



Burnham Beeches & Stoke Common

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Guide and Events Diary 2025

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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. 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.

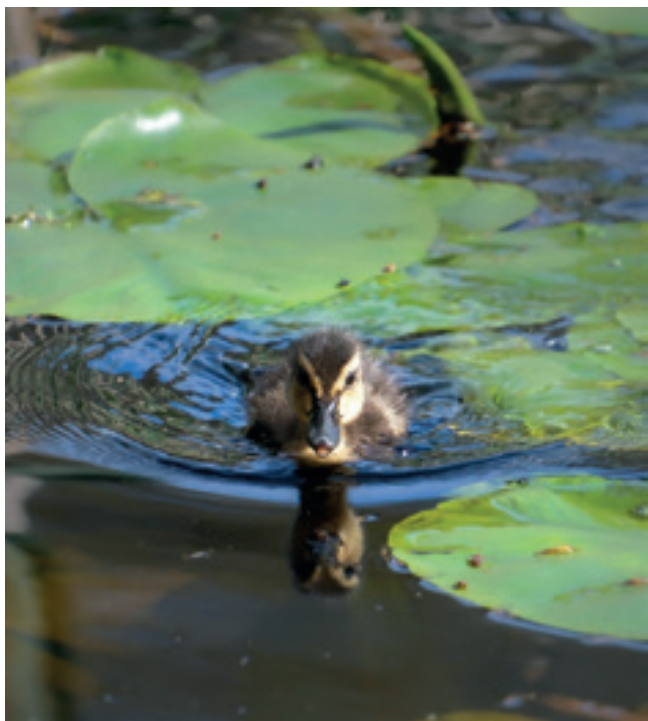
To prevent damage to the reserves and minimise litter on them, BBQs are not permitted at Burnham Beeches or Stoke Common.



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) Foulings: 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.

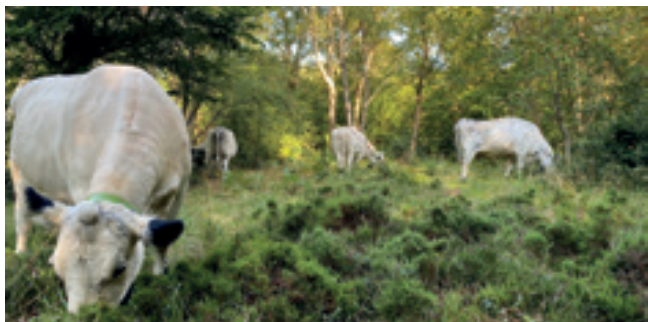


Dead or alive?

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.

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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 2025. **Bookings will only be taken four weeks before an event; full details of meeting points and times are given when booking.** Not all our events are on the nature reserves - why not try one of our 'Beyond the Beeches' events 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. However, we will make every effort to reschedule.

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. Walkers should arrive 15 minutes beforehand. Contact the Burnham Beeches office or Fiona Broadbent (**01494 475637**) for more information.

Forest Bathing is run independently by Elisabetta Murgia; join her for a sensory experience and woodland tea ceremony. These walks are opportunities to connect with nature on a mindful walk, engaging all your senses, helping to relax and restore your body and mind and improve your overall wellbeing.


Book at www.eventbrite.co.uk.

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January

- VOLUNTEER** | **Friends of Stoke Common**
 Saturday 4 January, 10am - 3pm
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- WALK** | **Simply Walk** 
 Wednesday 8 January, 11am - 12noon
 Meet at the café at 10.45am.
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- EVENT** | **Forest bathing with Elisabetta** 
 Friday 17 January, 10.30am - 12.30pm
Booking required. Cost £30.
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- VOLUNTEER** | **Burnham Beeches volunteers**
 Sunday 19 January, 10am - 3pm
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- WALK** | **Winter tree ID** 
 Saturday 25 January, 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 £3.
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- WALK** | **Waggy Walks - Burnham Beeches** 
 Sunday 26 January, 9am - 10am
 It's the first Waggy Walk of 2025! Join us and fellow dog walkers on a free, one 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.*

February

- VOLUNTEER** | **Friends of Stoke Common**
 Saturday 1 February, 10am - 3pm
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- EVENT** | **Forest bathing with Elisabetta** 
 Tuesday 11 February, 10.30am - 12.30pm
Booking required. Cost £30.

WALK

Simply Walk



Wednesday 12 February, 11am - 12noon

Meet at the café at 10.45am.

FAMILY FUN

Woodland Explorers: half term trail



Saturday 15 - Sunday 23 February

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. *Bring a pencil!* Suggested donation £3.

