

# Rushy Common & Tar Lakes

## Discover the Lower Windrush Valley

Rushy Common and Tar Lakes are important sites within the Lower Windrush Valley managed specifically for local people and wildlife.



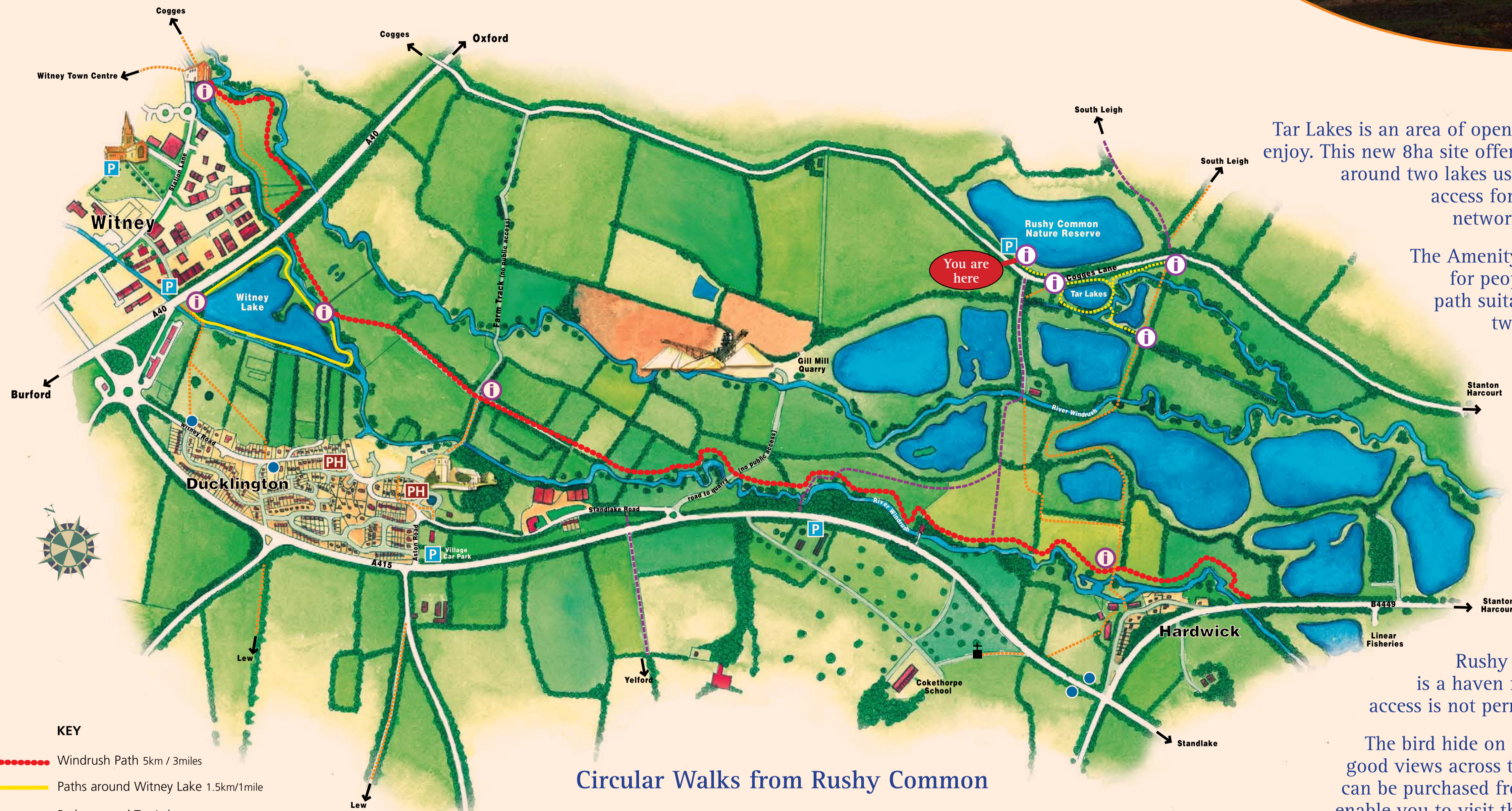
Lying to the south east of Witney, the Lower Windrush Valley is an area that has been transformed by mineral extraction over the last 60 years.

With extraction set to continue for many years to come the Lower Windrush Valley Project works closely with mineral operators, landowners and local communities to enhance the landscape, wildlife and access to the countryside in the valley.



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Welcome to Rushy Common & Tar Lakes, a 30ha site with 3 lakes that are being managed by Smiths Bletchington for the benefit of both local people and wildlife.



- KEY**
- Windrush Path 5km / 3miles
  - Paths around Witney Lake 1.5km/1mile
  - Paths around Tar Lakes 1.25km/0.8mile
  - Public Footpath
  - Public Bridleway
  - P Parking
  - i Information
  - PH Public House (serving food)
  - Bus Stop

OS Maps:  
Explorer 180  
Landranger 164

### Circular Walks from Rushy Common

Rushy Common car park provides a good starting point for circular walks in the wider area.

A 3 mile circuit south offers a gentle walk beside the River Windrush or follow a 3 mile circuit north to South Leigh to see the wall paintings in the parish church of St James the Great.

### Tar Lakes

Tar Lakes is an area of open space for local people to enjoy. This new 8ha site offers an opportunity to walk around two lakes using footpaths that enable access for all and link to the wider network of public rights of way.

The Amenity Lake has been designed for people with a 650m surfaced path suitable for wheelchair users, two main seating areas and perch posts every 100m.

The Conservation Lake has been designed for wildlife and provides a more informal, quiet area with mown paths meandering through longer grass.

### Rushy Common Nature Reserve

Rushy Common Nature Reserve is a haven for wildlife and so public access is not permitted across the reserve.

The bird hide on the southern shore offers good views across the site. Keys for the hide can be purchased from the project office and enable you to visit this and other hides in the Lower Windrush Valley at anytime.



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Permissive access to Rushy Common Car Park, Tar Lakes and the associated footpaths is made available to the public at the discretion of the landowner. Please note that access to the water is not permitted for any purpose.

Rushy Common & Tar Lakes are part of Smiths Bletchington's Gill Mill Quarry complex and are managed by Smiths Bletchington in partnership with the Lower Windrush Valley Project



To report a problem or for further information contact the LWVP on 01865 815426. In case of emergency call 999

