

Local places to visit

**Cherry Orchard Playing Field, Canterbury Road, Herne** - 11 acres (4.5 ha) marked out for football (three adult pitches) and cricket in season. Pavillion and public toilets. Small childrens play area. Site for proposed multi-games area. Popular for dog-walking (please clear up after them and use dog-bins provided.) Owned by [Canterbury City Council](#) and currently managed by Serco Ltd.

**New - Nature Area, Ruskins View, off School Lane, Herne**, access from Cherry Orchard. Former waste area, with a large pond, shrubs and trees. Wood piles have been left to encourage wildlife. Wildflowers will be planted in the grassed areas. Herne & Broomfield Parish Council will be taking the area over from developers in 2005.

**Please respect this area and keep dogs and bikes out.**

**Curtis Wood Park - off Canterbury Road, Herne** is former parkland with a small pond and grassland with mown informal footpaths. Area includes the Local Nature Reserve of Curtis Wood. This 10 hectare woodland has spectacular displays of early purple and butterfly orchids. Owned and managed by [Canterbury City Council](#).

**East Blean Wood**, Hicks Forstall Road, Herne Common. National Nature Reserve owned and managed by [Kent Wildlife Trust](#). (see also *The Blean*)

**West Blean Wood and Thornden Woods** - limited access off Canterbury Road via Braggs Lane or New Road at Herne Common. Woodland car park in Thornden Wood Road. Nature Reserve acquired by [Kent Wildlife Trust](#) in 2004. (see also *The Blean*)

**Herne Mill, Mill Lane, Herne** - The Mill is owned by the [Kent County Council](#) and is looked after by Friends of Herne Mill. It is usually open to visitors on Sunday afternoons between May and September.

**Broomfield Pond, lies between Margate Road and Broomfield Road**, the pond and surrounding green is registered as a Common and is managed and partly owned by 'Friends of Broomfield Pond'. [Canterbury City Council](#) has overall responsibility for the remainder.

**New - Broomfield Woodland Park, Ford Road, Broomfield.** Herne & Broomfield Parish Council is leasing the area from the Kent County Council to create a woodland park and BMX track on the former land-fill site.

**'Wildwood Trust', a wildlife park** is on the boundary of the parish at Herne Common on the A291, Canterbury Road.

**Public toilets are located at**  
Cherry Orchard

**Dog bins are located at:**

Broomfield Pond.  
Broomfield Road.  
Cherry Orchard.  
Curtis Wood Park Road.  
School Lane (next to car park)

**Both the cathedral city of Canterbury and the seaside town of Herne Bay are nearby.**