

# Randlay Valley Local Nature Reserve

## What can you do there?

Randlay Valley sits between Hollinswood and Randlay to the northeast of Telford Town Park.

Here, footpaths guide walkers through large grassland glades that sit within a network of ancient, semi-natural and plantation woodland. In the summer, the wide grassland glades come alive with wildflowers and insects.

## Address / location:

Off the A442 Queen Elizabeth Avenue, Stirchley, Telford TF3 2NA.

## What3words location:

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## Opening times:

24/7 all year round.

## Parking:

The main public car park (open 24/7) is at Hollinswood Pavilion, Hollinswood, Telford TF3 2DN.

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Roadside parking can be found along Stirchley Road and other side roads where there are entrances to the reserve.



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## Getting there:

The site borders Telford Town park which is close to the town centre which has a main bus station.

By bus - From Shrewsbury take the No. X5 bus to Telford Town Centre and from Shifnal, the No. 14.

By car - The Hollinswood Pavilion car park is approx. 12 minutes' drive from Wellington, 17 minutes from Albrighton and Much Wenlock and 30 minutes from Shrewsbury.

By train - Trains run throughout the day from Whitchurch to Telford Central taking 47 minutes. Trains from Ludlow take 1 hour 30 minutes.





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## Background:

With over 100 acres of woodland, wet woodland and meadow, Randlay Valley is an oasis of calm at the heart of the town centre.

The woodlands have been established since at least 1600 meaning they are some of the most precious in the borough.

Over 80 plant species have been recorded across the site including locally rare sedges and grass vetchling, a species rare across Shropshire.

## Facilities:

There are **no toilets** on site.  Toilets and refreshments can be found in Telford Town Park and Southwater. The Pavilion is not open to the public.

Picnic benches and seating are available at multiple points.

## Who owns / manages it:

The site is owned by Telford and Wrekin Council but leased by Hollinswood and Randlay Parish Council. Contact them on: [www.harpc.org.uk](http://www.harpc.org.uk) or 01952 567961.

The Friends of Hollinswood and Randlay Valley help look after the reserve and are always on the lookout for volunteers, find out more here: [www.newfriendsofhollinswoodandrandlay.co.uk](http://www.newfriendsofhollinswoodandrandlay.co.uk)

Bluebells and other woodland flowers carpet the woods in spring and the mature trees support a wide range of birdlife.

There are trails to suit all, from full tarmac paths to stone pavement and even muddy tracks that form the bridleway. This appeals to a wide range of users who vary between wanting an easy walk to a more technical hike and 'wild' experience.



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## Further information:

Wellbeing Walks take place every month. For details visit: [www.walkingforhealthtelfordandwrekin.org.uk/our-walks](http://www.walkingforhealthtelfordandwrekin.org.uk/our-walks)