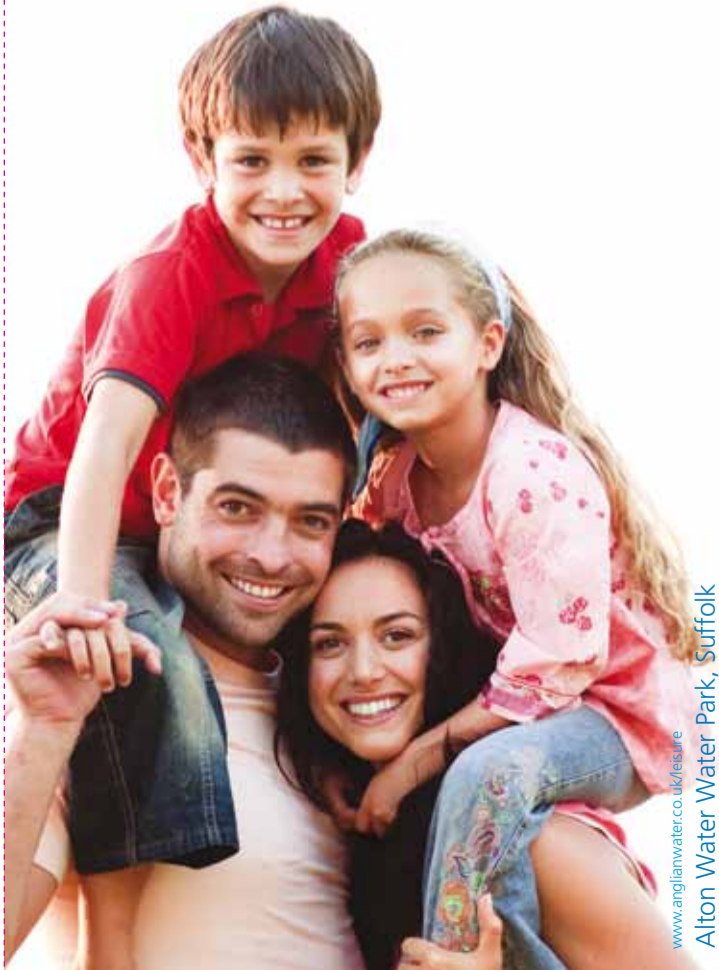


Welcome to Alton Water

Just south of Ipswich, Alton Water is the largest area of inland water in the picturesque county of Suffolk. Set in 400 acres of beautiful countryside, the Water Park is owned by Anglian Water and provides the perfect location for walks, cycle rides, wildlife spotting and family picnics. Activities include an eight-mile rambling route and an eight-mile cross-country cycle track. Bikes are available to hire from the Visitor Centre. Alton Water can also boast a wide array of water sports, including excellent sailing and windsurfing facilities. Fishing is also available with bream and pike the most popular quarry. Day and season permits are available from the Visitor Centre.



Discover an array of activities at Alton Water with **anglianwater**



Alton Water Park, Suffolk

Save money on your visit with an Activity Pass

If you are staying in the Suffolk area for a short break or you visit our water parks throughout the year, then why not take advantage of our Activity Pass pack? Families of up to five people (two adults and three children) can enjoy activities all year round with an Anglian Water Activity Pass for £50. Also available are short break passes valid for up to seven days (this includes a weekend) for £20. (Terms and conditions apply, leaflets with application forms are available from the Visitor Centre or by calling Rutland Water Tourist Information Centre on 01780 686800.)



Tel: 01473 589105
Web: www.altonwildlife.co.uk

Alton Water Volunteers for more than 10 years now much of the wildlife enhancement around Alton has been as a direct result of the hard work of a dedicated team of volunteers from the local community. Major projects include the construction of several bird hides, breeding areas for harvest mice, reptiles and amphibians, as well as habitat management of woodlands and grassland. Locally produced timber has been used for additional seating and the installation of boardwalks across sensitive wetland areas. Regular monitoring of several animal groups occurs and plays a vital role in determining management regimes as well as feeding into nationally important surveys. If you would like to find more, contact details are below.



