Park Experiences

> *GreenAcres Epping Park is a serene and beautiful setting in which to lay a loved one to rest. Although the Park is very well maintained, there is also a wonderful sense of being in tune with nature when you are there.*
>
> *- Carmel*

At **Epping Park**, we believe death is a natural part of life. We create beautiful, tranquil spaces within British woodlands, lawns, meadows, orchards and gardens to help people come to terms with their loss.

These distinct areas offer a variety of experiences for reflection, allowing visitors to connect with nature and honour those who have died. Many find comfort in the ritual of visiting a final resting place.

Our memorial options provide unique spaces for reflection, enabling families to create modern rituals, establish habits of remembrance, and embark on a pilgrimage to connect with those who have died.

To offer you more choice when selecting the perfect memorial, we have created distinct Park Experiences. Each of the five sections - **Woodland**, **Meadow**, **Lawn**, **Orchard** and **Gardens**—offers a range of options tailored to your wishes and preferences, with choices to suit every budget.

WOODLAND EXPERIENCE

The leafy, enchanting woodlands provide solace from grief. Filled with trees, woodland flowers and wildlife, our woodlands hold important cultural heritage and are sustainably maintained to prevent overcrowding and disease. This ensures a healthy ecosystem that will benefit future generations of families, wildlife, and nature.



MEADOW EXPERIENCE

Our flower-rich meadows play a vital role in our commitment to sustainable rewilding. Meadow grasses are encouraged to grow long, with pathways carefully mowed to allow walkers to explore these areas. The vibrant colours of wildflowers and the subtle scent of herbs, and the rustling or grasses creates a sense of calm.



LAWN EXPERIENCE

A cherished British tradition, our lawns feature lush, manicured grass areas, carefully maintained to stay vibrant year-round. Our lawns are enhanced with seasonal flowers, bushes, and shrubs, offering peaceful spots for quiet reflection. Interwoven with thoughtful memorial options, they provide a serene setting for remembrance and contemplation.



ORCHARD EXPERIENCE

Our orchards may be small, but they hold great meaning, offering a connection to the past. Vital for wildlife and evoking memories of home-cooked apple pies and jam, it features blossoming Park Trees where families can literally gather the fruit of their loved ones, symbolising continuity and remembrance.



GARDENS EXPERIENCE

Gardens have long been regarded as special private spaces for relaxation, reflection, and healing. They also offer a place for like-minded communities to connect. Our gardens come in various formats and provide lasting support, becoming more established and unique over time, ultimately serving as a personal legacy for future generations.



To preserve the tranquil nature of our Park and the beautiful surroundings, we kindly ask all visitors to respect our Park regulations. This not only helps maintain the serene environment we all enjoy but also protects the wildlife that calls our Park home.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. **Thank you!**

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Support and resources for life after loss



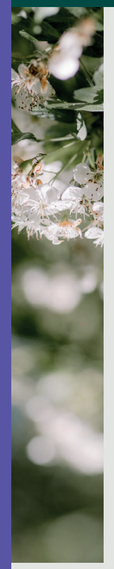
Everyone experiences grief differently. On our website, you'll find helpful resources and thoughtful guidance to support you in coping with loss.

Our monthly **Bereavement Cafés**, held in the peaceful surroundings of our Park, provides a supportive space to connect with others navigating life after loss, with free coffee, cake and helpful resources.

We also host **Remembrance Services** to honour loved ones, offering a comforting place to reflect, find peace and continue the memory of those who have died.

For further information, or to register for a Café or Remembrance Service, please visit our website **www.greenacresgroup.co.uk**

or scan the QR code



ENHANCING YOUR VISIT

Our Park offers a range of facilities designed to enhance your visit and provide comfort during your time here:

- Choose from three walking trails, each with points of interest along the route
- Well-maintained pathways inviting leisurely strolls through beautiful surroundings
- Stillness seats throughout the Park, inviting rest and quiet reflection
- Accessible parking ensuring ease of access for all visitors
- Electric buggy for those with limited mobility*
- Baby changing facilities for families with young children
- Conveniently located restrooms for all visitors
- Bins for recycling waste from flower packaging
- Dog-friendly facilities for visiting pets
- Cold water station with recyclable paper cups
- Outside tap for easy access to water

