

# Severn Valley Country Park

## Bird Watching in Severn Valley Country Park

Severn Valley Country Park is a great place for amateur bird watchers at any time of year. We have over 60 resident and visiting bird species and, with many migrant visitors, no two visits are likely to be the same. Water Rail have been seen in the wetland area and past visitors to the Spring Meadow pools have included Bittern and Little Egret, so you never know quite what you might spot.

### **Bird Spotter's Pack**

If you are new to bird watching and would like help identifying the various birds you see, we have produced a Bird Spotter's Pack which can be purchased from the visitor centre. The pack will help with bird identification and includes a recording sheet so that you can note down birds as you spot them.

### **Activities for Kids**

Why not make it a family day, children enjoy identifying the birds and seeing how many they can spot. Bird spotting is great if you are looking for fun activities for kids. Purchase your Bird Spotter's Pack, choose your way-marked path, and enjoy a couple of hours in our lovely park. Lunches, hot drinks, cakes and more are available in at the Severn Valley Country Park café.

### **Way-marked Walks**



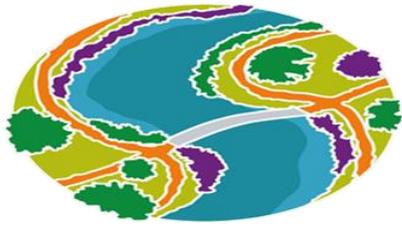
Why not take one of our way-marked walks, you can pick up a site map from the visitor centre and café and stroll the park at your leisure. These walks take you through a range of different habitats and offer the opportunity to spot a whole range of species from woodland to wetland birds. If you can't get to our visitor centre you can view or download a map

of Severn Valley Country Park by visiting our website home page on the link below.

<http://www.shropshiresgreatoutdoors.co.uk/site/severn-valley-country-park/>

### **Bird Hide**

Whatever the season there are plenty of birds to see and in a survey from the bird hide on a cold and rainy day last February, 18 species of birds were recorded in just 30 minutes. The bird hide overlooks our wetland area and is situated close to the car park. You will see it sign-posted from the path around the Easy Access pool.



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## Feeding Stations

Of course, if the weather is really bad you can always watch the feeding stations from the comfort of the visitor centre, whilst drinking a cup of tea and enjoying a slice of cake.

## Nesting Boxes

We have lots of nesting boxes positioned around the park and many common species nest in the park. Blue Tits and Great Tits are plentiful, but our nest boxes also get used by Nuthatches, and we've also had Flycatchers too. Our purpose build Kestrel box has been used in past years, and last year a brood of four chicks was successfully raised.



If you fancy trying to tempt birds into your own garden, in visitor centre you will find bird nesting boxes for sale which have been made by the park's own volunteers.

## Guided Bird Walks

Join one of our team on a guided bird walk around the park. Your group leader will help you spot the birds as you walk and will also help you identify them by their song or call. These walks are ideal for complete beginners of most ages, but may not be suitable for younger children.



Photograph of a heron seen on the wetlands at the country park.

Photograph taken by visitor Barbara Cresswell



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## Butterfly Spotting in Severn Valley Country Park

Severn Valley Country Park we are lucky to have more than thirty different types of butterfly and day flying moth. This makes it the perfect place to spend some time watching these beautiful creatures.

Whether you choose our woodland trail in pursuit of the sultry Speckled Wood, or search the Wild Flower Meadows of Spring Pieces on the lookout for the beautiful colours of the Peacock and Red Admiral, you won't be disappointed.

### Butterfly Spotter's Pack

If you are new to butterflies and would like help identifying the various butterflies and moths you see, we have produced a Butterfly Spotter's Pack which can be purchased from the visitor centre. The pack will help with butterfly identification so that you can identify butterflies and moths as you spot them.

### Activities for Kids

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Comma Butterfly. Photograph by visitor Barbara Cresswell.

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