

Enjoying Bordon Inclosure



A short guide to the Inclosure and what it has to offer

History

Bordon Inclosure was first recorded during the 17th century and has gone through many changes since then including recent ownership by the Ministry of Defence and now leased to Whitehill Town Council. In 1903 army sewage works were built and these can be seen as brickworks.¹ Quebec House was originally the Commanding Officer's House for Quebec Barracks. Steps and a flat area reveal its original location.² Around St. Lucia House was an original Forester's House.³

The Inclosure is now designated as a SANG (Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace) and has been created for the recreational use of everyone but particularly the residents of Whitehill and Bordon. This designation ensures that adjoining areas of environmental importance (eg Deadwater Valley Local Nature Reserve⁴ and Broxhead Common) can be managed to ensure that the diversity of flora and fauna are protected.



The newly created Shipwrights Way⁵, connecting Alice Holt Forest to Portsmouth, also runs through the northern end of the Inclosure. Its route is punctuated by specially commissioned carvings, one of which is a Natterjack Toad.⁶

What's there?

The Inclosure contains many walks, sculptures and special features, such as the natural play area and the ever changing seasonal pond.⁷ These have been created to stimulate and encourage interest in the local environment.



The seasonal pond is an ideal habitat for amphibian and reptile species. Look carefully and you may be able to see frogs, toads, newt and perhaps a grass snake swimming across.

The River Wey is particularly fascinating. The water in the ditches that feed it are coloured by the iron contained in the surrounding soil.⁸

The river is home to many fish species. Evidence of Otters has been found. Dragonflies and Damselflies can also be seen.



The woodland hosts many bird species including Dunnock, Woodpecker, Hawfinch and Songthrush. Kingfisher's can also be seen along the river. If you are very quiet you may also spot a Deer foraging in the undergrowth.



Finding out

As you walk through areas of particular interest you will see we have provided interpretation boards⁹ to tell you more about the specific features and wildlife in these areas, as well as highlighting special features such as the King Oak¹⁰ which is over 400 years old.

Getting around

Specially constructed boardwalks¹¹ and paths ensure everyone can enjoy the Inclosure.

Walking Routes are specially signed and their lengths are shown on the map overleaf. Dogs are welcome but owners please ensure that your dogs are under control and that you utilise the bins provided for their mess.



Contact us

Our rangers are always there to help and if you can't find any of us 'on the ground' then please call us on **01420 479070**.



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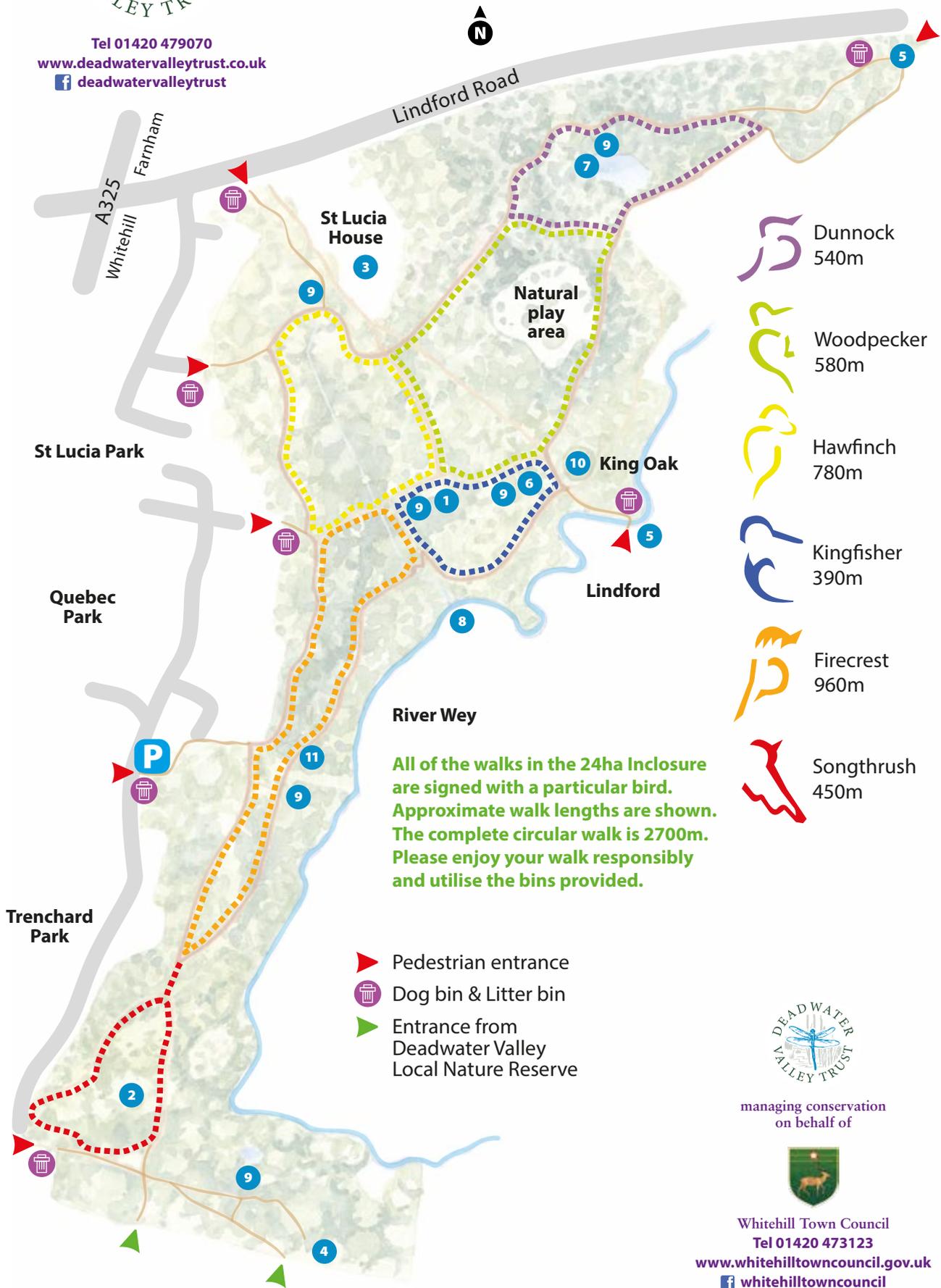


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