

# Explore the Blackwater Valley



## KEY

- Countryside site/wildlife interest
- Angling
- Golf
- Horse riding
- Watersports
- Campsite
- Take the kids
- Parking
- Refreshments available
- Charges apply
- Wheelchair accessible
- Telephone

## ABBREVIATIONS

- BCU – British Canoe Union
- BHS – British Horse Society
- BVCP – Blackwater Valley Countryside Partnership
- HCC – Hampshire County Council
- RYA – Royal Yachting Association
- SPA – Special Protection Area
- SSSI – Site of Special Scientific Interest

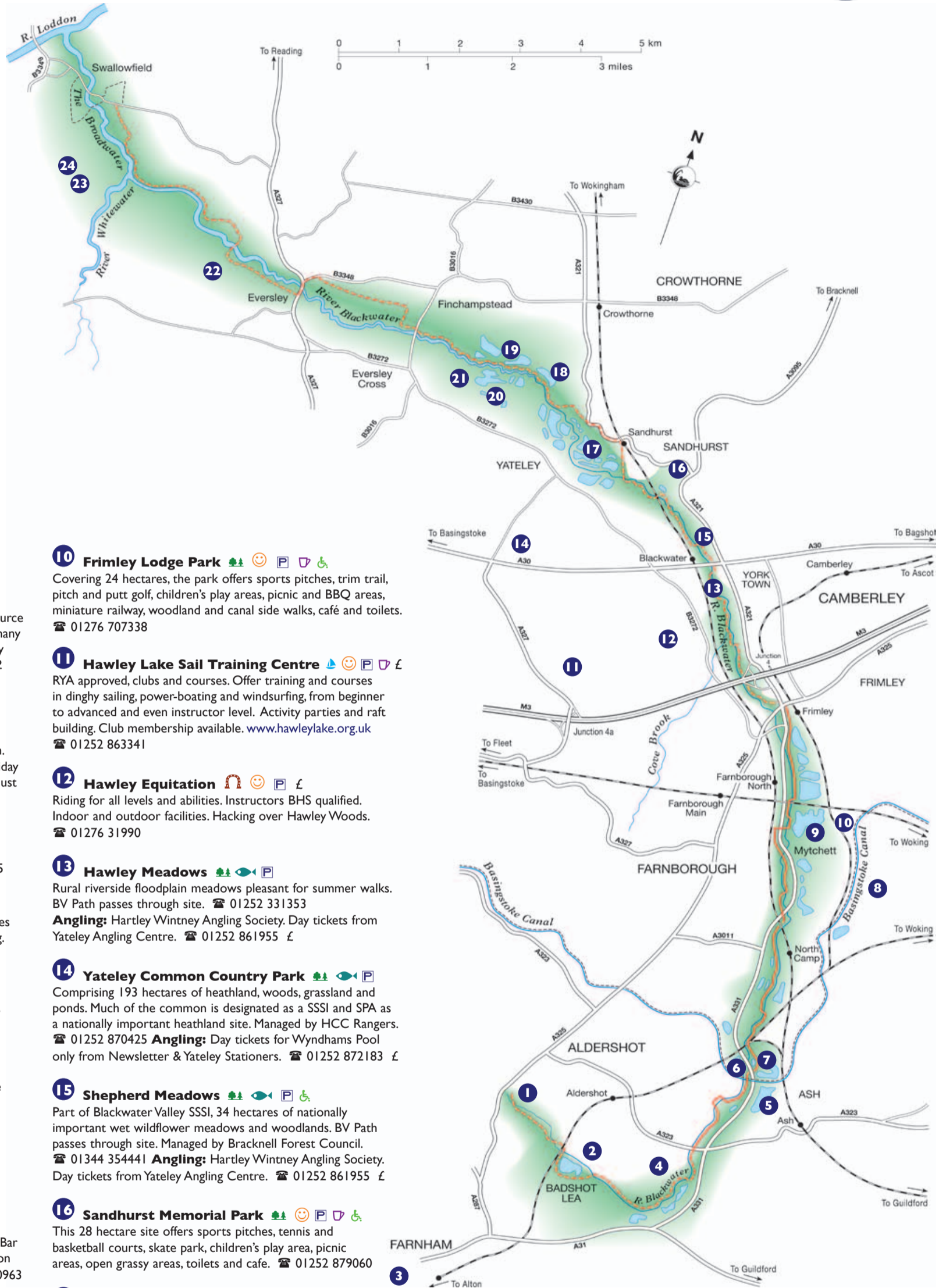
## BLACKWATER VALLEY PATH

- Un-surfaced section of path
- Multi-user sections

## Blackwater Valley Path (BV Path)

The 37-km footpath follows the River Blackwater from its source in Rowhill Nature Reserve to Swallowfield. Mostly flat with many sections suitable for multi-users. Offers ever-changing scenery and links many of the other facilities listed. Managed by BVCP. ☎ 01252 331353.

- 1 Rowhill Nature Reserve** Local nature reserve and area of ancient woodland covering 22 hectares. Source of River Blackwater and start of BV Path. NO cycling please. Visitor centre open Sunday and Bank Holiday afternoons 2-4.30pm. School parties and organised groups must book in advance. ☎ 01252 319749
- 2 Brickfields Country Park** Small local natural park of 3 hectares with a pond. [www.brickfieldspark.org](http://www.brickfieldspark.org) ☎ 01252 330966 or 08707 700695
- 3 Kiln Stables Riding School** Friendly stables BHS approved. Riding for all levels and abilities from children's lessons through to professional exam training. [www.kilnstables.co.uk](http://www.kilnstables.co.uk) ☎ 01420 520005
- 4 Aldershot Park** Large recreational area with sports pitches, large playground, toilets, large pond, small BMX track and fishing club. BV Path passes through site To book pitches ☎ 01252 370411 **Angling:** Aldershot Park Angling Club aimed at beginners, junior and disabled members. Offers 15 swims for disabled anglers. Prices, match fixtures and other activities on website [www.aldershotparkangling.com](http://www.aldershotparkangling.com) ☎ 01252 332675 £