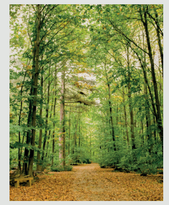
**Booking is advised to ensure availability.*

WALKING TRAILS

Epping Park offers three walking trails, each featuring points of interest. **Woodland Trail (Pink)** is a short, easy walk, offering peaceful spots for reflection. **Bluebell Wood Trail (Purple)** is a medium-length route that takes visitors through woodlands and scenic landmarks. **Woodland Whistle Trail (Green)**, the longest, winds through diverse landscapes and wildlife-rich areas. Each trail invites visitors to explore, reflect, and connect with nature at their own pace.

All of our trails are clearly marked on the map overleaf, making it easy to find your way round the Park. If you finish your walk and there are no services or wakes taking place in the Park, feel free to pop into the Gathering Hall. We've got complimentary tea and coffee waiting for you to relax and unwind!

Opening hours



We aim to keep our Park open during daylight hours. However, please check our notice boards, social media and website for seasonal updates. There may be rare occasions when the Park must close due to adverse weather conditions to ensure the safety of our visitors.

	OFFICE	PARK
Monday – Friday	9.00 – 5.00	9.00 – 4.00
Monday – Friday (May to August)	9.00 – 5.00	9.00 – 6.00
Saturday	9.00 – 4.00	9.00 – 4.00
Sunday	Appointment only	9.00 – 4.00
Bank Holidays	9.00 – 1.00	9.00 – 4.00
Thursday (May to August only)	9.00 – 6.00*	9.00 – 8.00
Christmas Day, Boxing Day & Easter Sunday	Closed	9.00 – 4.00

The last entry into the Park is 30 minutes before the gates close.
** Appointment only between 5.00 - 6.00pm*

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or scan the QR code.

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Rated **EXCELLENT** by our families and Associates.

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Welcome to our Living Memorial Park

Nestled in the heart of Essex, **GreenAcres Epping Park** spans 52 acres, offering a peaceful sanctuary for remembrance and reflection.

Surrounded by the stunning natural beauty of the Epping Forest district, the Park features a range of picturesque areas to explore, from peaceful woodlands and lush meadows to vibrant orchards.

Tranquil walking trails wind through these landscapes, inviting visitors to immerse themselves in nature and honour their loved ones. Dogs are welcome throughout the Park, with water bowls and treats available, and a dedicated dog station for their comfort.

The Park is home to an abundance of wildlife, with birds, butterflies, and small animals enhancing the peaceful atmosphere. In spring, bluebells blanket the ground, while foxgloves bloom in summer, adding vibrant bursts of colour.

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Once part of the ancient Epping Forest landscape, our Park has a rich history of agriculture and woodland management. Today, Epping Park honours this heritage while preserving the natural landscape, providing a tranquil space for reflection, healing, and peace in life after loss.

We have Parks in Buckinghamshire, Norfolk, Essex, Hampshire, Kent and Merseyside. To find out more, visit **www.greenacresgroup.co.uk**

> *I chose a Living Memorial Tree at the Epping Park to inter the ashes of my late husband… Everything was done with the greatest of respect and professionalism and I am very grateful.*
>
> – Dawn

A place of quiet contemplation, our Living Memorial Park provides comfort and hope through its timeless beauty.

Visitor Map





> *The Park is constantly changing - the beauty of bluebells in spring, the wonderful summer sun shining through fully leaved trees, the vibrant autumn colours, and animal footprints in the winter snow. Here, we all find our inner peace.*
>
> *- Tom*

EPPING PARK

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LIVING MEMORIAL PARKS

GreenAcres Epping Park Site Map



Sky Seat
Hand-carved from English oak, the Sky Seat sits within a spiral, offering a tranquil spot for reflection. Engraved with a Winnie the Pooh quote, it inspires love and cherished memories beneath the open sky.



Woodland Walkways
The Park is home to several bridges, carefully positioned to enhance accessibility and offer picturesque views of the natural surroundings. How many will you cross during your walk!



