

RAILWAY TERRACE

LOW MOOR - BRADFORD



RAW NOOK HEATHLAND

This thirteen acre site, owned by Bradford Council, was previously occupied by British Railways for engine sheds and railway sidings. It is now one of the top sites for wildlife in the District.

It is composed of a mosaic of habitats which include lowland heath, small copses, wildflower meadows and a pond which together support a wide range of plants, birds and insects.

Although located near to housing and industry the Raw Nook Heathland site, reclaimed by nature from British Railway sidings which closed in the mid 1960's, has become quite unique in northern England. Over forty years after the closure of the engine sheds and goods sidings evidence still exists of its former use. Hidden amongst the grass and heather, wooden sleepers, cinders and the occasional rail fixing bolts can still be found. Also, a short section of boundary fence made from reclaimed railway sleepers can be seen on the north western edge of the site.

Sixty-eight species of flora have been identified along with fifteen types of butterfly, numerous birds, foxes and nocturnal mammals.

Access to the site is on Lockwood Street, just off Cleckheaton Road, where there is a small car parking area. The site can also be accessed on foot from the Euroway Estate off the M606 or from South Bradford Golf Club. Relatively level, the site offers reasonable access to the less mobile.

Railway Terrace being in close proximity to South Bradford Golf Course and Toad Holes Beck offers various opportunities to link together footpaths to create short circular walks. Alternatively you could join one of the Guided Walks around the site which are held over the summer months.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Railway Terrace - A Classroom in the Countryside

The site offers many opportunities to study the wide variety of flora and fauna to be found on this unique heathland.

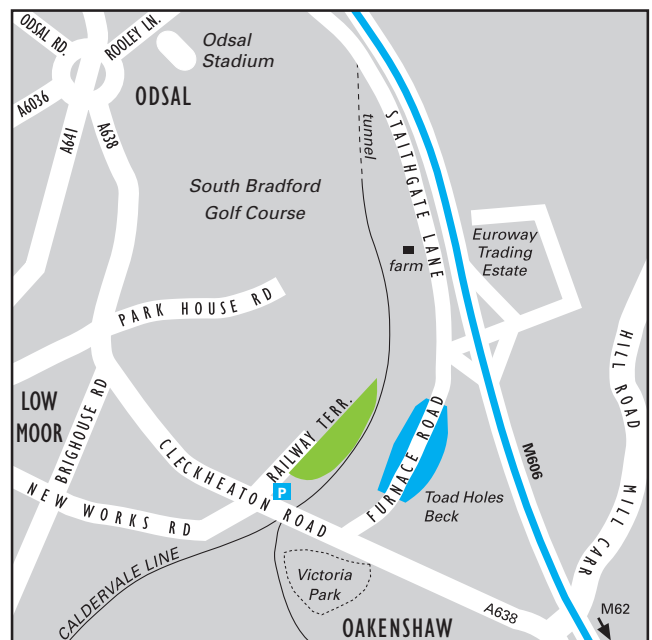
Whether you want to carry out long term studies or just take the occasional nature ramble, Railway Terrace offers a quite, safe environment for students of all ages.

