

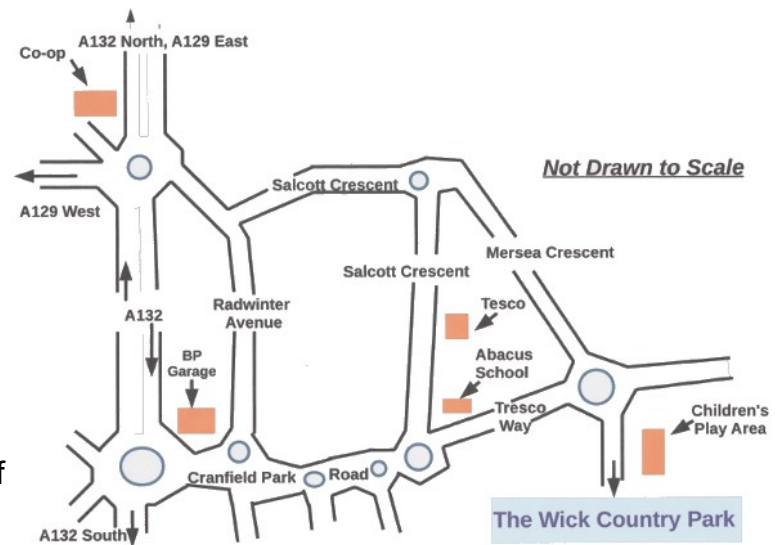


The Wick Country Park



The Wick Country Park is Wickford's hidden treasure. Owned and managed by Basildon Borough Council, it is located just off Tresco Way, Wickford. The 50 acre Park has several trails that lead past old hedgerows, through wide open meadows, past the five acre lake, ponds, WW2 pillboxes and woodlands.

Please note that a **Country Park** is not the same as a **Recreational Park**. There are no football pitches, but what you will find is a large **children's play area**, car parking, cycle racks, and above all, lots of open space and its wildlife to enjoy.



The Park is managed as a nature reserve, and attracts a wide variety of insect and bird life. But it is still a **great area for outdoor pursuits** such as walking, jogging, responsible dog walking, picnicking and just enjoying the fresh air. Fishing is allowed in the five acre lake, but the close season from March through to mid June, is strictly observed. Picnic tables and benches are provided for those that like to eat 'al fresco'.



The Friends of The Wick Country Park (FOWCP)



Why not show support for the Wick Country Park by **becoming a Friend**? At the moment, we are not charging for membership, and all you need to do is to register for our contacts list by sending us an email to the address given below. Then, you will be among the first to hear about our up-and-coming events, many of which are aimed at stimulating children's interest in Nature. The majority of the events we organise are **FREE** to participants, and any profits we make are used to enhance the Park.

The events diary for 2020 can be found overleaf.

Please, when using the Park:

- **Clear up after your dog** (bins provided) – and thank you to the vast majority of dog owners who do just that
- **Take litter home with you**
- **Don't spoil things for other Park users, e.g., through loud, boisterous, or anti-social actions**

To Contact Us: email contact_us@friendsofthewickcountrypark.co.uk.

For the latest information about the Country Park, the Friends group, and our events, please see our website: www.friendsofthewickcountrypark.co.uk or

FaceBook at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Friends-of-the-Wick-Country-Park/403334016475336>

EVENTS PROGRAMME 2020

The following events for 2020 are being organised by the *Friends of the Wick Country Park* in consultation with the Park Ranger. *All these events start at or near to the Wick Country Park Pavilion and, except where indicated, booking is not required. Toilets, car-parking, cycle racks, and refreshments are available at all events.*

EVENT	DATE	DETAILS
Wick Weeders	<i>Usually twice each month</i>	The first Wick Weeders session of 2020 after the enforced Winter break will be on Monday March 16 th . Please check on the website for further dates.
January Jaunt & A.G.M.	<i>Sunday 19th January</i>	Starting at 2 pm Start the year with a sociable and leisurely walk of approx 1 – 1.5 hours around the Park, led by the Park Ranger. Dogs are welcome, but must be under control. Afterwards, enjoy some mulled wine and mince pies. Everyone is then invited to the AGM. <i>We all know that AGMs can be boring, but ours offers you the opportunity to have your say about the Park and the Events held there – and also to become involved in the organisation of our events. And can you resist the free mulled wine and hot mince pies?</i>
Skylarks 3K Race	<i>Wednesday 15th April</i>	7.00 for 7.30 pm start This race is organised in conjunction with the <i>Pitsea Running Club</i> . Open to all runners and power walkers. Supporters welcome.
Bird Song Walk	<i>Sunday 26^h April</i>	Starting at 10 am (two hours) . Both experienced and novice bird watchers are welcome. Last year we spotted, or heard, more than 20 species.
Skylarks 3K Race	<i>Wednesday 15^h July</i>	7.00 for 7.30 pm start The second race this year organised in conjunction with the <i>Pitsea Running Club</i> . Open to all runners and power walkers - or why not just come to support?
Moth Night & Star Gazing	<i>Saturday 18th July</i>	9 p.m. A new event for 2020 organised in conjunction with the <i>Wickford Wildlife Society</i> . Due to car-parking arrangements, pre-booking is essential, please.
Nature Event	<i>Sunday 16th August</i>	1 pm to 4 pm The main activities will be Bug Hunting and Pond Dipping. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Dogs on a lead are welcome.
Kites & Cars	<i>Sunday in Sep or Oct. (t.b.c.)</i>	12 am to 4 pm Another great family day out - held in conjunction with the <i>Essex Kite Group</i> and the <i>South Eastern Vintage and Classic Vehicle Club</i> . Allow at least an hour.

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