



Your guide to Yateley Common

Key

- Parking
- Picnic area
- Heathland

Wyndhams Pool

Formed in the 1750s by Thomas Wyndham as a water supply to fish ponds further down the valley, it was drained during WWII and has since been refilled. In the early 20th century it was used as a bathing pool with the remains of the diving board still visible at the northern end of the pond.



The Cricketers Green

Barracks were located on The Cricketers Green during WWII to serve the nearby airbase. Today the Green is a thriving hay meadow home to an assortment of wild flowers.



Gravel Pit Pond



Vigo Lane

Yateley

The Cricketers pub

Heathlands Cemetery

Yateley

Reading Road

Blackwater & Camberley

Car Park open summer only

Basingstoke

M3

The Ely pub

WWII airbase

The western end of Yateley Common was part of the Hartfordbridge Flats airbase during WWII with many structures still visible. Today you will find areas of grassland, heathland and dense scrub which provides cover for a number of birds including Nightingale, Whitethroat, Blackcap and Garden Warbler.



Old Ely

The site of the Old Ely pub. The boundary is marked by a square of mature oaks.



Strood Pool

Home to an abundance of pond life which fascinate the many school children and other groups which take part in pond dipping sessions.

Heathland

This rare habitat supports a range of specialised wildlife, many of which are threatened and protected by law. During the spring you will hear the distinctive songs of the Woodlark and Dartford Warbler whilst early summer brings a profusion of dragonflies, butterflies and other insects. If you are quiet you may catch a glimpse of an Adder or Common Lizard enjoying the sun. In late summer the pink and purple flowers of the heather combine with the yellow gorse flowers to create an unique spectacle of colour.

