeches? Unleash the explorer in you and discover some of the native creatures that live amongst the ancient trees with our trail and activity booklet for the summer holidays. Aimed at explorers up to age 12. Pick up your copy from our Information Point and guide yourself along the route. Suggested donation £2. <i>Bring a pencil.</i>

Waggy Walks



Sunday 28 July, 4pm - 6pm

WALK

Join us and fellow dog walkers on a free, two hour walk to explore Burnham Beeches and its wildlife. All well-behaved dogs and owners are welcome. It's a great chance for dogs to socialise (and their owners of course!). Please bring a lead. Tasty dog treats will be provided. *Booking required.*

August

VOLUNTEER

Friends of Stoke Common

Saturday 3 August, 10am - 3pm

Beyond the Beeches: Stoke Common and Brockhurst Wood



Saturday 10 August, 10am - 12.30/1pm

WALK

Explore more great walking routes along the public rights of way between Burnham Beeches and Stoke Common. A circular 9km route. Well-behaved dogs are welcome but please bring a lead. *Booking required.*

Simply Walk

Wednesday 14 August, 11am - 12noon

WALK

Meet at the café at 10.45am.

Creatures of the night



Wednesday 21 August, 8.30pm - 10.30pm

WALK

A two-hour walk to track down things that go bump, squeak and squawk in the night. Even if the wildlife is elusive, exploring their habitat in the dark should make this a memorable night. This event is weather dependant. Remember to bring a torch. Suggested donation £3. *Booking required.*



September

Willow sculpting workshop



Sunday 1 September, morning and afternoon sessions

Feeling creative? Join the team and local artist Gina Martin and learn how to sculpt in willow. At the end of the hour and a half session you will have produced your very own willow dragonfly. No experience necessary. All materials and equipment supplied. Cost £20. *Booking required.*



Friends of Stoke Common

Saturday 7 September, 10am - 3pm

Simply Walk

Wednesday 11 September, 11am - 12noon

Meet at the café at 10.45am.

Beyond the Beeches: Burnham to Cocksherd Wood



Sunday 15 September, 11am - 12noon

Fancy walking through the meadows, grassland and two beautiful nature reserves with fantastic woodland? Yes? Then meet one of the Rangers at Burnham Train Station to set off on this 4km walk and explore Haymill Valley Nature Reserve, Lammas Meadow, Lynch Hill and Cocksherd Wood. Well-behaved dogs are welcome but please bring a lead. *Booking required.*

VOLUNTEER	Burnham Beeches volunteers
	Sunday 22 September, 10am - 3pm
WALK	On location - TV 
	Sunday 29 September, 2pm - 4pm
	Join us on this two-hour, guided tour to see where New Tricks, Waking the Dead, Midsomer Murders, The Professionals, The Persuaders, The Saint and Minder were filmed. Cost £3. <i>Booking required.</i>
<h1>October</h1>	
VOLUNTEER	Friends of Stoke Common
	Saturday 5 October, 10am - 3pm
EVENT	Meet the Ranger: fascinating fungi 
	Sunday 6 October, 12noon - 1pm
	From feeding mechanisms to fungus wars, there is plenty to learn about this vast kingdom. Meet our Community Engagement Rangers at the café and they'll show you some of the species found here and explain their importance for all ecosystems.
WALK	Simply Walk
	Wednesday 9 October, 11am - 12noon
	Meet at the café at 10.45am.
VOLUNTEER	Burnham Beeches volunteers
	Sunday 20 October, 10am - 3pm
FAMILY FUN	Woodland Explorers: Halloween trail 
	Saturday 26 October - Sunday 3 November
	Have fun this half term on our spooktacular Halloween trail. Get your trail leaflet from the Burnham Beeches café and set off to solve the puzzles on the route. Watch out for the creepy crawlies! A small treat awaits when you return. Cost £3. <i>Bring a pencil.</i>

WALK	<h2>Waggy Walks</h2> 
	<p>Sunday 27 October, 3pm - 5pm</p> <p>It's spooky season so bring your dog's best Halloween costume! Join us and fellow dog walkers on a free, 2 hour walk exploring green spaces near the Beeches. All well-behaved dogs and owners are welcome. It's a great chance for dogs to socialise (and their owners of course!). Please bring a lead. Tasty dog treats will be provided. <i>Booking required.</i></p>

November

VOLUNTEER	<h2>Friends of Stoke Common</h2>
	<p>Saturday 2 November, 10am - 3pm</p>
EVENT	<h2>Meet the Ranger and the bugs and beastsies</h2> 
	<p>Sunday 3 November, 2pm - 4pm</p> <p>One of the Rangers will be near the café to answer any questions that you may have about this beautiful nature reserve.</p>

WALK	<h2>An autumnal introduction to Burnham Beeches</h2> 
	<p>Wednesday 6 November, 11am - 12.30pm</p> <p>Hopefully the trees will still have their colour when you join one of the Rangers on this introductory tour to discover exactly what makes this wonderful nature reserve such an amazing place. Suggested donation £3. <i>Booking required.</i></p>

WALK	<h2>Simply Autumn Colours Walk</h2>
	<p>Wednesday 13 November, 11am - 12noon</p> <p>The colours should be at their best for our monthly Simply Walk, so why not join us for this gentle stroll around the nature reserve. No booking required. Meet at the café at 10.45am.</p>

WALK	<h2>The wonders of autumn - photography walk</h2> 
	<p>Saturday 16 November, 9.30am - 1.30pm</p> <p>Discover some of the best spots in Burnham Beeches for landscape photography as well as learning some tips and tricks to master settings, lights and composition on this mini workshop. Cost £10. <i>Booking required.</i></p>

VOLUNTEER	Burnham Beeches volunteers
	Sunday 17 November, 10am - 3pm
EVENT	Make your own Christmas wreath 
	Sunday 24 November, morning
WALK	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. Cost £20 per wreath. <i>Booking required.</i>
	Burnham Beeches' ancient trees 
WALK	Wednesday 27 November, 10.30am - 12.30pm
	Our old trees have fantastic tales to tell, as do the Rangers! It's National Tree Week so join this 2 hour walk to discover how and why the ancient pollards were created and what we are doing to keep them alive. Suggested donation £3. <i>Booking required.</i>

December

FAMILY FUN	Woodland Explorers: festive trail 
	Sunday 1 December - Tuesday 31 December
VOLUNTEER	Don your Christmas jumper and get yourself all festive on our seasonal trail. Get your trail leaflet from the café and set off to solve the puzzles on the route. A small chocolate treat awaits on your return. Fun for all ages! Cost £3. <i>Bring a pencil.</i>
	Friends of Stoke Common and Burnham Beeches volunteers
WALK	Saturday 7 December, 10am - 3pm
	Escape the pre-Christmas stress by joining the volunteers building our Christmas tree at Stoke Common.
WALK	Simply Walk
	Wednesday 11 December, 11am - 12noon
WALK	Meet at the café at 10.45am.



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- 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.
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