- 5 Willow Park Fishery** Day ticket mixed fishery of three lakes with tackle/bait shop. Café and toilets on site. [www.willowparkfishery.co.uk](http://www.willowparkfishery.co.uk) ☎ 01252 325867
- 6 Gold Valley Lakes** With five lakes this is one of Britain's premier match fisheries. Bar and snacks available. ☎ 01252 336333. Bait and tackle shop on site sells day tickets. [www.goldvalleylakes.com](http://www.goldvalleylakes.com) ☎ 01252 350963
- 7 Lakeside Nature Reserve** Wildlife-rich local nature reserve with mixed habitats, noted for water plants and insects. BV Path passes through site. Managed by Guildford Borough Council and BVCP. ☎ 01483 444771 **Angling:** Hartley Wintney Angling Society. Day tickets from Hampshire Tackle. ☎ 01252 318937 £
- 8 Basingstoke Canal Visitor Centre, Mytchett** Visitor centre offering information on all aspects of the Basingstoke Canal. Walks, boat trips, camping, picnic area, playground, toilets, function room and free parking. Centre sells fishing permits and canal boat licenses. Opening times vary according to season. [www.basingstoke-canal.co.uk](http://www.basingstoke-canal.co.uk) ☎ 01252 370073
- 9 Quayside Wake & Ski** Water-skiing and wakeboarding. Inflatable rides. Bar & restaurant with outdoor play area in lakeside setting. [www.ukwake.com](http://www.ukwake.com) ☎ 01252 524375. Email: [quaysidewake@googlemail.com](mailto:quaysidewake@googlemail.com)



**10 Frimley Lodge Park** Covering 24 hectares, the park offers sports pitches, trim trail, pitch and putt golf, children's play areas, picnic and BBQ areas, miniature railway, woodland and canal side walks, café and toilets. ☎ 01276 707338

