

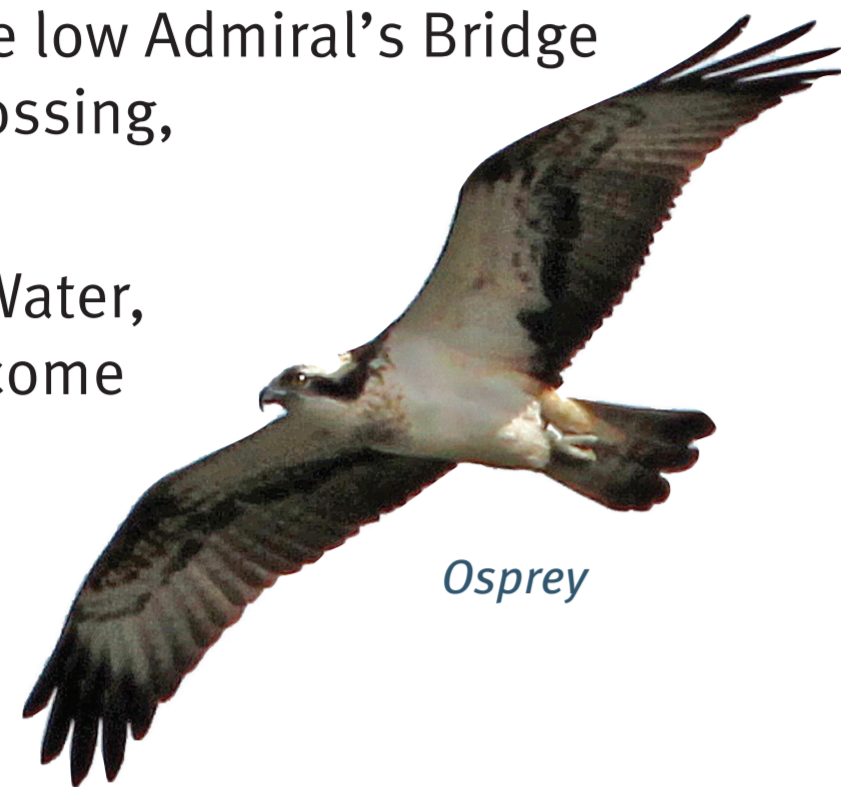
Welcome to Weir Wood Reservoir

A vital resource

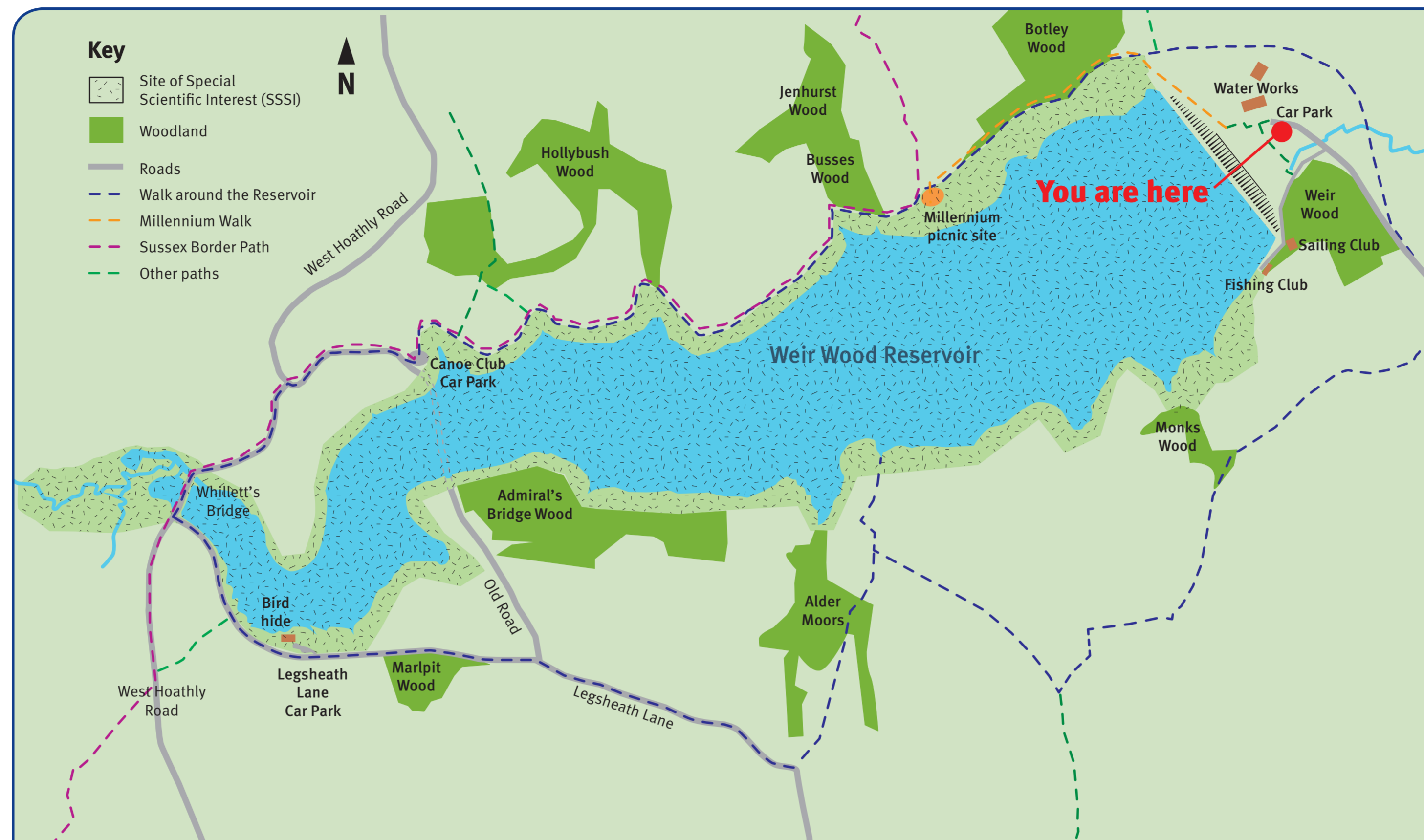
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When water levels are low Admiral's Bridge Lane, the old river crossing, is clearly visible.

Owned by Southern Water, the Reservoir has become an important wildlife haven and also provides recreational opportunities.



Osprey



The north shore's enhanced footpath



Brown trout

Where should you go?

You can take a circular walk around Weir Wood Reservoir. The route is 6 miles (10km) long; using footpaths, green lanes and public roads. Head to the Reservoir's north shore and follow the Sussex Border Path, which links to several public bridleways and footpaths, plus the Millennium picnic site via the Millennium Walk. From this car park, you can visit the Fishing Lodge and Café.

What else can you do here?

For information about recreational activities at Weir Wood, please contact Southern Water www.southernwater.co.uk or phone 0845 2780845

Links to other relevant organisations are on: www.weirwood.me.uk



Southern hawker



Marsh tit

What have you seen here today?

The Friends of Weir Wood keep records of wildlife and pass these on to the County Recorders. If you'd like to share what you've seen today, or you'd like to find out more about the area, visit the Friends' website www.weirwood.me.uk



Small tortoiseshell

A wildlife haven

Water birds including passing migrants and rare waders are attracted by the abundant fish and water life of the Reservoir. Ospreys may be seen in spring and autumn, and resident herons nest here. Deer are common and many rare plants may be seen. The shallow western end of the Reservoir is a bird sanctuary, undisturbed for over 40 years. You can view this from the bird hide in the Legsheath Lane car park.

The wildlife importance of the whole Reservoir and surrounding land led to its designation in 1966 as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). The site is owned and managed by Southern Water with support from the Friends of Weir Wood and East Sussex County Council.



