

Finding your way around The Lodge nature reserve



Please note, within the nature reserve, dogs are only allowed along the public bridleway.

The gardens

Wander around our formal gardens with their colourful wildlife borders and exotic trees, including the UK's biggest and oldest strawberry tree! Watch carp and dragonflies at the pool, and enjoy the colours of spring azaleas and rhododendrons.

Galley Hill

Use your imagination to go back in time at the Iron Age hill fort. It doesn't look much like a fort, but the banks and ditches that remain are over 2,700 years old. The hilltop can be a great place to see buzzards and hobbies too.

Nature trails

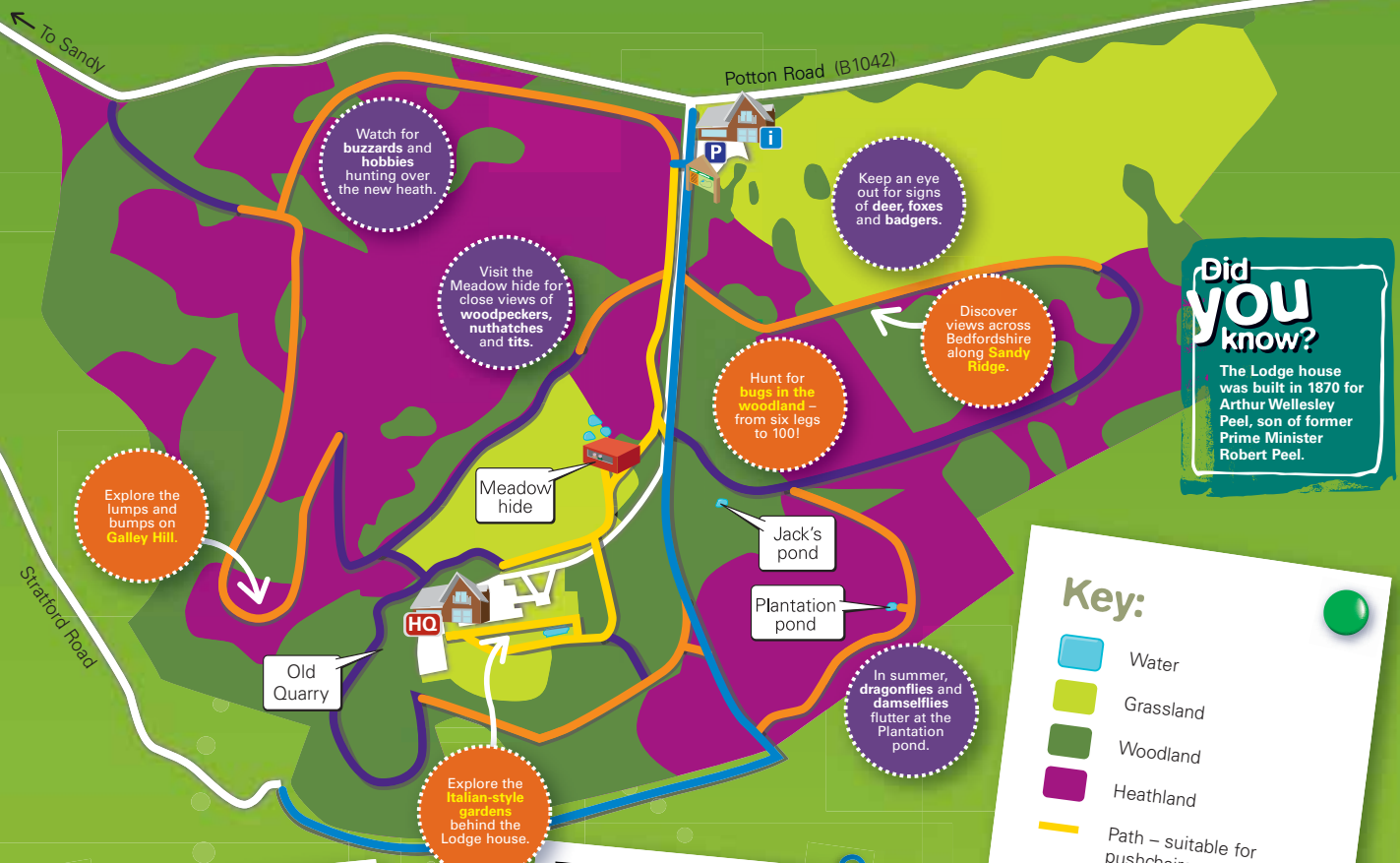
Five miles of nature trails lead you through woodlands and heath. Stop at the hide to see woodpeckers, tits, and finches. Sit on a bench and listen to the birdsong, watch the squirrels or perhaps catch a glimpse of a deer.

The new heath

The land here was heathland for 5,000 years, before conifers were planted by a previous owner. We're restoring 100 hectares back to heathland to make a home for natterjack toads, nightjars and woodlarks.



There's beautiful scenery to enjoy here all year round.



Did you know?
The Lodge house was built in 1870 for Arthur Wellesley Peel, son of former Prime Minister Robert Peel.

Key:

- Water
- Grassland
- Woodland
- Heathland
- Path - suitable for pushchairs and wheelchairs
- Bridleway
- Path
- Path - with steep sections
- RSPB HQ
- Shop and toilets
- Hide
- Car park
- Information



We graze up to 100 rare Manx Loghtan sheep on the reserve.



Did you know?
The pond at the back of The Lodge house used to be a swimming pool!

“ We had great fun hunting for bugs and exploring the gardens with two three-year-olds who didn't want to sit down! They loved it and so did we. It was really relaxing and peaceful, and it was lovely to see the children having such fun outdoors. ”
Gina and her family