

## More to read...

Further trail leaflets are available at Ninesprings Café to discover easy access routes, wildlife, heritage, art and more:



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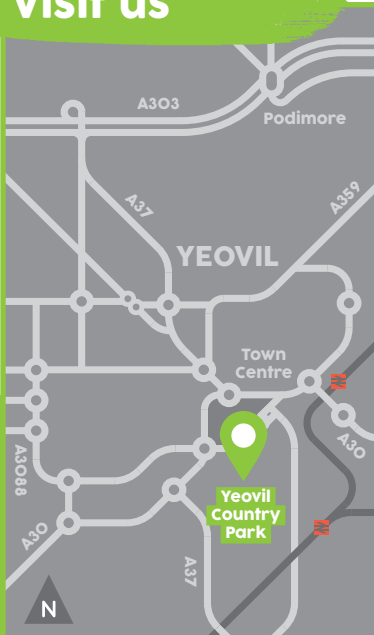


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# Yeovil Country Park Exploring the Park



## Opportunities to enjoy and conserve wildlife and countryside

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## Activities & events

The rangers run a varied events programme every year. **Activities range from large trail events**, such as the popular Halloween trail, to bat walks, photography workshops and art and craft events.

For more formal visits to the Country Park, an **education pack and resources** are available for local schools and community groups to borrow.

A **tactile map**, created by the RNIB and located next to Ninesprings Café, will help anyone with a visual impairment to find their way around Ninesprings, and a downloadable audio trail will assist visitors in discovering more about the history of the country park.

## Fitness

If you are keen to try something a bit more energetic, there are various fitness activities to try; some are self-led trails and some are run by instructors.

The **3,2,1 Run England** 3k running routes are waymarked in Ninesprings and Riverside. The Blackburn fitness trail, a self-led exercise trail, runs through Ninesprings following information on a leaflet.

## Looking after the park



**Volunteers** help with activities throughout the park and practical volunteer teams operate on Monday afternoons and all day on Thursdays. The volunteers help with habitat management, practical park maintenance and heritage restoration. Volunteers also help with events and wildlife surveys.

A small team of **professional rangers** look after the country park; managing the habitats, conserving the wildlife and maintaining the park for visitors to enjoy. The rangers also deliver the events programme and run the volunteer teams.

## Ninesprings Café

Ninesprings Café is the focal point for information about the country park. **All trail leaflets are available here**, as well as information about the history and wildlife of the park.

The café is **open all year round** (except Christmas Day) and provides a wonderful setting in which to enjoy hot and cold drinks, sandwiches, cakes, ice cream and snacks. The café is family friendly with baby change facilities and books & activities for children to use.



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### Opening times

All year round  
(except Christmas Day)

Monday to Friday	8am-6pm
Saturday & Sunday	8am-5pm
Bank Holidays	10am-4pm



Well behaved dogs on leads



Disability Access



Accessible Public Toilet  
Baby changing facilities



Ninesprings Café





**Yeovil Country Park**  
Riverside

**Yeovil Country Park**  
Wyndham Hill

**Yeovil Country Park**  
Summerhouse Hill

### Orienteering Trail

This encompasses the whole park and provides both easy and more challenging levels.

## What you may see...



### Water Voles

The soft sandy banks of the Yeo make a perfect home for water voles. They are Britain's fastest declining mammal with the conservation status of threatened.



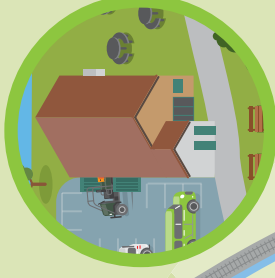
### Otters

They are frequent along the River Yeo but are harder to spot. Their homes, known as 'holts', are usually found in hollows under tree roots next to the river.



### Kingfishers

They build their burrow in the mud above the river and spend the summer frantically fishing the waterways.



### Family Tracker Packs

These are available to hire from Ninesprings Café. They are full of equipment and ideas to help you to discover the wildlife and/or heritage of the park as you explore and enjoy some fun activities.

### Children's Play Areas

Can be found at Ninesprings and Riverside (see map) and include natural play features.

# Exploring the Park

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Close to the town centre, visit **Penn Hill Park**, once the gardens of Penn House, with beautiful views across the town.

From there, head out towards the most famous area of site, the Victorian valley gardens of **Ninesprings**, with meandering paths, grottoes, streams and springs.

Follow the cycleway and reach **Summerhouse Hill**, a steeply-sloping

grassy field leading out to wider countryside. Follow along the track towards **Wyndham Hill**, where the famous landmark of the four lime trees towers over the town of Yeovil, and climb to the summit to admire the view. Continue past the river and across the road to **Riverside**, a beautiful corridor of woodland and grassland home to otters, many insects and birds.

## Dogs are welcome

**Dogs are welcome** throughout Yeovil Country Park except in the 'No Dogs' zone around the lake, in order to protect the sensitive wildlife living there.

## BBQs and picnics

A number of picturesque picnic spots are located throughout the Country Park and there is a designated BBQ area at Ninesprings.

## Friends of Yeovil Country Park

The Friends of Yeovil Country Park, a group of volunteers, support the ranger team and help to develop projects for the park. They carry out fundraising activities, assist with project work and help at events. New members are always welcome.

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### Map keys

