

RSPB Fowlmere Nature Reserve

Parking address: RSPB Fowlmere, Mill Rd, Royston SG8 6EZ



Parking: At the time of our visit the car park was not free and only accepted payment by card - this was pre-covid. The reason, we assumed, was that the site is fairly remote and coin payment would invite theft.

It would be possible to park for free on verges in Mill Road (quiet country lane), but then you would have to walk some way along the service road to reach the nature reserve.



Parking is available on site



Parking requires debit or credit card.

Walk: The Fowlmere Nature Reserve is situated between Fowlmere and Melbourn in Cambridgeshire. The reserve is a section of land set aside by a farm, and was previously used as an area where watercress was grown. The reserve's reedbeds and pools are fed by natural chalk water, meaning that they are particularly clean and clear.

Fowlmere is home to a wide range of wildlife and waterfowl, and has been designated an area of special scientific interest; it covers an area of approximately 40 hectares (40 football pitches).

We visited on a bit of a grim day when wildlife seemed to be in hiding, and that year the Kingfishers were a complete no-show. The site lacks the odd open field or meadow that other nature reserves have, which makes for a more closed-in, slightly overgrown feel. It does have a large hide that was popular with photographers and a populated owl box, though of course the owl is not out much during the day.

Food and drink: The Green Man, Dunsbridge Turnpike, Shepreth, Royston SG8 6RA

The Green Man is a 4 minute car ride away from the nature reserve. The pub has a children's play area and a beer garden.

Tel: 01763 261921

Website: <https://greenmanshepreth.co.uk/>