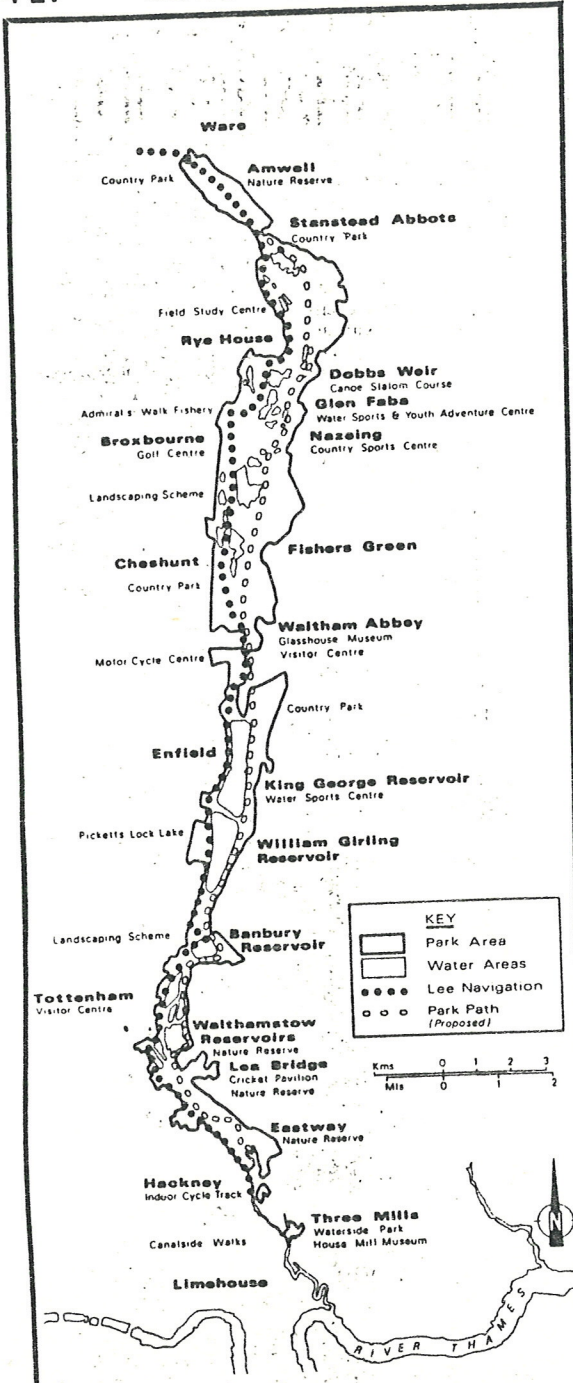


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Park proposals

Guidelines for general development



DRAFT proposals for the future development of the Lee Valley Park up to the year 2000 have been issued for public consultation.

The package lays down the authority's proposed guidelines for the growth and general development of the park. And it also includes a whole host of proposed new leisure facilities, such as a canoe slalom course at Dobbs Weir, a trout fishery at Admirals Walk, Hoddesdon, a country sports centre at Nazeing, a

glasshouse museum in Waltham Abbey, a motor cycle centre at Waltham Cross, a water sports centre at The King George Reservoir, Sewardstone, and a botanical garden at Myddleton House, Bulls Cross.

The revised plan, which has taken four years to draw up, proposes to landscape the park areas to give them "the coherence" they lack at present, and to improve access for all modes of transport.

Also to be considered is another passenger boat, a minibus service and a cycle hire scheme. Improvements to the Lee Navigation Towpath are

already programmed, and a park path, designed to accommodate cyclists, horseriders and pedestrians, is also suggested.

The document also proposes to protect its wildlife and features of historical and architectural importance, and plans visitor centres throughout the park.

The suggested development for the next 15 years is set out, with the programme for the first five years in some detail. This period concentrates on opening up the park for informal recreation and nature study as well as landscaping and developing land.

PUBLIC WILL BE CONSULTED

A FULL public consultation exercise is being launched by the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority.

Posters illustrating the main proposals will be displayed at town halls, information centres and libraries, as well as at major park facilities.

Copies of the Consultative Draft Plan, the Summary of Draft Proposals and leaflets will also be deposited at these locations, or can be obtained from: The Planning and Development Officer, Lee Valley Park, FREEPOST, Abbey Mills, Highbridge

Street, Waltham Abbey, Essex EN9 1BR (priced £3, £1 and free, respectively).

