

DINTON PASTURES COUNTRY PARK



What's On Guide

Family days out at Dinton Pastures
and California Country Parks

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Country Park

Paths & Trails

Dinton Pastures Country Park is situated in 450 acres of woodland, meadow, lakes, and rivers. There is an accessible trail around the main lake and smaller paths to the more remote parts. There are pay and display car parks at multiple entrances and the park is minutes away from major transport routes.



Play Park

Our award-winning adventure playground is open all year round. This inclusive play space has PiPA status and has features suitable for everyone. There is a Changing Places facility a few minutes walk from the play park, too.

Climb, swing and adventure on!



Dragonfly Café

The Dragonfly Café located in the old farm house offers refreshments to fuel your adventures. They provide an excellent selection of homemade cakes and sandwiches as well as classic breakfast dishes and hot food. There is indoor seating with a log burning stove for cosy winter days and outdoor seating when the sun is shining.



California Country Park

Dinton Pastures' sister park in Finchampstead offers short walks around the lake or a longer stroll round Longmoor Bog Site of Specific Scientific Interest. The bog provides a special home to insects, fungi and birds. The café is open all year round and the paddling pool during the summer months.



Activity Centre

Pay and Play Boat Hire



Get in and go! No experience is necessary to hire any of the canoes, kayaks, stand up paddleboards, and pedalos. Open from **1 April - 1 October 11:00-17:00**, weekends during term time and every day during Wokingham school holidays. Minimum age 2 years and subject to fitting in a life jacket. **From £6pp.**

Taster Sessions



Always wanted to try adventure sports but didn't know where to start? Taster sessions give everyone a chance to try something new. Open to adults, family groups, and children aged 8+; chose from kayaking, sailing, powerboating, & stand up paddleboarding. Run on weekends, **pre-booking is essential.**

Twilight Club



The Centre is open **18:00-20:00** on Wednesdays between **April-September** for boat hire (**£12pp**) & open water swimming (**£3.50pp**). Enjoy the relaxing atmosphere of the park at twilight and see if you can catch one of Dinton's famous sunsets. We also provide a BBQ, all you need to do is bring the food! Suitable for ages 2+.

Courses & Parties



This fully licensed Ofsted and AALA registered outdoor activity centre also offers:

- * Watersports courses
- * School holiday activities
- * Corporate events
- * Birthday parties
- * Educational visits

Spring

DAC	Dinton Activity Centre	CCP	California Country Park
DP	Dinton Pastures Country Park	Children must be accompanied by an adult	

Easter Treasure Trail

14-16 April | DP | Suitable for all ages | Free of Charge (FOC)

Follow the Easter Bunny's trail around the park and take in the wildlife. Activity sheets downloadable from the website and strolls suitable for little legs.

Springwatch Paddle

16 April, 7 May, 10 June | 10:30-12:30 | DAC | 4+ | Adults £8 Children £6

See the lake come to life on our guided morning paddles. Spot ducklings and goslings as you explore the lake in a stable canoe. Dates throughout the year as spring turns to summer. Join us afterwards for coffee and homemade cake in the Activity Centre. **Booking essential.**

Dawn Chorus

22 April | 04:45 - 08:30 | Lavell's Lake Car Park | Suitable for all ages | Adults £1 Children FOC

Join Friends of Lavell's Lake (www.foll.org.uk) on a gentle dawn stroll and immerse yourself in the uninterrupted glory of birdsong.

Walking Book Group

27 April DP | 6 July CCP | 10:30-12:00 | 18+ | FOC

Enjoy the fresh air as we chat about books and take a walk in our Country Parks. Find out more at www.wokingham.gov.uk/libraries

Pond Dipping Discovery

30 April, 27 May, 18 June, 8 July | 10:00-12:00 | DP | 4+ | Adults FOC Children £10

Join the rangers to find out about the creatures living in and around Dinton's ponds. **Booking essential.**

Mini-Beast Safari

30 April, 27 May, 18 June, 8 July | 14:00-16:00 | DP | 4+ | Adults FOC Children £10

Search our meadows and woodlands with the environment rangers and discover the park's smallest inhabitants. **Booking essential.**



Summer



Outdoor Let's Explore

30 May, Wokingham Library 09:30-10:15, Woodley Library 11:00-11:45
| 24 October, Wokingham Library 09:30-10:15, Lower Earley 11:00-11:45 | Age 3-8 | FOC

A fun and creative session exploring the outdoors and nature. Booking via: www.wokingham.gov.uk/libraries



Family Fun Weekend

3 & 4 June | 10:00 - 16:00 | DAC | All ages

This is the biggest event of the year! Join the Dinton Pastures team and a host of exhibitors for this fun filled weekend. Each of our adventurous activities is just **£2 pp** per 15 minute session. Age restrictions vary but activities will be provided for our littlest visitors.



Rhymetime in the Park

12 June DP | 10 July CCP | 11 Sept DP | 10:00-12:00 | under 5s | FOC

Share rhymes and songs and help your little ones to learn. This year's theme is "Let's Explore Outdoors" so bring a picnic and join the WBC Libraries for a mini adventure.