**11 Hawley Lake Sail Training Centre** RYA approved, clubs and courses. Offer training and courses in dinghy sailing, power-boating and windsurfing, from beginner to advanced and even instructor level. Activity parties and raft building. Club membership available. [www.hawleylake.org.uk](http://www.hawleylake.org.uk) ☎ 01252 863341

**12 Hawley Equitation** Riding for all levels and abilities. Instructors BHS qualified. Indoor and outdoor facilities. Hacking over Hawley Woods. ☎ 01276 31990

**13 Hawley Meadows** Rural riverside floodplain meadows pleasant for summer walks. BV Path passes through site. ☎ 01252 331353 **Angling:** Hartley Wintney Angling Society. Day tickets from Yateley Angling Centre. ☎ 01252 861955 £

**14 Yateley Common Country Park** Comprising 193 hectares of heathland, woods, grassland and ponds. Much of the common is designated as a SSSI and SPA as a nationally important heathland site. Managed by HCC Rangers. ☎ 01252 870425 **Angling:** Day tickets for Wyndhams Pool only from Newsletter & Yateley Stationers. ☎ 01252 872183 £

**15 Shepherd Meadows** Part of Blackwater Valley SSSI, 34 hectares of nationally important wet wildflower meadows and woodlands. BV Path passes through site. Managed by Bracknell Forest Council. ☎ 01344 354441 **Angling:** Hartley Wintney Angling Society. Day tickets from Yateley Angling Centre. ☎ 01252 861955 £

**16 Sandhurst Memorial Park** This 28 hectare site offers sports pitches, tennis and basketball courts, skate park, children's play area, picnic areas, open grassy areas, toilets and cafe. ☎ 01252 879060

**17 Jakes @ Tri-lakes** Landscaped areas, children's mini farm, indoor soft play area, café and angling. [www.jakestrilakes.co.uk](http://www.jakestrilakes.co.uk) ☎ 01252 871007

**18 Horseshoe Lake Activity Centre** RYA and BCU courses for all abilities. Dinghy sailing, windsurfing, kayaking, canoeing. Other activities available. Birthday parties, youth groups, corporate groups and school bookings. BV Path passes alongside site. [www.freetimewatersports.co.uk](http://www.freetimewatersports.co.uk) ☎ 01252 871808

**19 Moor Green Lakes Nature Reserve** Important site for breeding and over-wintering birds. Bird hides available to members only. BV Path passes alongside site. [www.mglg.org.uk](http://www.mglg.org.uk) ☎ 01252 331353

**20 Blackwater Valley Golf Centre** Nine-hole golf course, driving range and club house. Club membership and pay and play. [www.blackwatergolfcentre.com](http://www.blackwatergolfcentre.com) ☎ 01252 874725

**21 Blackwater Valley Watersports** A complex of three lakes offering a range of facilities for members and boat owners. On site club. ☎ 01252 871182

**22 Rycroft School of Equitation** Welcomes riders of all standards. Staff trained to BHS standards. Indoor and outdoor training. Good hacking over Bramshill Common. [www.rycroft-equitation.co.uk](http://www.rycroft-equitation.co.uk) ☎ 0118 973 2761

**23 Wellington Country Park** Nature trail walks and maze, slides, sandpits, toddler's play area, enchanted forest, miniature railway, adventure playground, nine-hole crazy golf, cafeteria, picnic areas and BBQ facilities. Seasonal special events as part of the entrance fee. Campsite for caravans and tents. [www.wellington-country-park.co.uk](http://www.wellington-country-park.co.uk) ☎ 0118 932 6444

**24 Wellington Riding** BHS approved riding and training centre. Offers riding tuition, holidays and courses for all abilities and levels. Restaurant and shop. [www.wellington-riding.co.uk](http://www.wellington-riding.co.uk) ☎ 0118 932 6308