**Fulbourn Nature Reserve**

**Grid Reference** – GR TL 526 557. (Ordnance Survey).

**Location** – Take the A1134 from the Cambridge ring road and follow signs for Cherry Hinton and Fulbourn. Then take the road to Balsham. Fork left into Stonebridge Lane to the reserve.

**Description** – Originally fen, the site has been drained and has a much lower water table than in the past. There are still remnants of Alder woodland and secondary woodland that has developed as the wetland has dried out. Non-native trees have been planted in the southern block of woodland, but there are still Primrose, Wood Avens, Bugle, Stinking Hellebore and Wood Violet in the ground flora. Four ancient meadows grow on chalky loam and peat – one, Moat Meadow, was named for the remains of Zouches Castle, a moated medieval manor house. The other meadows including Ox Meadow and Long Fen are grazed and are very rich in flowering plants such as Cowslips, Bird’s Foot Trefoil, Yarrow, Salad Burnet, Adder’s-Tongue Fern, Pyramidal Orchid, Stinking Iris, Bee Orchid and Common Spotted Orchid. East Fen is flooded in the winter by raising a sluice and is therefore closed during this period. Stoat, Weasel and Muntjac Deer are to be seen as well as Kestrel and Sparrowhawk.

**Opening Times** – Closed during winter.

**Public Transport** – Contact the National Travel Line 0870 608 2608 for travel information.

**Parking** – Within the village. A footpath leads to the reserve from the bend on Church Lane.

**Further Information** – Wildlife Trust 01223 712400. NO DOGS.

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**Fulbourn Circular**

**Grid Reference** – GR TL 521 560. (Ordnance Survey).

**Location** – 5km (3 miles) south-east of Cambridge.

**Description** – This is a short walk of 2.4 km (1.5 miles), taking approximately one hour, with no stiles or kissing gates, and is suitable for pushchairs/wheelchairs. Mill Lane has a hard surface, but can be bumpy. However the bridleway between Ox Meadow and St. Vigor’s Church may be muddy after heavy rain. There is a double gated entrance to Ox Meadow, Fulbourn Nature Reserve, which is suitable for pushchairs/wheelchairs. Paths and lanes are well waymarked. There are many large Beech Trees although many older Elm trees died from Dutch Elm Disease in the 1970’s. Ox Meadow contains a variety of wild flowers. St. Vigor’s Churchyard is a haven for wildlife and many mini habitats for insects - look out for masses of Pink Lady’s Smock and Yellow Cowslips in spring. Stocks Hill between the post office and church gate was the site of the villages stocks many years ago. The old wall between Fulbourn Manor and Manor Walk has many different types of stone and brick, and has been repaired many times. Look out for large white blocks of clunch (hard chalk) which were probably acquired when All Saints Church was taken down in 1776. There are two pubs in the village, several shops and a post office. Dogs are not allowed on Fulbourn Nature Reserve whilst grazing animals are present.

**Opening Times** – Nature Reserve closed during winter.

**Public Transport** – Contact the National Travel Line 0870 608 2608 for travel information.

**Parking** – Townley Memorial Hall, end of Manor Walk.

**Further Information** – Wildlife Trust 01223 712400. NO DOGS.