**Railway Terrace is open all year round.
No booking is required and it's free.**

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LOCATION OF SITE



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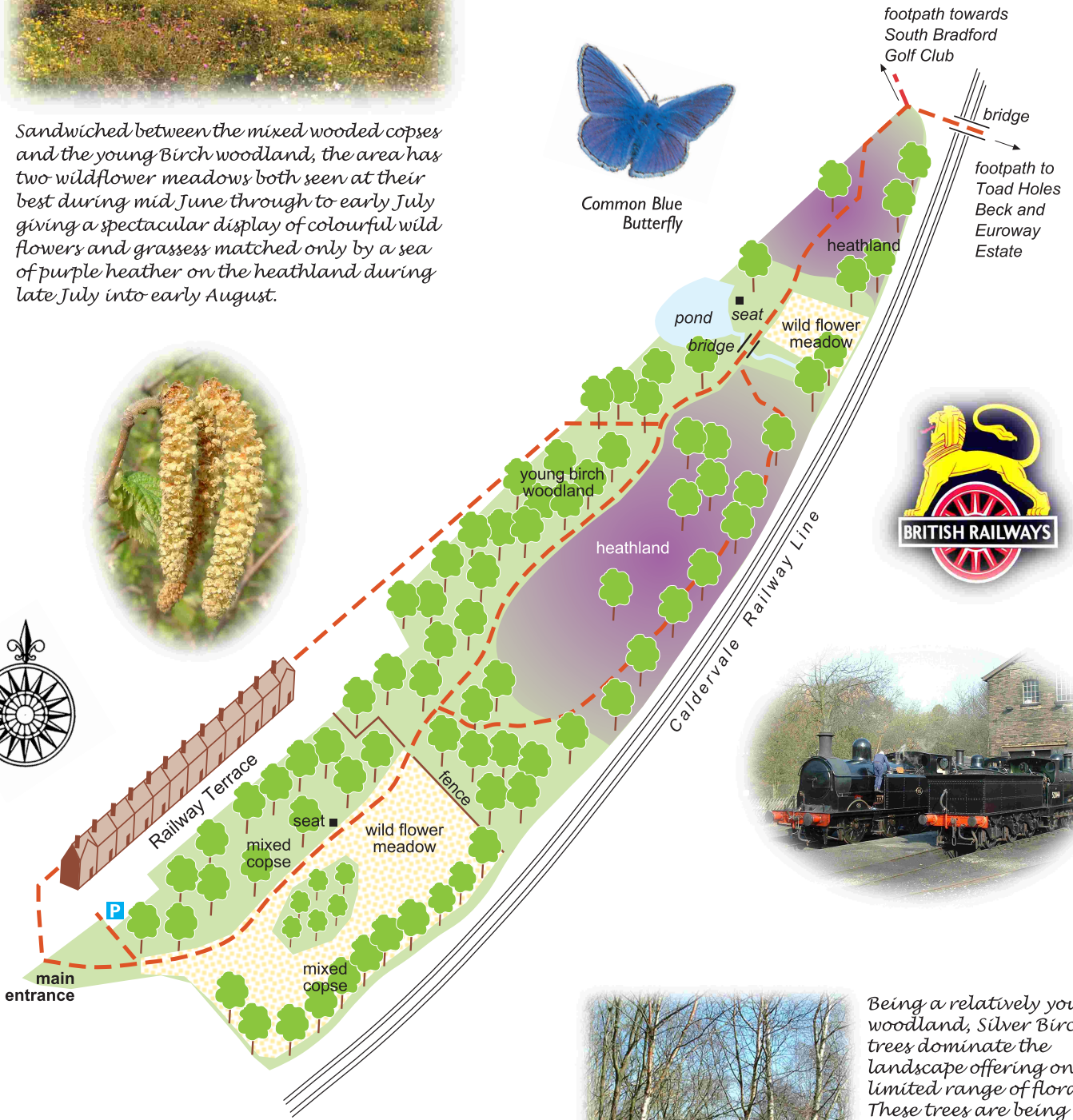


Sandwiched between the mixed wooded copses and the young Birch woodland, the area has two wildflower meadows both seen at their best during mid June through to early July giving a spectacular display of colourful wild flowers and grasses matched only by a sea of purple heather on the heathland during late July into early August.



Common Blue Butterfly

footpath towards South Bradford Golf Club
bridge
footpath to Toad Holes Beck and Euroway Estate



View across the pond looking south west. Wildlife in the pond includes Greater Spearwort, Marsh Marigold, Water Forget-me-not, and Water Mint. Frogs and newts also breed here and the pond is often frequented by grey heron at quite times of the day.



Being a relatively young woodland, Silver Birch trees dominate the landscape offering only a limited range of flora. These trees are being thinned to allow more light in order to enhance species diversity. Given time and management other native trees will take their place and nature will produce a diverse natural woodland offering habitats for a wide range of wildlife.