

Caring for Earlswood Lakes

We're the charity working to protect and bring to life this 250-year-old network of canals and rivers spanning England and Wales. Not so long ago many canals were abandoned, and some lost forever. Today, with your support, wildlife is recovering, history is alive, boats are plentiful and spending time in this environment is contributing to our health and happiness.

Our mission is to keep this extraordinary network of canals and rivers alive, teeming with wildlife, transforming places they run through and enriching all of our lives. Your support today could help us care for Earlswood Lakes and many more places, for today and generations to come.



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our work &
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The task of protecting the finest examples of working industrial heritage including Old Engine House, and the wildlife that calls it home, is growing all the time. As a charity we need you by our side more than ever. Please support our work today.



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River Trust

Making life better by water

Keeping history alive

Earlswood is actually made up of three 22-acre reservoirs – Terry's Pool, Windmill Pool and Engine Pool. The lakes (or reservoirs) were originally built in the 1820s to supply water to the Stratford-upon-Avon Canal.

The network of channels alongside the lakes enabled water to be moved from the River Blythe to the canal or the lakes.

The lakes took nearly five years to complete and cost £297,000, equivalent to approximately £34 million today.

Discover lots of fun things to do with the family by and on the water. Go to canalrivertrust.org.uk/explorers



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Welcome to Earlswood Lakes

Your gateway to history and wildlife.



We're the charity making life better by water

Situated on the outskirts of Solihull, Earlswood Lakes are manmade and were originally constructed to supply water to the Stratford-upon-Avon Canal. Today they are one of the best places in the area to spot wildlife and enjoy nature.

Visit us at:
Wood Lane,
Earlswood B94 6AD

 Allow 1-2 hours
for your visit

Find your way around

-  towpath
-  café
-  pub
-  shopping
-  bench/picnic area
-  point of interest
-  nature reserve
-  play area
-  sailing
-  parking
-  railway station

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 Map not to scale:
covers approx.
1½ miles / 2.4km



Details correct at time of print, please check before travelling.

5 things to do at Earlswood Lakes

- 1 Enjoy** the 2.6 miles (4.2km) easy accessible walking trail around the lakes.
- 2 Discover** the variety of wildlife in the area – including woodpeckers, kestrels, owls, otters and muntjac deer.
- 3 Learn** to sail or just relax and watch others at Earlswood Lakes Sailing Club enjoying their time on water.
- 4 Follow** the path to the Old Engine House, once used to pump water into the canal feeder channel.
- 5 Have** a picnic and feel the benefit of spending time by water.

Did you know?

Anglers discovered a 33 pound (16 kilo) Aligator Snapping Turtle, a critically endangered species, in the Engine Pool in 2008. It can now be seen at West Midlands Safari Park where it is part of a captive breeding programme.