Volunteers from the Friends of Weir Wood

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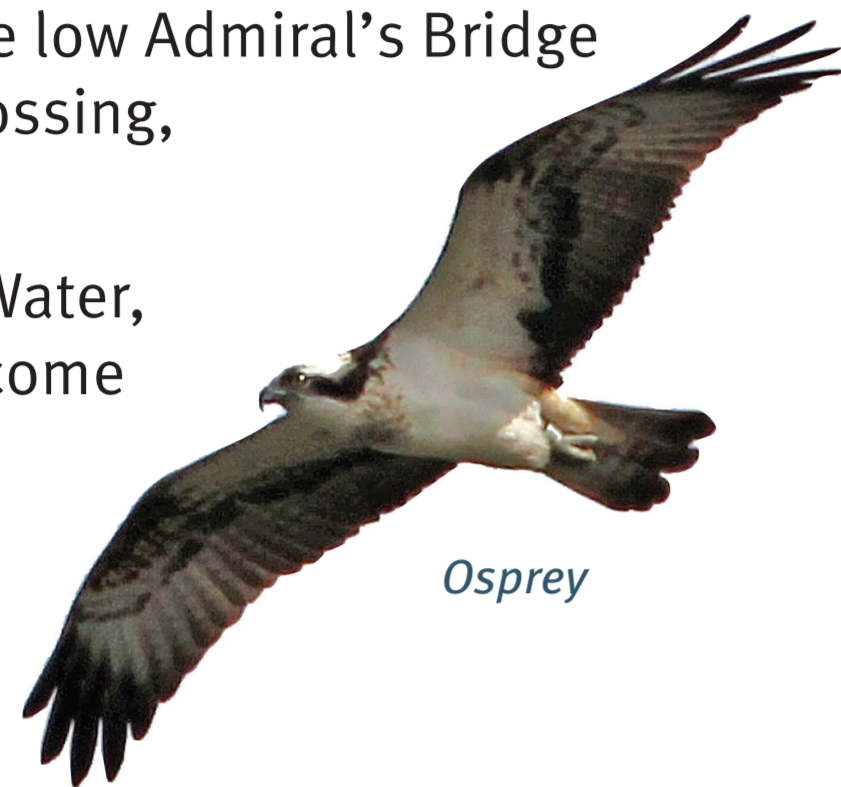
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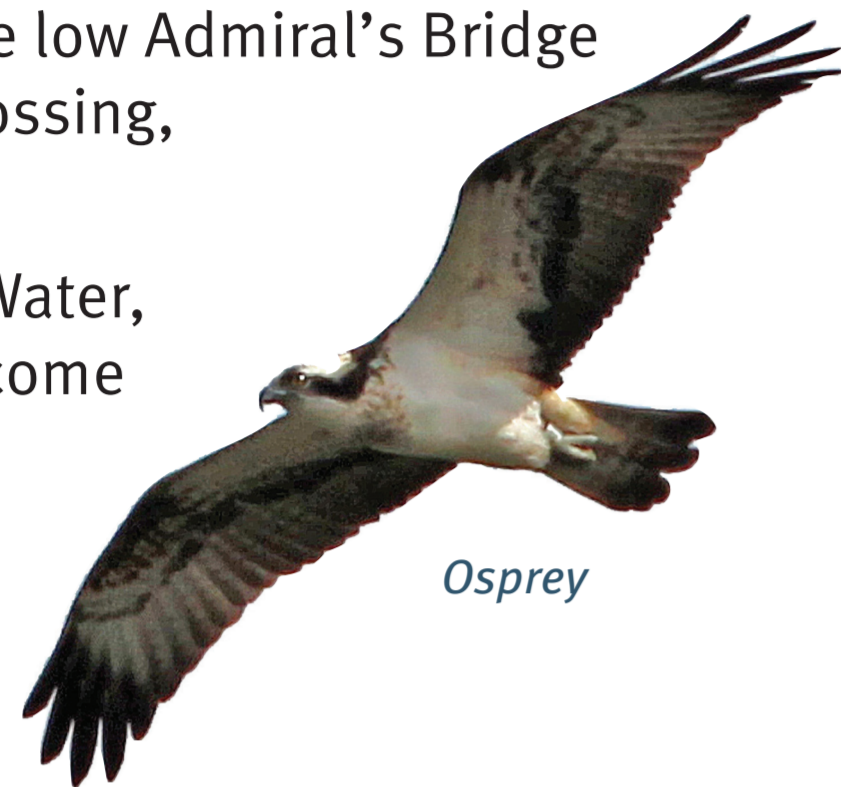
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