



Chorleywood House Estate

Chorleywood House and the surrounding grounds were owned by Lady Ela Russell who bought the Estate in 1892. The layout of the Estate has remained largely unchanged with formal gardens laid out with lawns, flowerbeds and specimen trees near the House. The Estate came in to Council ownership in 1939, after Lady Ela's death, and was designated as a Local Nature Reserve in 2007.

Things to do and see

- Self guided walks
- Formal gardens
- Historic parkland
- Specimen trees
- Mature woodland
- Wild flower meadows
- Dell Nature Reserve
- The Chess Valley Walk
- Public tennis courts
- Picnicking
- Views of the Chilterns

How to get to the Estate



By Road:

Drive via the A404, approximately 1/2 mile west from J18 of the M25. Free Parking.

By Tube:

Chorleywood Station (1 mile walk across the Common).

By Bus:

Services from Watford, Rickmansworth, Chesham & Amersham call Traveline 0871 200 2233.

For more information on the LNR or to become a member of the Friends of Group please call Three Rivers District Council on 01923 776611 or visit www.threerivers.gov.uk or www.chorleywoodhouse.org.uk

The Countryside Management Service works with communities across Hertfordshire to help them care for and enjoy the environment.

Telephone: 01727 848168 www.hertsdirect.org/cms



Grasshopper

Coralroot Bittercress

Wild Daffodil



Meadow Brown

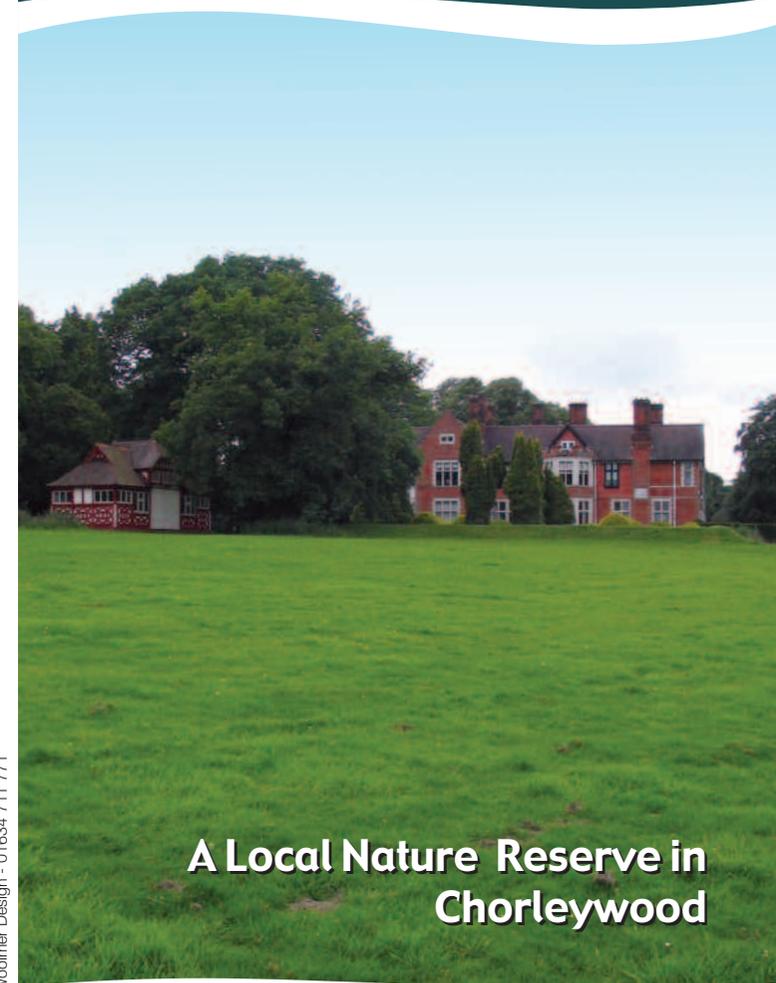
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A Local Nature Reserve in Chorleywood



Open all year round - Free Entry

- - - - Park Walk
- - - - Wood Walk
- - - - Valley Walk
- - - - Public Right of Way
- Private Area
- ➔ Entrance
- P Parking
- T Bench
- ☀ Viewpoint



Choose from three contrasting circular walks and discover this magnificent estate for yourself. The site can be freely explored, however, please note that there are no surfaced footpaths and some areas can become slippery, especially in winter.

PARK WALK (1 km/0.6 miles) - - - -

Take a step back in time with a gentle stroll around the formal parkland surrounding Chorleywood House. The current Victorian house replaced a much older Georgian mansion and is now private apartments. Please respect the tenants right to privacy. Discover the extensive formal gardens, lawns and fine specimen trees such as holm oak and laburnum and admire the restored Sunken Garden and Wisteria Circle.

WOOD WALK (1.2km/0.7 miles) - - - -

Head for the quiet seclusion of the woods, dominated by oak, cherry, beech and ash trees. In spring time the floor is bright with bluebells, wood anemone and wild daffodils and also supports the nationally rare coralroot bittercress. Along the walk the canopy opens up to reveal panoramic views across the Chess Valley. The route also passes the Dell Nature Reserve, an area of chalk grassland. Look out for cowslips, violets and the bright blue speedwell.

VALLEY WALK (1.5km/0.9 miles) - - - -

In late spring the pink blossoms of the Chestnut Avenue fall to form an inspiring carpet walkway. Steeper paths lead further down to the picturesque banks of the River Chess, a popular summer picnicking area. This chalk stream is an important habitat supporting many kinds of plants and animals including brown trout, water voles and kingfishers. More adventurous walkers could join the Chess Valley Walk; a 10 mile route which heads towards Chesham to the north and Rickmansworth to the south.