**Visitor Information**

**Opening Times:** Open every day of the year.

**Free Car Park:** Space for 6 cars, please park considerately, when full park on grass adjacent to car park.

**Public Toilets:** Public toilets in Beverley - Railway Station, Bus Station on Sow Hill Road, Lord Roberts Road and Dyer Lane.

**Accessibility:** There is a surfaced level path around the orchard. The path from the car park to parkland crosses a raised boardwalk with steps. The paths around the parkland are level but un-surfaced. The gate into the parkland can also be operated by those who use a RADAR key.

**Refreshments:** Many cafes and pubs in Beverley (1½ miles).

**Dogs:** Keep your dog under close control and do not disturb wildlife, cattle or other visitors. Please clean up after your dog.

**Enjoy a Safe Visit**
- Camping, fire lighting and horse riding are not permitted.
- Observe warning notices close to bee hives.
- Observe notices on fields containing cattle and do not climb over locked gates.
- Be aware of farm traffic and do not enter the farm yard.

**What to Do**
- Millennium Orchard
- Parkland Trails
- Bird Feeding Station
- Annual Apple Day
- Bee Keeping

**Useful Contacts**

**Countryside Access Team**
East Riding of Yorkshire Council
Tel: (01482) 395210
www.eastriding.gov.uk/countrysideaccess
countryside.access@eastriding.gov.uk

**East Yorkshire Federation of Women’s Institutes**
Tel: (01482) 860626
www.millenniumorchard.org.uk
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**Beverley Beekeepers**
www.beverleybeekeepers.co.uk

**How to Find the Reserve**

Beverley Parks is situated on Shepherd Lane, approx 1½ miles from Beverley. By road, approach from Beverley or Hull on Long Lane, turning at the railway crossing onto Shepherd Lane. Or approach from the A164 Humber Bridge to Beverley road (Victoria Road), turn off onto Lincoln Way (Morrison’s roundabout) and then turn right onto Shepherd Lane.

**Reserve car park entrance:**
OS Explorer Map 293: Grid ref: TA 042 370.
Postcode: HU17 0RN
A Unique and Special Place

Beverley Parks is a 49 acre local nature reserve featuring an orchard, a small wood and two fields which are being restored to a traditional parkland landscape.

The Millennium Orchard is one of the largest, non-commercial orchards of northern varieties of apples in England. It is a place of interest for archeologists, historians, fruit growers, ecologists, beekeepers, walkers, picnickers and everyone who loves to spend time in the countryside!

History

Beverley Parks is part of Old Hall Farm smallholding, lying within a former deer park that surrounded much of Beverley during Medieval times. The site dates back to the Domesday Book of 1086, when the Archbishops of York owned the manor. It is also a site of local archaeological importance with earthworks and ridge and furrow still in evidence.

The Millennium Orchard was planted in 2000 to celebrate the new millennium in partnership with the East Yorkshire Federation of Women's Institutes. Beverley Parks was designated a Local Nature Reserve in 2006 in recognition of its wildlife value and importance to the local community.

Reserve Management

Beverley Parks is managed by the Countryside Access Team. Our goal is to balance recreational activities with conserving wildlife. The Women's Institute continues to work alongside the team in the Millennium Orchard where we demonstrate traditional orchard management. We are successfully growing and conserving 100 traditional northern varieties of apples and pears, including local specimens such as the Hornsea Herring, Beverley Pippin, Arram White and Fillingham Pippin.

The restoration of agricultural land to a parkland landscape has involved planting individual sweet chestnut, lime, oak and ash trees in the fields, which are grazed by cattle. Hedgerows on both sides of the reserve have been reinstated by either planting new trees, or by reintroducing hedge laying techniques on old overgrown hedges.

Useful telephone numbers

- Countryside Officer (01482) 395208
- Police 0845 6060 222
- Tourist Information (01482) 391672
- East Riding of Yorkshire Council
- 24 Hour Call Centre (01482) 393939

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