

Site name: **Luton Hoo Park CWS**

Status(es): County Wildlife Site

Gridref: TL114189

Area: 128.0 hectares

Council(s): Central Bedfordshire

History:
1990 CWS recognized

CWS recognized for: Ancient Woodland
Special woodland interest
Diversity

Main habitats present:
UK BAP Priority Lowland mixed deciduous woodland
Standing Open Water and Canals (Broad habitat)

Other habitat(s) Plantations
Neutral grassland
Parkland
Ruderal vegetation
Bracken

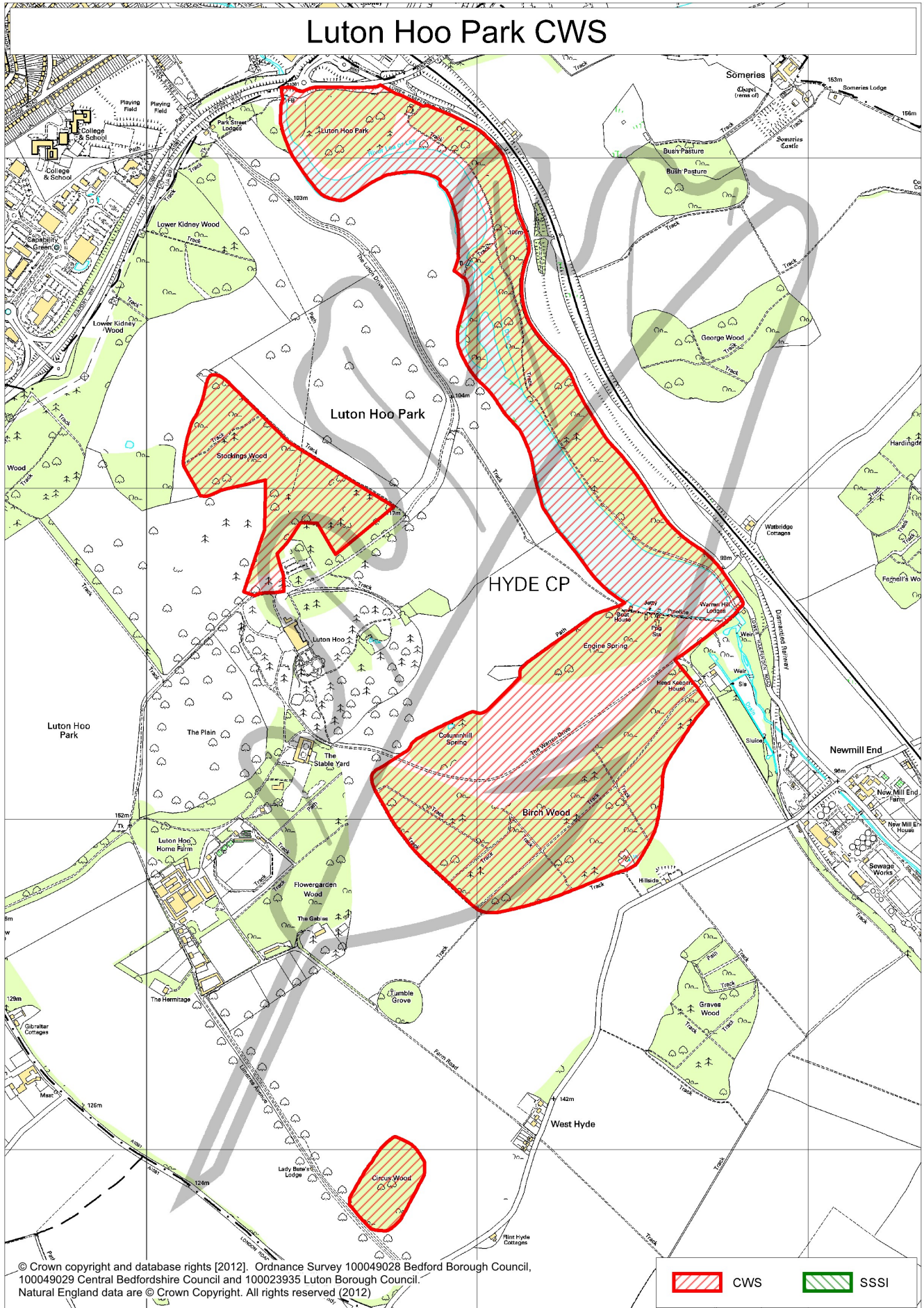
Site Description:

Phase 1 Survey 1990

The CWS contains a diversity of habitats including ancient woodland, special woodland interest and a water body.

The site comprises of: Circus Wood, single block of semi-natural broadleaved woodland, at TL107168; Stocking Wood, semi-natural broadleaved woodland, at TL104190 with a mature canopy and, in places, a heavily shaded ground flora with much bare ground and in the southeastern part of the wood more open areas dominated by scrub; Birch Wood, consisting mainly of broadleaved woodland with a mature canopy with occasional mature conifers and with a block of mixed woodland and three small blocks of mixed plantation with the understorey quite dense in some areas and containing some introduced evergreen shrubs; Columnhill Wood, a single block of mixed woodland with a mature canopy; Engine Spring, consisting mainly of broadleaved woodland with a small block of mixed woodland and a small area of ruderal vegetation at the eastern end and is separated from the lake in the River Lea by a track; area of neutral grassland to north and south of The Warren Drive, TL112182, which is partially reseeded; a belt of broadleaved woodland, with a mature canopy and a fairly dense understorey, and plantation, with a ground flora of ruderal vegetation, extending from TL111194 southeast to TL117186, bordered to southwest by a track and to northeast by the eastern wall of Luton Hoo Park; a block of broadleaved plantation at TL105200; an area of ruderal vegetation at TL104201 with scattered trees; a belt of broadleaved woodland extending from TL104201 east to TL107201 with Luton Hoo Lake adjacent to the western boundary; a belt of open broadleaved woodland, extending from TL108201 southeast to TL111195, adjacent to the eastern boundary wall of Luton Hoo Park; and the large lake, at TL112190.

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