WALK

Rangers' yarns



Saturday 15 February, 10.30am - 12.30pm

Get ready for a unique blend of history, storytelling and nature when you join us for a captivating two hour guided walk led by two Rangers, a seasoned veteran and an enthusiastic newcomer. Can you sort the fact from the fiction? *Booking required.* Suggested donation £3.

VOLUNTEER

Burnham Beeches volunteers

Sunday 16 February, 10am - 3pm

EVENT

Meet the Community Engagement Rangers



Saturday 22 February, 2pm - 4pm

Our Community Engagement Rangers will be by the café to tell you about the exciting events and engagement opportunities coming up. We'll be talking about the best walking routes, what wildlife you can see in spring and how you can help us to ensure the future of The Beeches for generations to come.



Waggy Walks - Burnham Beeches to Cocksherd Wood



Sunday 23 February, 9am - 11am

WALK

Getting a bit bored of the same old scenery on your dog walk? Join us on a two-hour adventure to Cocksherd Wood! There'll be plenty of new sights and sounds to keep your four-legged friend excited. 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 doggy treats will be provided. *Booking required.*

March

VOLUNTEER

Friends of Stoke Common

Saturday 1 March, 10am - 3pm

WALK

Simply Walk



Wednesday 12 March, 11am - 12noon

Meet at the café at 10.45am.

EVENT

Meet the Ranger: National careers week



Saturday 15 March, 9.30am - 12.30pm

As part of National Careers Week meet one of our Rangers at Victory Cross to learn first-hand how they embarked on their journey to becoming a Ranger and explore the skills and experiences needed to work in environmental conservation.

VOLUNTEER

Burnham Beeches volunteers

Sunday 16 March, 10am - 3pm

WALK

Waggy Walks - Burnham Beeches



Wednesday 19 March, 8am - 9am

Fancy a fresh start to the day with your four-legged best friend? Join us on this free, one hour walk to explore Burnham 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 doggy treats will be provided. *Booking required.*

EVENT

Forest bathing with Elisabetta



Wednesday 19 March, 10.30am - 12.30pm

Booking required. Cost £30.

VOLUNTEER

Friends of Stoke Common

Saturday 29 March, 10am - 3pm

April

EVENT

Forest bathing with Elisabetta



Thursday 3 April, 10.30am - 1pm

Booking required. Cost £35.

FAMILY FUN

Woodland Explorers: Easter trail



Saturday 5 - Monday 21 April

Venture out on your own Easter eggsploration with our seasonally themed puzzle trail. Buy your trail leaflet from the Burnham Beeches Café and see if you can solve the puzzles on the trail. A small chocolate treat awaits for every returned leaflet. *Bring a pencil!* Cost £3 per leaflet.

EVENT

Meet the Ranger and the reptiles



Sunday 6 April, 10am - 12noon

One of the Rangers will be near the café with some of the reptiles and amphibians that can be found on the reserves.



- Simply Walk** 
- WALK**
- Wednesday 9 April, 11am - 12noon
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- Meet at the café at 10.45am.
- Meet the Ranger: 'pondlife'** 
- EVENT**
- Saturday 19 April, 10.30am - 12.30pm
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- Find one of the Rangers by Upper Pond to take a closer look at some of the creatures that live in the ponds on the Beeches.
- Waggy Walks - Burnham Beeches** 
- WALK**
- Tuesday 22 April, 3pm - 4.30pm
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- Join us and fellow dog walkers on a free, 1½ hour walk to explore Burnham Beeches and its wildlife. All well-behaved dogs and owners are welcome! Please bring a lead. Tasty doggy treats will be provided. *Booking required.*
- Meet the Ranger and the reptiles** 
- EVENT**
- Saturday 26 April, 2pm - 4pm
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- One of the Rangers will be near the café with some of the reptiles and amphibians that can be found on the reserves.
- Burnham Beeches volunteers**
- VOLUNTEER**
- Sunday 27 April, 10am - 3pm

May

- Friends of Stoke Common**
- VOLUNTEER**
- Saturday 3 May, 10am - 3pm
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- Meet the Ranger: natural crafts** 
- EVENT**
- Sunday 4 May, 2pm - 4pm
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- Join one of the Rangers near the Café for some nature inspired craft activities. No booking required.
- Forest bathing with Elisabetta** 
- EVENT**
- Wednesday 7 May, 10.30am - 1pm
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- Booking required. Cost £35.*



The plants and the trees of the Beeches



Sunday 11 May, 10.30am - 1pm

WALK

Join us on a gentle stroll around the nature reserve, to discover some of the things that grow here, along with some fascinating facts about them. *Booking required.* Suggested donation £3.

