

A Brief History Of Cutwood Park

Cutwood Park was given to the people of Rishton by Captain Robert Petre in 1953, the then lord of the Dunkenhall Manor, in memory of his father Captain Charles Bernard Petre. Though the Park had been used for leisure for many years before the fifties, the land was made into a natural park by Rishton Urban District Council.

Rishton Reservoir

The reservoir covers 37 acres and was once a hollow marsh which was flooded with water in 1828 and used to top up the Leeds & Liverpool Canal. The Saxon word for marsh was 'Cuttlache'. It's a popular place for fishing, birdwatching and sailing. A jetty with seating is available within the Park and over looks the reservoir.

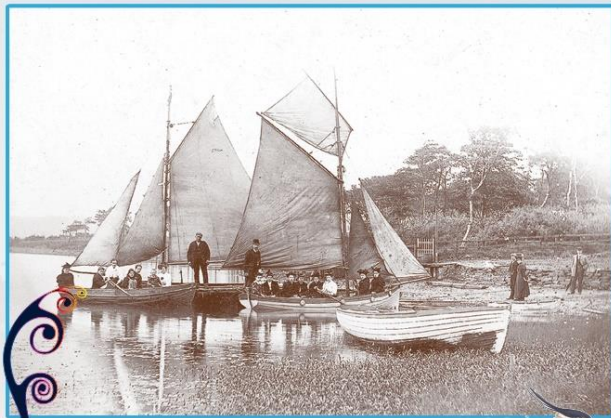


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Cutwood Park is situated next to Rishton Reservoir. It is a fairly flat area of land with areas of mature trees and more open areas of recreational grass land.

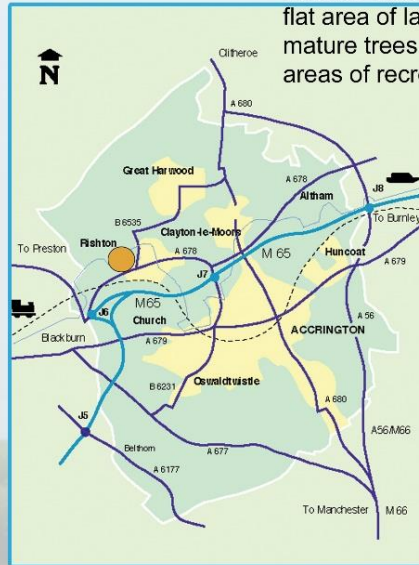


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By Car:

Situated off A678 Blackburn Road in West Rishton between Cut Lane and Rishton Reservoir.

By Bus:

Bus number 152 stops at the Rishton War Memorial.

Bus number 7 stops at Rishton Reservoir (from the Blackburn Direction).

By Train:

The park is 15 minutes walk from Rishton train station.

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in Rishton is a small park consisting of a number of wooded areas and a circular walk around open amenity grassland, half way around the walk there is access to a purpose made seating area where views of Rishton Reservoir can be enjoyed. There is also a childrens play area divided into 2 separate areas one for children below the age of 8 and one for children up to the age of 12.

Great Crested Grebe *Podiceps cristatus*



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Up to 3 pairs of Great Crested Grebe have attempted to nest on the Reservoir.

The mature woodland consists of Oak, Beech and Sycamore with an understorey of Birch, Sorbus and Alder and a shrub layer of Elder and Wild Rose. There is a good age diversity in the woodland with younger trees growing amongst mature trees. Many of the younger trees being self sown.



Common Bluebell
Hyacinthoides non-scripta.

This native plant is protected and it is therefore an offence to pick or remove the plant, it can be found flowering in spring in Cutwood Park.

The Spanish Bluebell, (*Hyacinthoides hispanica*), can also be found growing in the UK and often out competes with the native Bluebell as does hybrid versions of the two plants.

Adding to diversity.

