

Friends of Marconi Ponds Local Nature Reserve

The Friends of Marconi Ponds was formed to develop the Nature Reserve and we hope as many people as possible will be involved with the project.

This is your chance to help shape the Nature Reserve on your doorstep.

You can help in different ways ranging from practical conservation, to recording the plants and animals on site or help promote and manage the project as part of the Friends group.

It doesn't matter if you're young or more mature, we especially welcome families but under 16's must come with an adult.



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Marconi Ponds is a local green space of natural beauty and interest situated in the centre of Chelmsford.

The ponds were originally created by Cromptons for industrial use and following Marconi's closure were left untouched for several years.

There are three habitats on site: grassland, woodland and two ponds. These habitats provide space in an urban area for a variety of wildlife.

Our overall aims are to improve the area for wildlife and encourage the local community to enjoy the site for recreation and learning.

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Visit our Facebook page

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Volunteer Programme 2024



Marconi Ponds Nature Reserve Practical Sessions

If you would like to come and have a look around the Nature Reserve or even lend a hand, we meet on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 13:30pm-3:30pm (not August and December).

If you're volunteering, it's best to wear strong footwear and suitable clothes for working outdoors.

You don't need any special skills and we provide the tools. We always finish with refreshments - hot and cold drinks and biscuits.

We always have a variety of tasks, some lighter jobs as well as more strenuous tasks, so you can choose what you would like to do.

We welcome all ages, but ask that under 16's come with an adult.

We welcome visits from community groups of all ages and interests.

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Date	Time		Location
Saturday 20th January 2024	13:30 to 15:30	Practical Session	Marconi Ponds site
Saturday 17th February 2024	13:30 to 15:30	Practical Session	Marconi Ponds site
Saturday 16th March 2024	13:30 to 15:30	Practical Session	Marconi Ponds site
Thursday 11th April 2024	19:30 to 21:00	AGM	Parks Dept, Waterhouse Lane
Saturday 20th April 2024	13:30 to 15:30	Practical Session	Marconi Ponds site
Saturday 18th May 2024	13:00 to 16:00	Open Day	Marconi Ponds site
Saturday 15th June 2024	13:30 to 15:30	Practical Session	Marconi Ponds site
Saturday 20th July 2024	13:30 to 15:30	Practical Session	Marconi Ponds site
No Practical Session in August			
Saturday 21st September 2024	13:30 to 15:30	Practical Session	Marconi Ponds site
Saturday 19th October 2024	13:30 to 15:30	Practical Session	Marconi Ponds site
Saturday 16th November 2024	13:30 to 15:30	Practical Session	Marconi Ponds site
No Practical Session in December			