More info via: www.wokingham.gov.uk/libraries



Bug Club with BENHS

24 June | 10:00 | DP | Suitable for all ages | FOC

Did you know that there are more species of moth than there are of butterfly? Join the British Entomological and Natural History Society at their annual "Meet a Moth" event to bust any myths about moths! No booking required.



Sunset Paddles

July & August Fridays | 21:00-23:00 | DAC | 4+ | Adult £15 Child £10

As the sun goes down, the night sky lights up. Look out for shooting stars & bats as you go on a guided paddle of the lake. **Booking essential.**



Marvellous Festival

29 & 30 July | DP

A fabulous, family friendly festival! A weekend of live music, food, and glamping. **(Book at www.marvellousfestivals.com)**

Open Air Cinema

27 & 28 August | Film starts 20:30 | DP | Adult £15 Child £10

Themed open air cinema evenings with a unique backdrop. Pull up a deck chair or picnic blanket and relax in front of a film. Fancy dress is encouraged and the catering choices will reflect the theme. **Booking essential.**

Autumn

Bat Walk and Talk

22 July, 19 August, 16 Sept, 21 October | DP | 12+ | £10pp

Learn about the native UK bats and how to detect them, then head off at dusk around the park to put your new skills into practice. Times vary to reflect the sunset. **Booking essential.**

California Speedway

October | 10:00-16:00 | CCP | FOC

California Country Park was once the home of epic Speedway Events. See the original motor bikes from the 1930s- 1950s at this classic Speedway reunion.

Fungus Foray

8 October | 10:30-12:30 | CCP | 12+ | £10pp

Do you know the difference between Wood Ears and a Shaggy Parasol? Join us for hands on learning about these wonderful life forms with our expert. **Booking essential.**

Spooky Night Paddles | 27, 28, 29, 31 October | 17:00-19:00 & 20:00- 22:00 | DAC | 4+ | Adult £15 Child £10

Join us for a night time paddle if you dare! Keep your eyes peeled for the ghosts and ghouls that lurk on the lake. **Booking essential.**

Mince Pie Regatta

17 December | 13:30-16:00 | DAC | 4+ | Adults £8 Child £6

Dig out your thermals and take to the water in a vessel of your choice. Warm up afterwards with a selection of hot drinks and baked goods!

Booking essential.

Birthday Parties

A birthday party in the great outdoors makes for a memorable occasion! Minibeast Explorer parties make the most of the natural environment and Active Adventure parties are perfect for thrill-seeking birthday girls and boys. Activities range from pond dipping to paddleboarding, minibeast safaris to sailing. More details are in the Group Events Brochure.

Courses

Dinton Activity Centre offers courses in sailing, powerboat driving, kayaking and canoeing. There are options available for adults, teenagers, children, beginners and improvers! Sessions are run over weekends, weekday evenings and school holidays to suit every schedule. All dates, times and prices are outlined in the Youth Activities or Adult courses brochure.



Fitness in the Fresh Air

Open Water Swimming

Wednesdays | 18:00-20:00 | £3.50



Whether you are training for the big event or just want to experience swimming in a natural environment. Swimming sessions are supervised by a safety kayaker. Sessions run from April- end September.

SUP Fitness

Tuesdays | 06:30-08:00 | 18:00-19:30 | £72



Paddle, stretch and strengthen your way to fitness in the fresh air with the help of our SUPFit qualified instructors. Course runs over 6 weeks. No previous experience required.

Fitness Bootcamp

www.321spritifit.com



High intensity cardio workouts that boost strength and endurance. Great for training for muddy races or just for fun!

Walking for Health

healthwalks@wokingham.gov.uk



Walking is beneficial for your physical as well as your mental wellbeing. Meet new people in the fresh air at one of 17 guided walks across the borough.

Barnes Fitness

www.barnesfitness.co.uk

Independent local sports coaches Ellie and Ian offer running and multisport competitive events for adults and children throughout the year. Their Dinton Summer Race Series draws hundreds of competitors and is a firm favourite. Dinton Pastures offers a stunning backdrop to some off-road running and wild swimming adventures. Book through the Barnes Fitness website.

Dates for your diary

Wokingham 5km/10km | 2 April | 09:30

Dinton Kids Duathlon | 14 April | 10:00

Dinton 5km/10km Summer Race Series | 11 May, 8 June, 13 July @ 19:30, 10 August @ 19:00

Dinton Duathlon | 11 June | 08:00

Santa Dash | 16 Dec | 10:30

How to Book

Booking for events is via www.dinton-pastures.co.uk
Click on the activities and events page for more details on all the days out in the countryside, fitness sessions, adult & youth courses.

How to Find Us

The country park is well signposted and easily accessible from the A329M, M4, and A4. Less than 30 minutes' drive from Maidenhead, Slough, Henley, Reading, Wokingham, and Bracknell.

There are 6 car parks spread around the site. The main entrance is located on Davis Street, RG10 0TH. Dinton Activity Centre has its own car park on Sandford Lane, RG10 OSU.

Car Park charges apply from 06:00-22:00 daily and gate opening times vary. The main entrance opens automatically at 06:45 and closes at 21:00. Dinton Activity Centre's car park will be open 09:00-17:00 other than when events are taking place where times will vary.

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