



## Panshanger Park

Parking address: Thieves Lane, Hertford, Hertfordshire, SG14 2WN.

**Parking:** Park in the car park provided, off Thieves Lane. If full, you can park in the fairly busy lane itself. As a last resort, park in Ladywood Road, which is 50-100 metres up the road from the Panshanger Park entrance park.



Park in the car park, shown.

**Walk:** Panshanger Park is part of a 1000-acre estate, now owned by Tarmac Holdings. They work in 800 acres of it, and the public has access to the other 200 acres.

The park was owned by The Earl Cowper and once included the impressive Panshanger House and an orangery. The house is now gone and the orangery is delapidated and fenced-off, which makes it much less visiting.

However, very close to the orangery is the Panshanger Great Oak, reckoned to have been planted 450-500 years ago by Queen Elizabeth I. Whether it was or wasn't, it's a very impressive tree and worth a visit.

Near to the orangery and the oak are views of the landscape created by Humphry Repton, considered the natural successor to the great Capability Brown.

Generally, we found the park to be not very well sign-posted, but one tip if you want to find the orangery and the oak is to follow signs for the oak trail if you can find one.

### Food and drink:

The Golden Griffin is a McMullens restaurant/pub.

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