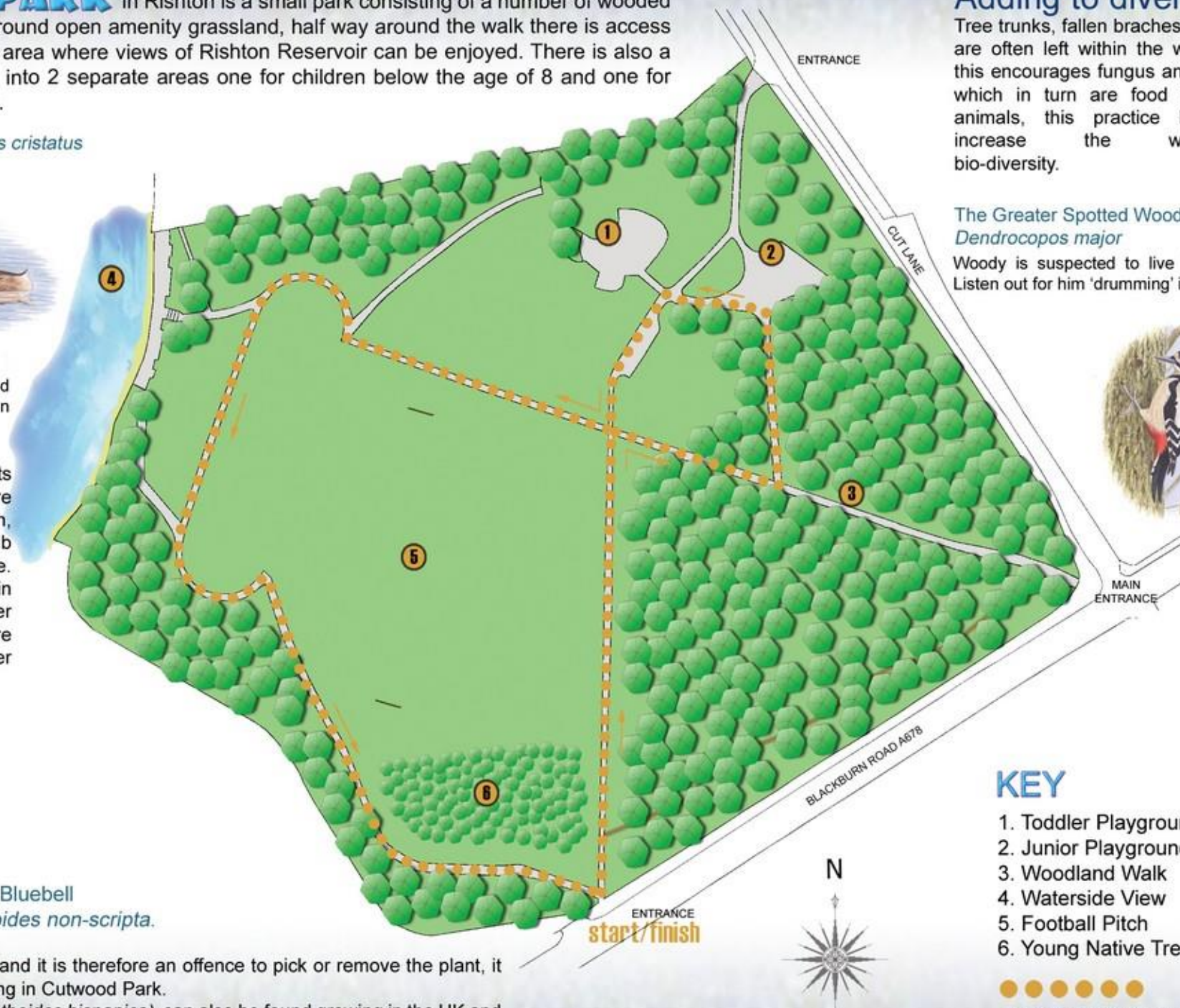
Tree trunks, fallen braches and logs are often left within the woodland, this encourages fungus and insects which in turn are food for other animals, this practice helps to increase the woodlands bio-diversity.

The Greater Spotted Woodpecker
Dendrocopos major

Woody is suspected to live in the park. Listen out for him 'drumming' in Spring.



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1. Toddler Playground
2. Junior Playground
3. Woodland Walk
4. Waterside View
5. Football Pitch
6. Young Native Tree Planting



AMBER WALK 716 Meters
(approx 1 3/4 laps of a running track)