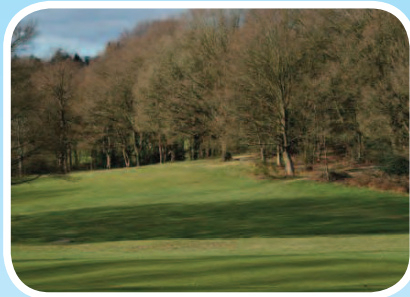


# Trees & Flora

Priory Park is home to several champion trees including the tallest recorded Hornbeam in the country (31m) and the second tallest Ash (36m).



*Woodland*

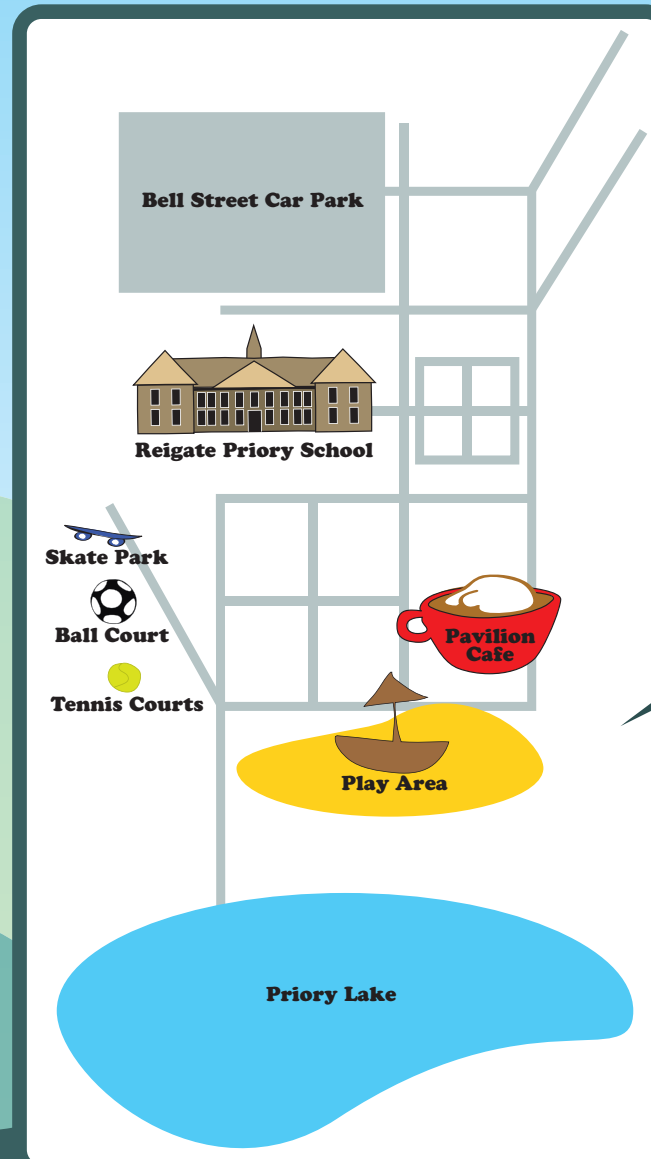
Over 207 types of plant species have been recorded on the site. Of general interest but also of botanical importance are the bluebells, which bloom in the woods each April/ May.



*Bluebells in woodland*

**For more about the trees see the tree trail leaflet.**

# Directions



# Reigate Priory Park

*Priory Park is home to a whole range of wildlife with many species of birds, six mammals, at least six different types of bat, plus flowers, insects and trees.*



**Sources**  
**Priory Park Wildlife Survey**  
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## Birds



*Kingfisher* & *Greater Spotted Woodpecker*

Priory Park is home to 13 bird species of national conservation concern: Linnet, Song Thrush, Starling, Mute Swan, Kestrel, Kingfisher, Stock Dove, Cuckoo, House Martin, Green Woodpecker, Dunnock, Willow Warbler and Goldcrest.



*Egyptian Geese*

Birds found on the lake include the commonly observed Mallard, Coot, Moorhen and Canada Goose.

Sightings have also been recorded of the Great Crested Grebe, Grey Heron, Egyptian Goose, Kingfisher, Grey Wagtail, Mandarin Duck and Mute Swan.

Please help to protect the lake as a haven for wildlife by keeping dogs under control in the lake area. This is particularly important at nesting time.

## Mammals



*Roe Deer* & *Field Vole*

In previous surveys six mammals have been found in the Park: fox, roe deer, mole, grey squirrel, field vole, and rabbit. Although smaller mammals such as mice and shrews are also likely to be present.

## Bats

There are at least six different types of bat in the Park, including the comparatively rare Serotine Bat.



*Bats*

Bats can be quite clearly observed in significant numbers at dusk in the summer months. Species vary in their preferred locations, with the lake environs and the southern slope of the wood the most populated.



## Invertebrates



*Cuckoo Wasp*

330 species of insects and other invertebrates have been recorded in Priory Park.



*Click Beetle*



These include a number of notable and rare species such as the cuckoo wasp, a rare bee (*Andrena florea*) and a click beetle (*Athous subfuscus*).



*Wasp*

15 species of butterfly were found, 92 species of beetle and 66 types of bee, wasp or ant.