

Ecos Nature Park

Welcome to our nature park, set in 62 hectares of open parkland and lying within the floodplain of the River Braid. Discover a rich variety of wildlife throughout the year with 8 kilometres of footpath that lead you through a watery landscape of maturing woodland, lake and meadow.



Giant bird table



ECOS Centre building



Bridge over River Braid



Aerial view of Ecos Nature Park

To enjoy Ecos Nature Park safely and responsibly, please:

- Be aware of unrestricted stretches of open water along the river and lake – children should be supervised by an adult at all times.
- At certain times of the year, paths may be closed during periodic flooding. Please respect this.
- Be mindful of coming into contact with open water. Leptospirosis, known as Weil's disease, is a bacterial infection caught from natural water bodies. If you feel unwell after being in contact with open water, inform your GP immediately.
- Ensure your dog is under close control at all times and use the dog bins provided.

Ecos Nature Park is managed by Mid and East Antrim Borough Council. For more information, or to report damaged or missing equipment, contact Parks and Open Spaces at parks@midandeantrim.gov.uk or telephone 028 9335 8232. In an emergency dial 999.



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No swimming



BEWARE
Deep water &
strong currents



Paths liable to flooding

www.midandeantrim.gov.uk/parks



Ecos Nature Park

An oasis of wildlife close to the heart of Ballymena town centre.

Kernohans Lane, Ballymena



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FRIENDS of Ecos Nature Park

Are you interested in getting outdoors, learning new skills and meeting like-minded people? Then our volunteer programme could be for you! As a member of the 'Friends Of' volunteer group, you'll be helping conserve and protect your local green space.

This is an outdoor event. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Five Spot Burnet



Orange-tip Butterfly

Four Spotted Chaser



Irish Moiled Cattle



Small Copper Butterfly

ECOS Trails

- River walk 0.8 km (½ mile) 20 mins
- Woodland walk 2 km (1½ mile) 1 hour
- Other paths
- National Cycle Route 97
- Woodland
- Interpretation panels
- Parking
- Ecos centre
- Café - limited opening times
- Toilets - limited opening times

Meeting at the Ecos Centre at 11am (to 1pm) on the third Saturday of every month.