Simply Walk



Wednesday 14 May, 11am - 12noon

WALK

Meet at the café at 10.45am.

Minds in Nature



Saturday 17 May, 10.30am - 12.30pm

WALK

Join us as we celebrate Mental Health Awareness Week with a refreshing two-hour mindfulness walk, encouraging you to connect deeply with nature while learning about the subtler impacts of human presence in natural spaces. *Booking required.* Suggested donation £3.

Burnham Beeches volunteers

Sunday 18 May, 10am - 3pm

VOLUNTEER

Woodland Explorers: half term trail



Saturday 24 May - Sunday 1 June

FAMILY FUN

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. *Bring a pencil!* Suggested donation £3.

Beyond the Beeches: Burnham to Cocksherd Wood



Tuesday 27 May, 5.30pm - 7pm

WALK

Fancy walking through meadows, grassland and two beautiful nature reserves with fantastic woodland? Meet one of the Rangers at Burnham train station to set off on this evening, 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.*

Waggy Walks - Burnham Beeches



Wednesday 28 May, 8am - 9am

WALK

Rise and shine! Join us on this free, one hour walk to explore Burnham Beeches! All well-behaved dogs and owners are welcome! Please bring a lead. Tasty doggy treats will be provided. *Booking required.*

June

Beyond the Beeches: Langley and Colne Valley



Sunday 1 June, 10am - 2pm

WALK

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.*

Friends of Stoke Common

Saturday 7 June, 10am - 3pm

VOLUNTEER

On location - TV



Sunday 8 June, 10.30am - 1pm

WALK

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. *Booking required.* Cost £3.

Simply Walk



Wednesday 11 June, 11am - 12noon

WALK

Meet at the café at 10.45am.

VOLUNTEER

Burnham Beeches volunteers

Sunday 15 June, 10am - 3pm

EVENT

Forest bathing with Elisabetta



Tuesday 17 June, 10.30am - 1pm

Booking required. Cost £35.

WALK

Waggy Walks -

Burnham Beeches to Littleworth Common



Wednesday 25 June, 9am - 11am

Kick off your Wednesday in the right way! Join us on this 7km circular route to Littleworth Common from Burnham Beeches. Please bring a lead. Tasty doggy treats will be provided. *Booking required.*

WALK

Beyond the Beeches:

Burnham Beeches to Littleworth Common



Saturday 28 June, 10am - 12noon

We're going on an adventure! Join us on this 7km circular route to the beautiful Littleworth Common from Burnham Beeches. Well-behaved dogs are welcome but please bring a lead. *Booking required.*

July

VOLUNTEER

Friends of Stoke Common

Saturday 5 July, 10am - 3pm

WALK

On location - FILMS



Sunday 6 July, 2pm - 4pm

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. *Booking required. Cost £3.*

EVENT

Forest bathing with Elisabetta



Tuesday 8 July, 10.30am - 1pm

Booking required. Cost £35.

Simply Walk



Wednesday 9 July, 11am - 12noon

Meet at the café at 10.45am.



Willow sculpting workshop



Sunday 13 July, morning and afternoon sessions

Feeling creative? Join the team and local artist Gina Martin and learn how to sculpt in willow! This year the sessions will run for 2½ hours and by the end you will have produced your very own woodpecker. No experience necessary. All materials and equipment supplied. *Booking required.* Cost £30.

Burnham Beeches volunteers

Sunday 20 July, 10am - 3pm

Woodland Explorers: woodland safari trail



Thursday 24 July - Wednesday 3 September

What creatures can you see on your journey around the Beeches? Unleash the explorer in you and discover more about the wildlife of this fabulous nature reserve with this 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. *Bring a pencil!* Suggested donation £3.

WALK

Waggy Walks - Burnham Beeches to Stoke Common



Sunday 27 July, 8am - 10.30am

Fancy a long Sunday morning walk with your pooch? Explore more great walking routes beyond the Beeches with this circular 9km route to Stoke Common and back! Please bring a lead. Tasty doggy treats will be provided. *Booking required.*

August

EVENT

Forest bathing with Elisabetta



Friday 1 August, 10.30am - 1pm

Booking required. Cost £35.

VOLUNTEER

Friends of Stoke Common

Saturday 2 August, 10am - 3pm

WALK

Creatures of the night



Tuesday 12 August, 8.30pm - 10.30pm

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! *Booking required. Suggested donation £3.*



WALK

Simply Walk



Wednesday 13 August, 11am - 12noon

Meet at the café at 10.45pm.

