

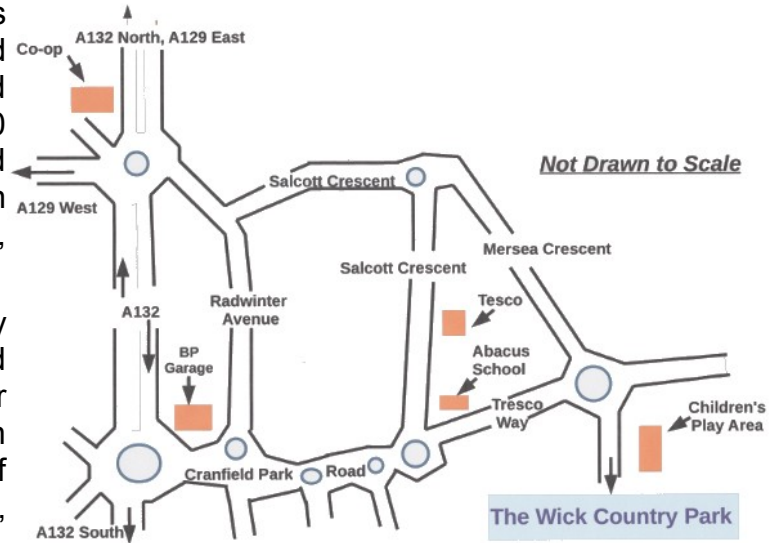


The Wick Country Park



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 2km of trails that lead past old hedgerows, through wide open meadows, past the five acre lake, ponds, WW2 pillboxes and woodlands.

A large **children's play area** is situated by the entrance to the Park. Car parking and cycle racks are also provided, together with picnic tables and benches. A pavilion building is situated near the entrance of the main section of the park. At present, this facility it is being used by a Nursery.



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, kite flying, picnicking and just enjoying the fresh air. Fishing (by permit, the Park Ranger will collect the fee from the lakeside) 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'. Car parking and cycle racks are available all year round but cycling is not allowed in the Park.



The Friends of The Wick Country Park (FOWCP)



Why not show support for the Wick Country Park by **becoming a Friend**? Membership costs **only £3 per household** per annum, and the money raised is used to enhance the Park and to provide activities, many of which are aimed at stimulating children's interest in Nature. The majority of events are **FREE** to participants.

The events diary for 2017 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**

To Contact Us: **Nikki Gibson** on **01268 734293** or **chair@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 2017

The following events for 2017 have been organised by the Friends of the Wick Country Park in consultation with the Park Ranger. *All events start at the Wick Country Park Pavilion and, apart from the quiz night, booking is not required. Refreshments are available at all events.*

EVENT	DATE	DETAILS
Wick Weeders	<i>Usually the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month</i>	Starting at 2 pm (see the website & posters for confirmation of the dates). Equipment is provided. Help is always needed to maintain these gardens.
January Jaunt & AGM	<i>Sunday 15th 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 on a lead. 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.</i>
Quiz Night	<i>Friday 3rd March</i>	A light hearted quiz, for tables of up to eight. At Barnhall Community Centre, Alderney Gardens, Wickford, 7.30 pm for an 8 pm start. Booking is essential – please contact Nikki, as below.
Bird Song Walk	<i>Sunday 9th 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 19th April</i>	7.30 pm This race is organised in conjunction with the Pitsea Running Club . Open to all runners and power walkers. Supporters welcome.
Paws in the Park	<i>Sunday 11th June</i>	11 am to 4 pm Our hugely popular annual fun dog show, for dogs of all types, ages and sizes is a must for all dog lovers. Keep an eye on the 'Events' web-page for details of this year's categories and side-stalls.
Nature Quest	<i>Sunday 23rd July</i>	11 am to 4 pm The whole family can come, be it for just a couple of hours, or for longer. Pond dipping, bug hunting and more. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Skylarks 3K Race	<i>Wednesday 26th July</i>	7.30 pm The second race this year organised in conjunction with the Pitsea Running Club . Open to all runners and power walkers - or why not just come to support?
Kite Festival & Classic Car Display	<i>Sunday 17th September</i>	11 am to 4 pm Another great family day out - held in conjunction with the Essex Kite Group and the South Eastern Vintage and Classic Vehicle Club . Allow at least an hour. Learn how to make and fly a kite.

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