Finding your way around Sandwell Valley

Circular trail
This circular trail around Forge Mill Lake is about a mile (1.6 km) long and takes 40 minutes to walk.

It takes you through the RSPB nature reserve and into the adjoining reserve managed by Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council. Look for foxes and kingfishers as you walk.

Most of the footpaths around the reserve and lake are surfaced and suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs. There are a couple of unsurfaced paths where you may need to take extra care at certain times of the year.

Forge Mill Farm
Halfway around the lake you’ll find Forge Mill Farm, which is managed by Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council. The farm is home to rare breed animals and there are toilets, a gift shop, children’s play area and light refreshments available. The farm is open throughout the year (excluding Christmas) from 10am to 4.30pm.

Forge Mill farm is managed by Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council.

Key
- Water
- Reedbed
- Marsh
- Grassland/woodland
- Visitor centre
- Parking
- Viewing points
- Cycle route and bridleway
- Unsurfaced path
- Railway

For more information about the accessibility of RSPB Sandwell Valley nature reserve, please visit rspb.org.uk/sandwellvalley

If you are walking dogs through the nature reserve, please keep them on a lead and stay on the paths. This helps minimise any disturbance to wildlife. Thank you.
There’s so much to explore at Sandwell Valley

There are lots of places to watch wildlife, play and have fun around the reserve – use this map to help you discover them all.