

Thorndon Country Park

Map key

- Surfaced path
- - - Public footpath
- Path
- - - Bridleway (walkers, horse riders and cyclists)
- 5 mile walk (loop)
- - - Fence
- Stream
- Road

- Car park
- Café
- Gruffalo trail
- Visitor centre (Essex Wildlife Trust)
- Pavilion
- Toilets – disabled and baby changing facilities
- Bike hire
- Picnic area
- View point
- Private property
- Information
- Public house

Bike Trails

Get on your bikes and cycle the unsurfaced routes through attractive landscapes, (suitable for intermediate riders+). Connect with the wider cycling network. Cycle hire and guided rides run by Trailnet.

Old Thorndon Pastures

Stretch your legs and head into the quieter reaches of the park where cattle graze during the summer. Enjoy spectacular views over the Thames Estuary and into London on a clear day. Revel in the wide-open spaces.

Explore over 500 acres of diverse habitats, colourful woodlands and the famous Gruffalo trail at Thorndon Country Park.

Gruffalo Trail

Fun for pre-schoolers. Delve into the deep dark wood and meet the delightful characters from the bestselling books by Julia Donaldson and Alex Scheffler. Enjoy our fun activities along the way. Trail activity map available to buy from the visitor centre.

The Deer Park – Wood Pasture

This enchanting landscape has changed little since the 1500s although it's no longer home to deer. Take a walk through the wood pasture, which is being restored by managing the trees and introducing grazing animals to let sunlight flow and flowers to flourish, thereby encouraging greater biodiversity. Please keep your dogs on the lead when livestock are in this area.

Thorndon South

Discover the rich historic landscape of Thorndon South, once home to Old Thorndon Hall. Spot veteran trees and beautiful wildflowers and follow our Heritage Trail to learn more about the times of the rich landowners and how they shaped the land.

Our dog activity course, at the bottom of the picnic field, is a must for all owners.

Visit safety

- Always keep your dogs under control
- Respect other users on multi-use trails
- Swimming is prohibited
- Supervise children and dogs near water
- Stay off the ice in winter

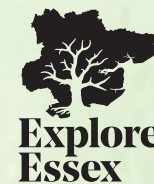


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