

Branston Water Park

Summer Opening Times (April - September)

Water Park & Visitor Centre open daily: 8am-9pm

Winter Opening Times (October - March)

Water Park open daily: 8am - 5pm

Visitor Centre open weekends & Bank Holidays only:
8am - 5pm

Parking

Free parking. Main car park, with six disabled bays, next to the water's edge. Further parking, with two disabled bays, beyond the play area. Both car parks are tarmac surfaced and have paved crossings with drop kerbs.

Trails

All paths are tarmac around the lake and through the woods, except for the short sections marked on the map. Flat and fairly easy; all paths are wheelchair accessible with passing points at regular intervals. Please note: The canal towpath is narrow in places and there is no barrier at the water's edge by the path, so care should be taken.

Facilities

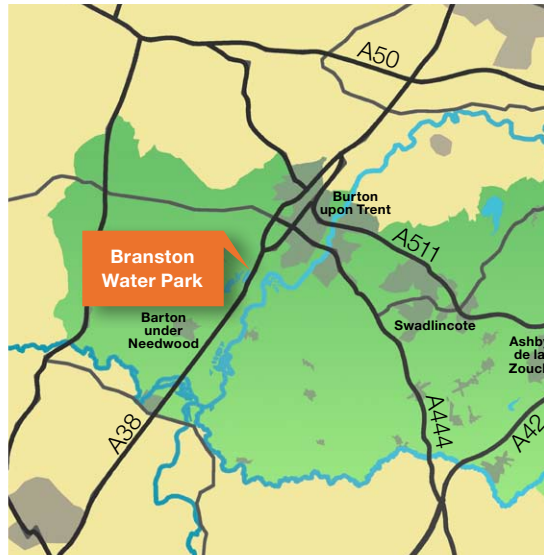
Free admission to information centre (unmanned) and Water Park. Picnic area with solid gravel surface (benches are wheelchair accessible). Disabled toilet with RADAR lock alongside the visitor centre. Children's play area. Interpretation boards installed at a suitable height for wheelchair users. Two disabled fishing pegs (marked on the map) for members of the Burton Mutual Angling Association only. Bird screen with viewing slots designed for wheelchair users.



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Location

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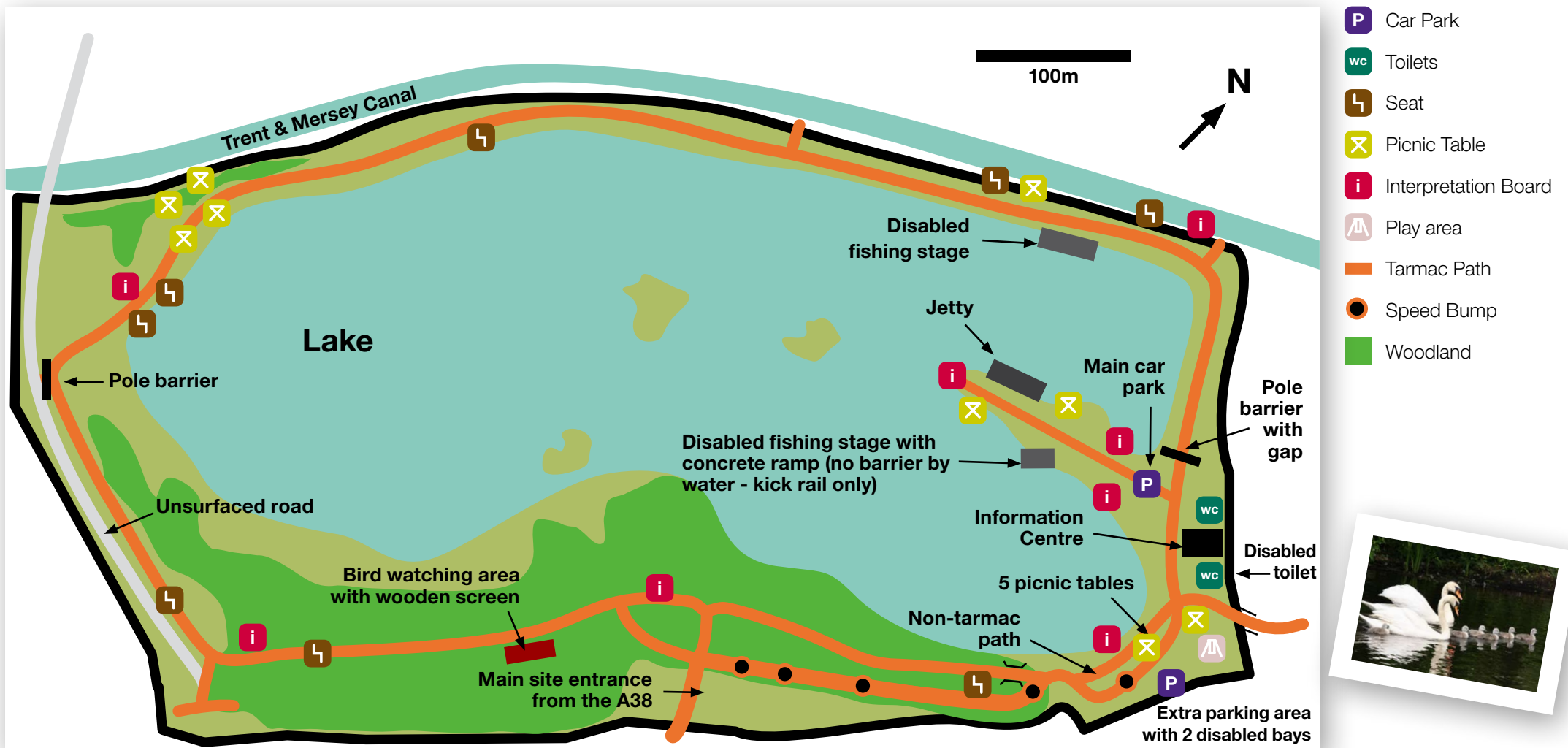
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The Water Park is a 16 hectare (40 acre) lake, formed from the flooding of a disused gravel pit, surrounded by woodland, wetland and wildflower meadows. The park lies between the A38 and the Trent & Mersey Canal, a few miles south of Burton upon Trent. Known today as a premier wildlife site in East Staffordshire, the Water Park is home to many species of plants and animals, both common and nationally rare, and boasts one of the largest reed beds in Staffordshire. Follow the circular surfaced trail (just over a mile in length) which leads around the lake and through the woodland. Look out for the varied range of birds, animals and insects that populate this beautiful setting.

The lake is also used for model boating and angling, all available through local clubs. Other features of interest include narrow-boats on the canal and the small information centre. The Park has received the prestigious **Green Flag** award since 2005, in recognition of the quality, cleanliness, safety and wildlife value of the site. This may be why, in 2008, Branston Water Park was named as one of the top ten places in the country for family walks.

East Staffordshire Borough Council has produced a DVD showing disabled facilities at Branston Water Park and other sites. Contact 01283 508573 for further information.