



Batford Springs

Parking addresses: Lower Luton Road, Batford, Harpenden, Hertfordshire, AL5 5AH.

Parking: This is via a largish layby on the side of the Lower Luton Road.

If the layby places are taken use your satnav to find Marquis Lane or Station Road, which is at the back of the springs, and offers another entry point.



Layby parking on Lower Luton Road.



This is the entrance by the layby.

Walk: Batford Springs is very popular with children and their parents due to the shallow streams that are formed from chalk springs. This means that the water is exceptionally clean and inviting. In addition, there's a couple of small weirs that are designed to be walked across without too much risk of tumbling into the water. There's a nice children's play area there too.

If you follow the path along by the stream you can find your way to the River Lea, which borders open fields. There is plenty of wildlife on view, including herons and kingfishers if you are lucky.

During our visit we made our way up and over an old railway bridge and followed a path past a pub and back onto the nature reserve.

Batford springs is an ideal spot for a picnic when the weather is good.

Food and drink:

We have never been, but The Gibraltar Castle looks nice enough and has the advantage of being directly opposite the Batford Springs layby.

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