



# Welcome to The Broads Village

Visit our four activity zones to find out about the Broads

Circle your answers to the quiz questions inside this leaflet and collect stamps for a small prize. Collect your prize at the information dome!

Discover

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**Stay Safe**

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Take part in a water safety demo with our Rangers and the RNLI

Tell us your answer to the quiz

## Discover a landscape mosaic

Open water, reed and sedge fens, wet woodland and immense grazing marshes for cattle make up the mosaic of the Broads.

Drainage mills, churches and sailing wherries are all features in this landscape. The Broads is also home to over a quarter of the UK's rarest wildlife.

### Quiz

What were most Broads mills used for?

- 1) Safety lookout towers
- 2) Land drainage for growing crops
- 3) Land drainage for cattle farming
- 4) Grinding corn



Tell us your answer to the quiz

## Visit a park for people

Visit the Broads for boating, walking, cycling, wildlife watching, fishing and enjoying the great outdoors. Nature reserves, historic buildings, museums, gardens and adventure centres are all here for you to explore.

[www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk](http://www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk)

### Quiz

What does Nancy Oldfield Trust offer?

- 1) Art courses
- 2) Local food and drink
- 3) Historic building tours
- 4) Accessible boating



Tell us your answer to the quiz

## Care for the rare and wild

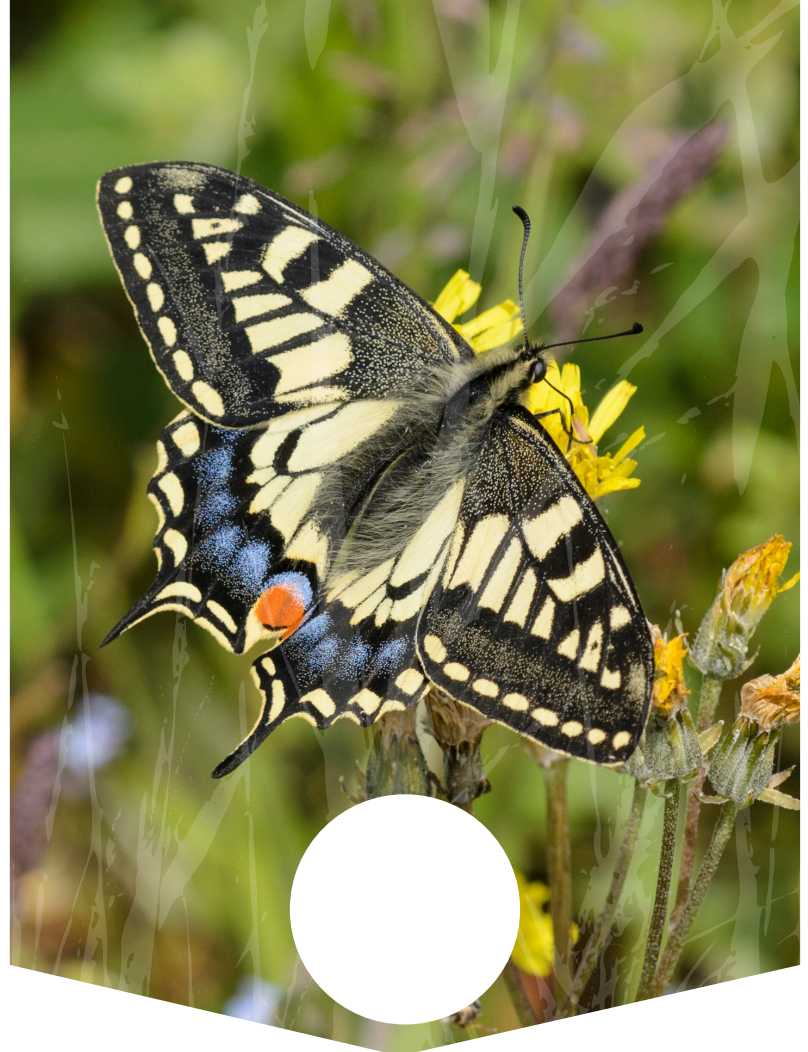
The Broads National Park is looked after by the Broads Authority. Conserving and enhancing natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage, promoting understanding and enjoyment, and protecting navigation are all part of caring for the Broads.

[www.broads-authority.gov.uk](http://www.broads-authority.gov.uk)

### Quiz

What is a water boatman?

- 1) A large dragonfly
- 2) A water bug with legs like oars
- 3) A local name for a ferryman
- 4) A duck with young on its back



Tell us your answer to the quiz

## Stay Safe

The Broads offers all kinds of boating – inflatable paddleboarding, historic wherry sailing and everything in between. Wear a life jacket when you are on deck, getting on and off or tying up your boat. Canoeists – wear a buoyancy aid. Paddleboarders – wear a buoyancy aid and a tether. Don't swim, except as part of an organised event. Please stay safe.

### Quiz

What is a throwline?

- 1) A rescue rope
- 2) A net for catching eels
- 3) A tow rope
- 4) A mooring rope





## Water Safety

Visit the water safety zone to **take part** in our **water safety demonstrations**. These will take place **between 10:00-11:30 and 14:00-15:00**.

Delivered by Broads Authority Rangers, RNLI, HM Coastguard, BroadsBeat, Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service, Norfolk County Council, and Whitlingham Adventure the demonstrations explain the basics of rescuing someone from the water. They are *ideally suited to groups with young children* and provide an opportunity to have a go at using rescue throwlines.



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# Broads Village

Lucy Burchnall explores all the fun-filled nature activities at this year's Broads Village.

**THE BROADS VILLAGE** is an award-winning corner of the showground that has become a regular favourite of families and school groups.

In collaboration with the Broads Authority, the village reflects the importance of the Broads to Norfolk as a unique destination that delights and educates not only tourists but boaters, families, landowners and school children.

"The Broads is an intrinsic part of Norfolk's history and future," says Lucy Burchnall, Broads Authority head ranger. "It is therefore fitting to devote an area of the Royal Norfolk Show to celebrate all that there is to discover on our doorstep."

## HISTORY AND HABITAT

The Broads is the UK's only wetland national park. Incredibly, the Broads habitat supports one quarter of the UK's rarest wildlife.

For centuries, it was thought these bodies of water were natural lakes. It wasn't until the

1950s that their man-made origins were re-discovered. The Broads were created by medieval peat diggers when peat was used as fuel for heating and cooking. The shallow peat diggings flooded when water levels rose.

Though the waterways are no longer the valuable cargo routes that guaranteed Norfolk's economic growth and prosperity, they have since become a boating paradise and destination for eight million visitors every year.

The Broads Village is centred on a picturesque landscaped lake where children, parents, group leaders and carers can stop by to pick up an activity trail leaflet. Children can use this during their visit to earn Broads National Park goodies.

"The Broads Village brings together a collection of stand holders and a host of activities that will amuse, educate and inspire young and old to visit, discover and care for our unique national park," Lucy says.



## Get involved

- Get hands-on with pond dipping activities that help you learn all about the unique ecology of the Broads.
- Make a badge featuring rare wildlife species found in the Broads.
- Learn life-saving skills with the Broads Authority Rangers and have a go at throwing a life-line during boating safety demonstrations.
- Discover incredible artefacts as the pop-up Museum of the Broads brings the heritage of the waterways alive.
- Find your sea legs at the sailing craft display, including a freshly-renovated Swallows and Amazons dinghy, as well as a full-size recreation of the 900-year-old Chet Boat.
- Explore boatbuilding tools and techniques with the historic Hunter's Fleet.