Walking trails
To discover what makes Brockholes such a special place for wildlife, start exploring today. The trails will take you through some of the most important homes for nature on the reserve, giving you the chance to get closer to all sorts of wildlife that lives here.

Enjoy your day!

DISCOVERY TRAIL
3 miles
A journey of discovery that takes in the whole of Brockholes and promises some special nature moments. Enjoy the tranquillity of our ancient woodland, Bolton Wood, watch the wildfowl and waders on Meadow Lake and Number One Pit, and pass through ancient hawthorn arches as you walk a portion of the Guild Wheel path to The Lookout hide on Number One Pit lake, then back along the peaceful boardwalk.

MEADOW LAKE TRAIL
1.2 miles
A scenic loop around Meadow Lake that starts and ends at our floating Visitor Village. Stroll through a wood that brims with birdsong in spring and fungi in autumn, and admire the view from the viewpoint close to our osprey platform. Keep your eyes peeled for roe deer as you take the Guild Wheel path to The Lookout hide on Number One Pit lake, then back along the peaceful boardwalk.

KESTREL TRAIL
¾ mile
A lovely short loop from the Visitor Village and around the play area, with a good chance of spotting one of our most famous residents, the beautiful kestrel, hovering over the grass. The path takes you through a magical meadow, across a bridge over a pond busy with damselflies, and to a viewpoint with stunning views of the River Ribble and beyond.

FAMILY TRAIL
1 mile
Perfect for families, this gentle trail guides you to the highest points of the nature reserve for wonderful views over Meadow Lake and the River Ribble. See who’s filling up at the bird feeding station and pop into the Lookout hide before heading back along the reedbed boardwalk to the Visitor Village. And let’s not forget a stop at the adventure play area in focus are set up in The Lookout hide by Number One Pit Lake, ready to help you find your perfect pair of bins or that special scope, with floor-to-ceiling windows looking out over the lake, there’s no better place to try before you buy!