This is also the address to send your comments and views on the draft plan.

And a conference has been arranged for September 10 at the Picketts Lock Centre, Edmonton, from 10am until 4pm, when a number of organisations with an interest in the Lee Valley Park should be represented.

The various proposals have different time scales for completion, ranging from five to 15 years.

A MAP of the Lea Valley Park, which runs south from Ware all the way to Limehouse in London. The areas of the park are marked in heavy type, and the proposed facilities in the draft plan are shown in the lighter type.

THE MAIN IDEAS

DOBBS WEIR, BROXBOURNE, NAZEING

Main proposals for Dobbs Weir, Broxbourne and Nazeing: Nether hall: Restoration of the barn and manor house for public access.

Dobbs Weir: Canoe slalom course, landscaping and car parking.

Admiral's Walk lake: Trout fishery and canoe training facilities.

Former gravel workings of Nazeing New Road: Golf centre with 18 hole course, a par 3 course, driving range, putting green and shop.

Nazeing Meads and St Pauls Field: Landscaping area for sailing.

Riverside and Carthage: Acquisition and phased demolition of properties, followed by landscape treatment. The authority will seek to acquire all properties, by means of compulsory purchase if necessary, to get the area landscaped in the 15 year scheme.

Nazeing Marsh and Rusheymead, south of Nazeing New Road: Country Sports Centre, including clay pigeon shooting, working dog tests, archery, cross-country eventing, dressage and steeplechasing for horses,

angling and country fairs. Wharf Road, Wormley: Acquisition and clearance of all structures to create landscaped area for recreation, over a 15 year period. This may include the opportunity for gravel extraction and the creation of extra water areas.

RYE MEADS AND ROYDON

Lea Valley Merawly
19 July 1985

CHESHUNT AND WALTHAM ABBEY

Main Proposals for Cheshunt and Waltham Abbey: Waltham, Hall and Cheshunt Marches: Landscaped country park.

RARDE: Gunpowder interpretation centre and woodland nature reserve. Part of the site is a scheduled ancient monument and part is a site of special scientific interest.

May not be available for park purposes within the plan period.

Abbey Nursery, Crooked Mile: Museum of the Lee Valley glasshouse industry.

Abbey Farmhouse and gardens: Visitor Centre.

Rammey Marsh — west; Motor cycle centre. The site is bounded by the railway line to the west and the M25 to the north. A feasibility study will be undertaken, for the site's suitability as a trial park and roadcraft training centre. Development would include earthmounding, landscaping and noise control. Also an additional indoor leisure facility there will be looked at.

TURNFORD AREA

Main proposals for Turnford, Holyfield and Fishers Green: Paynes Lane Fishery: Restoration from angling to agricultural use.

Turnford and Cheshunt Pits: Nature study and informal recreational area with a new bridge over the Lee Navigation.

Fishers Green: Landscaped area for informal recreation.

Hayes Hill and Holyfieldhall farms: Demonstration farms with buildings used to interpret traditional farming practice.

FINANCE

THE majority of expenditure in the Lee Valley Regional Park is financed from a precept on the rates of London, Hertfordshire and Essex, although this is supplemented by income from park facilities, grants and loans.

The Authority considers that a capital budget of some £2.25 million per annum — approximately the present level — is appropriate at the start of the plan period.

ROYDON

Main proposals for Rye Meads and Roydon: Marsh Lane, Stanstead Abbots: A landscaped country park, with car park, picnic site, adventure playground and football pitch.

Marina, Stanstead Abbots: Improved access to expanded marina.

Rye House Marsh: Extended nature reserve and field study centre.

Gatehouse at Rye House: Improvements to the ancient monument.

Glen Faba: Water sports and youth adventure centre, with a possible campsite for touring canoeists.

Sewardstone

Main proposals for Sewardstone and Bulls Cross, Sewardstone Marsh: Landscaped country park.

King George Reservoirs: Water sports centre, including tuition for boardsailing, dinghy sailing, water-skiing and sub-aqua diving.

Sewardstone Caravan Park: Landscaping at the caravan park.

Myddleton House: Botanical Garden, made more accessible to the public.