



LAND OF THE FANNS

Teacher Briefing

Chase Nature Reserve

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Dagenham Road, Rush Green,
Romford, Essex, RM7 OSS

<http://www.thameschase.org.uk/visitor-centres/dagenham-and-romford/the-chase-local-nature-reserve>

Summary

- 48.5 Hectares (120 acres)
- The Chase Local Nature Reserve is managed by The London Borough of Barking and Dagenham Ranger Service.
- The reserve is divided into a wooded narrow strip along the River Rom north of the road called The Chase, and a large more open area with lakes to the south. The wooded strip east of the River Rom is crossed by a footpath between Roneo Corner, opposite Rom Valley Way, to The Chase road. A footpath from Dagenham Road to The Chase road goes through the area on the west bank. The southern area is bordered on the west by Eastbrookend Country Park, and is linked by a footbridge over a railway line to Beam Valley Country Park to the south.
- It has horse-grazed meadows, shallow wetlands, marshland, ponds, woodland scrub, and the River Rom runs through it, all providing a diverse mix of habitats for birds and other creatures.
- Variety of natural habitats where nature can thrive.

Wildlife

- 200 species of birds have been recorded on site.
- Kingfishers, skylark, little ringed plover and lapwing all breed here.
- Rare visitors during the migration periods such as pine bunting, great snipe and spotted crane.
- Also home to around 300 Green Parakeets!
- Other animals include water voles, great crested newts, slow worms and badgers.

Plants & Trees

- Notable plants include spiny retharrow, warty cabbage and black mustard.
- Rare Black Poplar trees (6 of only 600 female trees left in the United Kingdom)