

The Marston Vale Millennium Country Park and the Forest Centre

1 Stroll along the boardwalk to a peaceful, undisturbed area of Stewartby Lake and you'll find yourselves in amongst the reedbeds.

2 This is the highest point in the Country Park and where you'll get the best view of the whole site including Stewartby Lake. The two carved oak benches were created to reflect the wildlife in the area.

3 These poplars were planted as a screen around Stewartby Lake when the clay was being extracted. Look out for the green and the greater spotted woodpeckers that live amongst them.

4 Archaeologists have found evidence of people who lived in Iron Age and Anglo Saxon villages on this very spot. Some of these artefacts are in the exhibition in the Forest Centre.

5 2000 native trees were planted here, many by local children born in 1991, the year the Forest of Marston Vale was established. Each child carved their name into a brick which is now a part of a unique sculpture which has been created in the middle of a glade.

6 The Elstow Brook is the main water course in the Forest of Marston Vale. It's important for flood control and land drainage. The Brook runs through Stewartby Lake. The sluice is the point where the Brook leaves the lake. Otters have recently been discovered using the Brook.

7 The Node, point at which all paths meet.

8 Willow Huts.

One of the best ways to watch the birds in the Wetland Reserve is from one of the special bird hides. You can see them but they can't see you...



FOREST CENTRE

- Cycle hire
- Sensory garden
- Play area
- Lakeside Bar & Café
- Toilets

KEY TO SYMBOLS

- Vehicle access
- Cycle access
- Pedestrian access
- Disabled access
- Horse access
- Free Parking
- Bird hide
- Observation point
- Water body
- Reed bed
- Established woodland
- Newly planted woodland
- Unrestricted access
- Restricted access
- Pedestrian only trail
- Cycle, Pedestrian trail
- Horse trail
- Wetlands pay trail

The Walkers' and Cyclists' Trail:
approx. 8 km (5 miles) 2½ - 3 hours walking,
1½ - 2 hours cycling

The Horse Trail:
approx. 4 km (2½ miles) 1 hour ride

The Wetland Trail:
approx. 2.5 km (1½ miles), 1½ hours walk,
allowing time in the bird hides

Map not to scale

