

# Rough Park Local Nature Reserve

## What can you do there?

Walk the Rough Park Way on stone surfaced paths through horse-grazed paddocks, woodland plantations, and the vast expanse of Castle Green meadow, one of the borough's best wildflower meadows.

The grassland is considered premium meadow habitat supporting a wide range of plant and insect life such as the rare dingy skipper butterfly.

Green and spotted woodpeckers can be seen, and buzzards, owls and kestrels hunt for small mammals and reptiles.

## Address / location:

Off the B4373 Castlefields Way,  
Woodside Avenue, Woodside,  
Telford TF7 5RA.

## What3words location:

[elevate.roughness.count](https://www.what3words.com/elevate.roughness.count)

## Opening times:

24/7 all year round.

## Getting there:

By car - It is approx. 8 minutes' drive from Telford Town Centre, and 14 minutes from Wellington and Much Wenlock.

Roadside car parking can be found along Woodside Avenue and the surrounding small roads.

By bus - The No.4 bus from Telford Town Centre goes to the Park Lane Centre, Woodside and from there it is approx. 15 minutes walk to the reserve.

Photo credits: Friends of Rough Park LNR.





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## Background:

The 100-acre area was formerly an open cast mining site. It now forms part of a national 'B-line', large national corridor's running across the country that are important for pollinator species like bees, hoverflies and butterflies.

In summer, the large open meadow of Castle Green is awash with common-spotted and southern march orchids and home to small heath butterflies.

The footpaths link the northern and eastern areas of Lightmoor, Dawley Hamlets and Madeley into Coalbrookdale and Ironbridge Gorge.

To the east of the site, is the Rough park BMX track for those looking for a more adrenaline-filled day.

## Facilities:

There are **no toilets** on site. 

The nearest toilets and café are at the Park Lane Centre, Woodside TF7 5QZ.

## Accessibility:

There are multiple entrances to the site with waymarked paths for a range of abilities, maps and interpretation boards to help plan your route.



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## Who owns / manages it:

The site is cared for by Telford & Wrekin Council and The Friends of Rough Park.

To report issues, visit MyTelford:  
[www.telford.gov.uk/my-telford](http://www.telford.gov.uk/my-telford)

## For further information:

The Friends of Rough Park are small but dedicated group who support the Council's work. To contact them, please contact Madeley Town Council on [info@madeleytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:info@madeleytowncouncil.gov.uk) or 01952 567280.