Want to know more about Anglian Water?
Visit www.anglianwater.co.uk to see the full range of our services.

History of Alton Water

During the 1960s it became obvious that underground water resources in Ipswich would be insufficient to serve into the next century. Increases in demand and population growth highlighted the need for a pumped water storage system. Excess water from the River Gipping and the Tattingstone Valley provided the perfect conditions for a reservoir. The dam was constructed in 1974 from local London clay. Following extensive trials, a multi-stage treatment process was commissioned and water was finally pumped into supply in October 1986. The official opening of Alton Water by HRH The Princess Royal on 10 July 1987 was the culmination of 13 years, planning.

Public water supply

Alton Water provides the main source of drinking water for Ipswich and the southern part of Suffolk from Stowmarket to Felixstowe. Around 200,000 customers receive their water from Alton Water – that's almost seven million gallons a day, 365 days a year. The water treatment processes combine a mixture of microchip technology and the latest in physiochemical treatment methods. A ring main around Ipswich allows water to be distributed efficiently and safely to all our customers.



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Cycling

Alton Cycle Hire offers a wide range of cycles for hire to visitors keen to explore the surrounding countryside.

The eight mile perimeter around Alton Water offers a popular variety of routes suitable for cyclists of differing abilities, from rugged and hilly unsurfaced tracks to purpose-built routes suitable for the young and inexperienced.

Visitors can also make good use of the quiet surrounding country lanes to visit other popular beauty spots, such as Flatford Mill, Pin Mill and the Suffolk Coast and Heaths.

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Coarse fishing

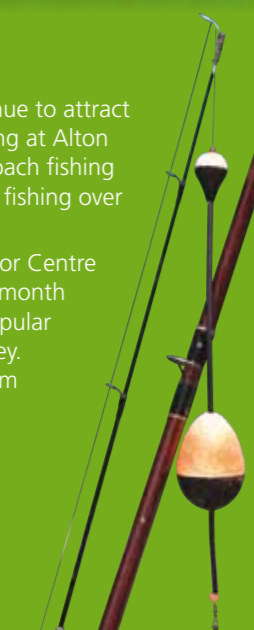
Excellent sport and surroundings continue to attract anglers in search of quality coarse fishing at Alton Water. Vast bream shoals and quality roach fishing form the basis of sport along with pike fishing over the winter months.

Day permits are available from the Visitor Centre and Holbrook Post Office. A rolling 12-month annual permit is proving particularly popular and represents excellent value for money. Application forms can be picked up from the Visitors Centre or by post from the Site Manager.

