

Volunteering

Crowborough Conservation is a group composed of members of the public whose aim is to support the Country Park and other natural sites in the vicinity of Crowborough.

The group supports the park both practically, through conservation volunteering activities and financially, through promoting membership and fundraising.

If you would like to join Crowborough Conservation, contact the Ranger on **(01892) 652907**.



By foot:

The pedestrian entrances to the park are located on Osborne Road and Tollwood Road and are open 24 hours a day / 7 days a week.

By car:

There is a free car park on Osborne Road. The car park is open 7 days a week and opening times are displayed on the vehicle gate.

By bus:

Alight at Medway, cross over the road and follow directions by foot.
From the Town Centre: Arriva bus 228
From the Train Station: Arriva bus 229



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Crowborough Country Park is a 7.15 ha (18 acre) Local Nature Reserve set in the heart of Crowborough in Jarvis Brook. It has a mosaic of habitats and a wide assemblage of wildlife, making it a beautiful place to walk, picnic and enjoy nature away from the stresses of everyday life



The Country Park was formerly a clay quarry serving the Crowborough brickworks until its closure in 1980.

The site was left to natural regeneration for several years until Crowborough Town Council acquired the site and appointed a Ranger to manage it. Grant funding was achieved enabling major redevelopment of the site to improve public access and amenities, and the work was completed in 2010. The site is now managed by the Ranger with the help of volunteers according to an ecologist's site management plan.

ENJOY A WALK IN NATURE

If you like walking amongst trees and wildlife, then you will love Crowborough Country Park.



What is there to see and do?

Visitors can walk around the site following a way marked trail on an undulating circular stone track. There are benches scattered around the site so you can pause and enjoy listening to the birds or linger a little longer in the picnic area.

Children find the wildlife-packed ponds fascinating. They are teeming with newts and patrolled by dragonflies. There is also a stream which flows down a deep rocky gorge before meandering down to the valley bottom where it feeds the wet woodland areas.

Habitats and Wildlife

The diverse mosaic of habitats is of regional importance and these habitats include: wet woodland, wooded stream, dry woodland, scrub, wet and dry heathy glades, ponds, fen and grassland.

These habitats in turn are home to the site's wildlife, some of which is of county-level importance, reflected in the site's designation as a Site of Nature Conservation Interest. Species of interest include rare mosses such as *discelium nudum* and the Golden-ringed dragonfly, the longest dragonfly in the UK.

The site is adjacent to the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

VISITOR INFORMATION

Opening Times:

The Country Park is open 24 hours a day / 7 days a week.

Route:

There is a way marked undulating circular stone track around the park and a circuit can take between 30 minutes to an hour to complete.

Disabled Access:

Access for wheelchair users and wider pushchairs is restricted but please contact the Ranger to discuss special access arrangements.

Toilets:

There are no toilets on site.

Dogs:

Well behaved dogs are welcome but please clean up after them.



Golden-Ringed Dragonfly – Copyright Dave Mitchell (British Dragonfly Society – Sussex Group)