Scenic Rest
At Scenic Rest, enjoy the Woodland Express as the Epping Ongar steam train passes by the Park. Its nostalgic whistle and billowing steam offer a unique opportunity to pause, reflect, and connect with the past, making it a delight for train enthusiasts.



Epping Park Memory Tree
This once majestic tree serves as a unique memorial. Write a message, place it in a carved hole and seal it with a cork, blending nature and sentiment to remember someone special.



Ornamental Garden
The Ornamental Garden, with cherry wood fencing and a charming gate, features softened hedges and a winding path that leads to a quaint footbridge over a dry riverbed. Surrounded by vibrant camellia and azalea bushes, their sweet scent fills the air, creating a peaceful space for reflection.



Sentinel Skies
North Weald Airfield, which played a key role in the Second World War, including the Battle of Britain, is just nearby. Today, planes are often seen flying over the Park, a reminder of the area's rich aviation history.



Bug Hotel
Our Bug Hotels offer cosy nooks for pollinators and woodland creatures, supporting the Park's biodiversity. Spot bees, butterflies, ladybirds, and more.



Lilypad Retreat
Our pond teems with wildlife, offering a habitat for various species. Nearby bird feeders attract a range of birds, making it a perfect spot for nature lovers to enjoy.

Queen's Green Canopy Tree
The Queen's Green Canopy Tree, part of a nationwide initiative for the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee, is a landmark tribute to her legacy and commitment to nature conservation.

Dog Station
The Park's dog station is a paw-some spot, complete with water and waste bags to keep our furry friends happy and the Park clean!

Bluebell Embrace
In spring, vibrant bluebells carpet the woodland floor, offering a breathtaking display of nature's beauty—a peaceful spot for reflection and connection.

Harmony Garden
Our Harmony Garden offers a tranquil space for remembrance, featuring stillness seats, bird feeders, memorial plaques and an elegant obelisk. These elements come together to create a peaceful environment for reflection and tribute.

The Silent Crater
The remains of this Second World War bomb crater serve as a lasting reminder of history, linked to the nearby North Weald Airfield. It now forms a tranquil spot for visiting ducks.

Ancient Oak
The Ancient Oak, thought to be over 250 years old, stands majestically in the woodland. Its presence is a focal point for visitors and supports the area's biodiversity.

The Fallen Tree
The Fallen Tree has become a remarkable landmark, continuing to grow with new shoots emerging, symbolising nature's resilience and enhancing the beauty of the landscape.

Enchanted Swing
The Enchanted Swing offers a peaceful escape where both children and adults can gently swing beneath the towering trees, fully immersed in the natural beauty of the woodland.

Wooden Sculptures
Our Park is home to beautifully hand-carved wooden sculptures. As you explore the trails, keep an eye out for the Owl, Buzzard, Hare, Badger, Frog and Green Man!

The Silent Pines
The towering Scots Pines stand gracefully, their tall trunks and sweeping branches adding a gentle elegance. Beneath them, a carpet of bluebells quietly covers the floor in spring, filling the air with colour and tranquillity.

Deer View Rest
At Deer View Rest take in in the sweeping views of the countryside that surrounds our Park, where herds of deer are often seen—a perfect spot to pause, reflect, and connect with nature.

MAP KEY:

- Woodland
- Meadow
- Lawn
- Orchard
- Garden
- Scattering Area
- Defibrillator
- Bin
- Toilets
- Water tap

WALKING TIMES:

- 15-20 minutes
- 20-25 minutes
- 45-60 minutes

WOODLAND TRAIL

- Harmony Garden
- Ancient Oak
- The Fallen Tree
- Wooden Sculpture
- Epping Park Memory Tree
- Ornamental Garden

BLUEBELL WOOD TRAIL

- Harmony Garden
- Wooden Sculpture
- Enchanted Swing
- The Silent Pines
- Ancient Oak
- The Fallen Tree
- Sky Seat
- Scenic Rest
- Epping Park Memory Tree
- Ornamental Garden

WOODLAND WHISTLE TRAIL

- Harmony Garden
- Wooden Sculpture
- Enchanted Swing
- The Silent Pines
- Deer View Rest
- Bug Hotel
- Bluebell Embrace
- Sky Seat
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