



Kent Country Parks

# Lullingstone



*naturally, a great day out*



## History and facilities

Lullingstone Country Park lies within the North Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, alongside the River Darent. Once a medieval deer park and the estate of Lullingstone Castle, this historic park now provides 460 acres of public space.

Lullingstone is internationally important for its collection of ancient trees, some of which are over 500 years old. The park also has many areas of chalk grassland that are filled with spectacular displays of orchids and colourful wildflowers in the summer.

- A full events programme is available.
- The visitor centre hosts a café offering hot meals, cream teas and snacks. (Open 10.00am – 5.00pm, April – October, 11.00am – 4.00pm, November – March). Last orders half an hour before closing.
- The Discovery Trail is ideal for adventurous children.
- Education programmes are offered for schools from Key Stage 1 to A Level.
- Enjoy unlimited parking with our annual season ticket.

### Veteran trees



There is a specialist trail around 200 of the park's ancient trees. (See separate leaflet).

### Pyramidal and fragrant orchids



In summer the grassland bursts into colour with birdsfoot trefoil, scabious and pyramidal and fragrant orchids.

### Frogs and toads



The River Darent attracts kingfishers and dragonflies. Frogs and toads use the ponds as their mating grounds.

### Badgers



Skylarks, grass snakes and common lizards make the park their home. Signs of badgers may be seen in spring.



## How to find us

Lullingstone Country Park is open daily (except Christmas Day) from 8:00am until dusk.

### Contact:

Lullingstone Country Park, Kingfisher Bridge, Castle Road, Eynsford, Kent DA4 0JF  
Tel: **01322 865995**  
Email: [kentcountryparks@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kentcountryparks@kent.gov.uk)  
Web: [www.kent.gov.uk/kentcountryparks](http://www.kent.gov.uk/kentcountryparks)



### By car

From Eynsford on the A225 towards Otford, the park is well signposted to the right, after the entrance to Lullingstone Castle.



### By bus

These buses stop at Eynsford (1.4 miles, 2.3 km):  
Sevenoaks to Swanley 421 (Go Coach)  
Sevenoaks to New Ash Green 407 (Griffin bus)  
Tel: Traveline **0871 200 22 33**.



### By train

The nearest train station is Eynsford (1.1 miles, 1.8 km). For rail enquiries call: **08457 48 49 50**.

This leaflet is available in other formats and can be explained in other languages.

Tel: **08458 247 600**

(Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm).

# Welcome to Lullingstone Country Park

## ● Woodland Walk (2 miles, 3.2 km)

This circular walk offers breathtaking views of the Darent Valley. The route includes a mixture of grassland and semi-ancient woodland habitats with a variety of trees, flowers and fungi, including the orchid banks in early summer.

## ● Lullingstone Loop (4 miles, 6.4 km)

Offering views of the Darent Valley, this route passes both Lullingstone Roman Villa and Lullingstone Castle. It incorporates some of the park's most spectacular trees including the many chestnuts and hornbeam, and some of the most notable oak trees in England.

## ● Discovery Trail (1.5 miles, 2.4 km)

This is designed for children with climbing structures and activities along the route. It also leads to a bird hide where nesting birds can be viewed.

## ● Horse route (4 miles, 6.3 km)

Riders are welcome at the park. Parking of horse boxes is by prior arrangement.

## Short walks

There are many short walks which can be taken near the visitor centre, including routes along the river path.

Woodland Walk (1 hour)	Other paths	Toilets	Information
Lullingstone Loop (2 hours)	Private farmland	Disabled toilets	Golf club
Discovery Trail (1 hour)	Golf tees – 9 hole	Parking	Café
Horse route	Golf tees – 18 hole	Horsebox parking (by arrangement)	Picnic site

