



Friends of Hogsmill STW Nature Reserve

Members Permit - Conditions

The Hogsmill STW Nature Reserve is a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) locally important for wildfowl and waders.

Through the Friends Scheme we provide the opportunity for educational and recreational bird watching and general nature study.

The purpose of these conditions is to ensure that the nature conservation integrity and refuge qualities of the reserve are not compromised by unsympathetic access. As a Member of the Friends of Hogsmill Nature Reserve you must comply with the conditions set out below when visiting the reserve. Failure to comply with these conditions may make it necessary for us to remove offenders from the reserve and cancel their membership. Please let us know of any cases in which the conditions are infringed.

1. All persons entering the reserve for the purpose of bird/wildlife watching must be in possession of a valid Friends of Hogsmill Nature Reserve Member's Permit for which a fee has been paid.
2. The Reserve entrance and car park is accessed via Lower Marsh Lane slightly passed the Hogsmill Sewage Treatment Works, on the opposite side of the road (KT1 3BW). Parking is strictly for nature reserve use only. Please ensure gates are closed and locked behind you to prevent access to non-legitimate users.
3. Access is allowed from dawn to dusk, except when closed on day a year as published. We reserve the right to close all or sections of the reserve at any time for any reason.
4. Each permit holder under the age of 16 years must be accompanied by a permit holder aged 16 years or over, who will be responsible for his or her conduct.
5. Access to the reserve is gained via security key code panels on the entrance gate and bird hide. Security codes on these gates will be changed from time to time. Where possible, all members will be notified at least seven days in advance of such changes. Please ensure that all gates are kept closed and locked at all times. It is forbidden for members to pass on security code details to non-members of the Friends Scheme.

Permits are for this facility only and shall be produced for inspection at any time when requested by our staff, wardens or other friends. Permits are not transferable. Permits can be used in conjunction with the Kempton Nature Reserve and Crossness Nature Reserve. For Kempton please contact Lydia Blake on 07747 640361 or lydia.blake@thameswater.co.uk. For Crossness please contact Karen Sutton on 07747 643958 or karen.sutton@thameswater.co.uk

6. Whilst on the reserve you must comply with all directional signage, any directions or instructions given by our staff or wardens relating to our land, buildings and property.
7. Please notify us of any change of address or contact details (for correspondence - newsletter, updated security codes etc.).
8. We reserve the right to refuse admission to any member or withdraw membership for any reason including non-compliance with the Scheme Conditions. If Thames Water withdraws your membership you will not be entitled to a reimbursement of any fees.
9. Except in respect of our own negligence, we will not be liable for any loss, damage or injury to members or their property.
10. The following are not allowed on the Reserve without the express and specific permission of the Manager:
 - Leaving litter or anything else, as it may contaminate the reserve.
 - Release of any animal or plant into the reserve
 - Interference with any apparatus, wildlife or grazing animals.
 - **DOGS** and other animals.
 - The water is deep and going near the water or entering the water for any purpose is strictly prohibited. You must stick to designated pathways.
 - Entering upon **ANY** part of the reserve other than by designated paths.
 - The lighting of any fire.
 - Any other activity inconsistent with the quiet enjoyment of the nature reserve and the protection of its wildlife interest.

For further information contact:

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