

# Welcome to Foster's Green Meadows National Nature Reserve



**Worcestershire**  
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In May 1954 Fred Fincher, one of Worcestershire's greatest naturalists, found these fields full of wildflowers. The meadows of Foster's Green Farm eventually became a nature reserve, later receiving National Nature Reserve status in recognition of the amazing wealth of wildflowers. More than 180 species have been found here.



Marbled white

The meadows survive because they have not been ploughed in over 100 years and have never been treated with chemicals. The main field, Eades Meadow, is named after the first recorded owner (1772), Mr Eades, and has a purple haze in late spring due to the green-winged orchids. Look for the regularly changing colours throughout spring and summer.



Green-winged orchid



## Did you know...?

We have four-legged volunteers. Hay is cut in late summer once the flowers have set seed. Cattle graze the meadows from late autumn into winter, eating the coarse grasses that would otherwise crowd out the delicate wildflowers.

## Please remember

For the benefit of the wildflowers and the hay crop please can visitors stick to the mown path in the summer.

- Please keep your dog on a lead at all times.
- To help manage this special place for nature we often have cattle grazing these meadows.

## Seasonal Highlights

**SPRING:** green-winged orchid, **cowslip**, twayblade, brimstone butterfly



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**SUMMER:** pepper saxifrage, quaking grass, common spotted orchid, **chimney sweeper moth**



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**AUTUMN:** meadow saffron, devil's-bit scabious



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**WINTER:** fieldfare, barn owl, mistletoe



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## Your support

By volunteering, becoming a member, donating or leaving a gift in your will you can help us to manage this and more than 75 other places for wildlife throughout Worcestershire.

We work with other landowners, managers and communities to restore, recreate and reconnect fragmented natural habitats to achieve a landscape where wildlife can flourish and people can lead happier and healthier lives. We're part of a national network of The Wildlife Trusts, protecting wildlife across the UK.