WALK

Beyond the Beeches: Gerrards Cross to Stoke Common



Sunday 17 August, 9am - 11.30am

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!) *Booking required.*

WALK

Beyond the Beeches: Upton Court to Windsor circular



Saturday 30 August, 10am - 1pm

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. *Booking required.*

WALK

Waggy Walks - special session



Sunday 31 August, 10.30am - 12.30pm

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

September

VOLUNTEER

Friends of Stoke Common

Saturday 6 September, 10am - 3pm

WALK

Simply Walk



Wednesday 10 September, 11am - 12noon

Meet at the café at 10.45am.

EVENT

Forest bathing with Elisabetta



Friday 12 September, 10.30am - 1pm

Booking required. Cost £35.

The secret world of trees



Saturday 13 September, 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 £3.

Meet the Ranger and bugs and beasties



Sunday 14 September, 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.

Burnham Beeches volunteers

Sunday 21 September, 10am - 3pm

VOLUNTEER

Waggy Walks - Burnham Beeches



Wednesday 24 September, 2pm - 3.30pm

WALK

Join us and fellow dog walkers on a free, 1½ 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 doggy treats will be provided. *Booking required.*

Beyond the Beeches:

Stoke Common and Brockhurst Wood



Sunday 28 September, 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.*

October

Friends of Stoke Common

Saturday 4 October, 10am - 3pm

VOLUNTEER

WALK

Simply Walk



Wednesday 8 October, 11am - 12noon

Meet at the café at 10.45am.

WALK

Beyond the Beeches: Slough to Dorney Common



Sunday 12 October, 9.30am - 2.30pm

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.*

VOLUNTEER

Burnham Beeches volunteers

Sunday 19 October, 10am - 3pm

EVENT

Forest bathing with Elisabetta



Thursday 23 October, 10.30am - 12.30pm

Booking required. Cost £30.

FAMILY FUN

Woodland Explorers: Halloween trail



Saturday 25 October - Sunday 2 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 for every returned leaflet. *Bring a pencil!* Cost £3 per leaflet.

WALK

Waggy Walks - Burnham Beeches



Saturday 25 October, 10am - 11.30am

It's spooky season so bring your dog's best Halloween costume! Join us and fellow dog walkers on a free, 1½ hour walk to explore 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 doggy treats will be provided. *Booking required.*

Meet the Ranger: fascinating fungi



Sunday 26 October, 12noon - 1pm

EVENT

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!

November

Friends of Stoke Common

Saturday 1 November, 10am - 3pm

VOLUNTEER

Forest bathing with Elisabetta



Tuesday 11 November, 10.30am - 12.30pm

EVENT

Booking required. Cost £30.

Simply Walk



Wednesday 12 November, 11am - 12noon

WALK

Meet at the café at 10.45am.

Burnham Beeches volunteers

Sunday 16 November, 10am - 3pm

VOLUNTEER

Burnham Beeches' ancient trees



Wednesday 26 November, 10am - 12noon

WALK

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. *Booking required. Suggested donation £3.*

Woodland Explorers: festive trail



Saturday 29 November - Sunday 4 January

FAMILY FUN

Don your Christmas jumper and get yourself all festive on our seasonal trail. Get your trail leaflet from the Burnham Beeches Café and set off to solve the puzzles on the route. A small treat awaits for every returned leaflet. *Bring a pencil!* Cost £3 per leaflet.

Waggy Walks - Burnham Beeches



Sunday 30 November, 2pm - 3.30pm

WALK

Join us and fellow dog walkers on a free, 1½ 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 doggy treats will be provided. *Booking required.*

December

Forest bathing with Elisabetta



Thursday 4 December, 10.30am - 12.30pm

EVENT

Booking required. Cost £30.

Make your own Christmas wreath



Saturday 6 December, 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.*

Simply Walk



Wednesday 10 December, 11am - 12noon

WALK

Meet at the café at 10.45am.

Friends of Stoke Common and Burnham Beeches volunteers

Saturday 13 December, 10am - 3pm

VOLUNTEER

Escape the pre-Christmas stress by joining the volunteers building our Christmas tree at Stoke Common.

Waggy Walks



Sunday 14 December, 11am - 12.30pm

WALK

Tis' the season so join us and fellow dog walkers for the last Waggy Walk of 2025 at Burnham Beeches! Bring your best Christmas jumpers! 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 doggy treats will be provided. *Booking required.*



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- The Commons, comprising 4 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.

Help keep Burnham Beeches special

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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