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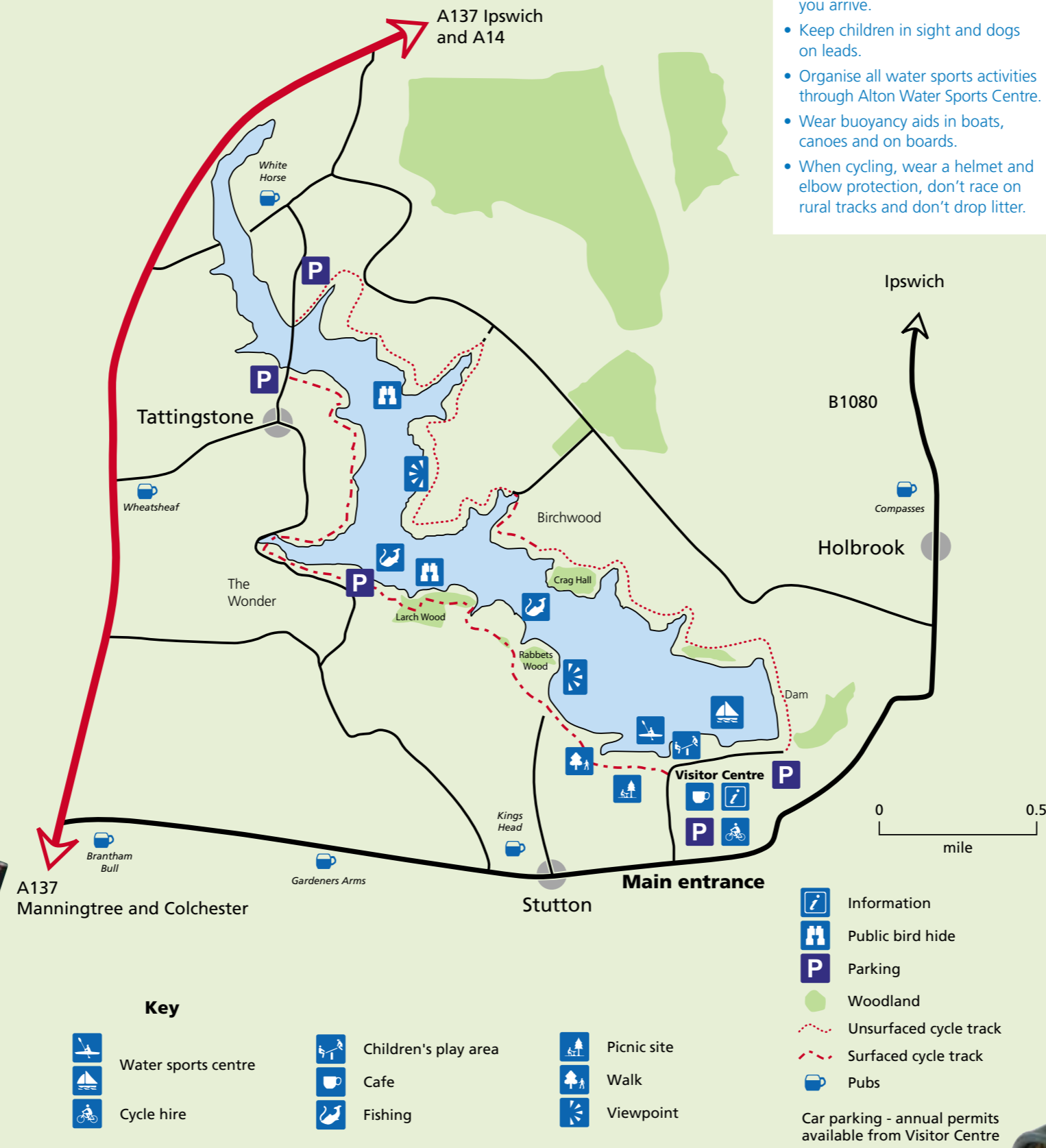
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Alton Water

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Enjoy Alton Water in safety – Alton Water is big and exciting, but be careful:

- Read the safety information when you arrive.
- Keep children in sight and dogs on leads.
- Organise all water sports activities through Alton Water Sports Centre.
- Wear buoyancy aids in boats, canoes and on boards.
- When cycling, wear a helmet and elbow protection, don't race on rural tracks and don't drop litter.

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A137 Ipswich and A14

Ipswich

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Holbrook

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Main entrance

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Visitor Centre and tea room

Situated on our main car park and overlooking the water, the Tea Room provides welcome refreshments and light snacks every day through out the school holidays and at weekends through the winter. Fishing and car parking permits are also available for sale.

Tel: 01473 328268



Water sports

Alton Water Sports Centre is open to everyone for sailing and windsurfing. The Centre is an RYA and AALA registered school offering a variety of training courses throughout the year to people of all ages.

Boat parking and launching facilities are available and the Wolverstone Project is a thriving sailing club catering for people with disabilities.

A winter racing programme provides year round sport for all enthusiasts.

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Nature trail

Alton Water has a well-deserved reputation for creating, and subsequently managing, a wide variety of habitats that attract an expanding variety of British wildlife.

By following the wooden way-making posts, visitors can walk the two kilometre nature trail that starts at the wildflower meadow at the far end of the picnic site.

Ospreys, nightingales, grass snakes and harvest mice have all been seen in recent months.



Two public hides can also be found along the trail to observe the local wildfowl and breeding tern rafts.