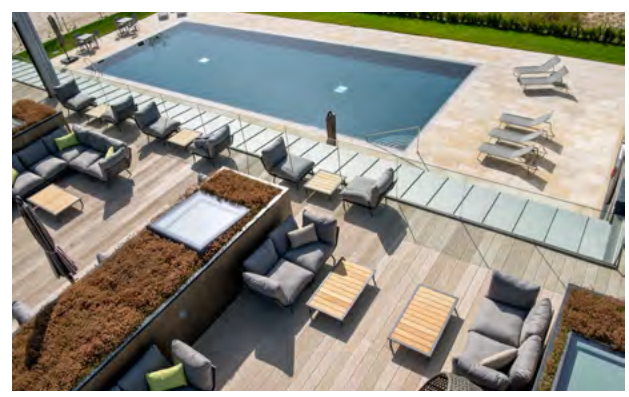




- KEY:**
- D Dormouse trail
  - H Hurricane Spa & Roof Terrace Bar
  - O Estate Office
  - S Sales Office
  - P1 Visitor Parking
  - P2 Visitor Parking with disabled access  
\*Additional disabled parking shown on BV Map
  - EV Electric Vehicle charging
  - B Bin Store & Mailbox
  - Activity Hub
  - F Fishing Hut with 5 pegs (1 wheelchair accessible)
  - Public Bridleway
  - Cycle/Foot path
  - Ridge
  - Canoe Route
  - The Island - Play area
  - Defibrillator
  - E Emergency Meeting Point
  - Sika View
  - Heath hide
  - Yurt & Pizza Shack
  - Spirit of Adventure Statue
  - Bridge



# Map

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# Welcome to Silverlake



This map will serve as a good introduction to places of interest both within the estate of Silverlake and in the local area. With so much to explore we hope you will find the time to seek out some of the local gems described here. We wish you the most memorable time at Silverlake, Dorset.

## Activity Hub Membership

If the property you are staying in has the 'Activity Hub Membership', you will have unlimited free access to use any of the Activity Hub Membership equipment during your stay.

You will have access to the following equipment:

- Paddle boards • Kayak
- Rowing boat • Canoes
- Premium mountain bikes for both adults and children
- A bicycle trailer which will accommodate two toddlers

There is no need to book!

The bikes are kept next to the Activity Hub Office and the boats are available next to the lake jetty at Beaumont Lake.

Please return any equipment that you use as soon as you have finished with it, to allow other members to use it too.

### Safety Requirements

Once you have arrived on the Estate, you should have already watched the safety induction video and emailed the Activity Hub the two key safety features before your stay. If you have not done so, please call the Activity Hub on +44 (0) 7971 252 394 at your earliest convenience, as they will provide you the code to access the free equipment after a quick check of your understanding of the video.

The safety video can be found on YouTube at [Silverlake safety induction video](#).

We hope you thoroughly enjoy your holiday activities.

Rules: Please return all equipment to this storage facility. Please do not take equipment back to your property. Launch only from your own property or Beaumont Lake. Please refer to AH Membership Rules located at the Activity Hub Office.



## Hurricane Spa

The Hurricane Spa at Silverlake, named after the Hawker Hurricane aircraft stationed here during WWII, is the perfect place to unwind and recharge. The spa offers free access to a heated outdoor swimming pool, state-of-the-art gym, sauna and a roof terrace and bar with beautiful South facing views over Silverlake and the rolling hills of Dorset beyond. Allow yourself to be pampered in one of our luxurious treatment rooms; a pricelist can be found on the website [habitatescapes.com/silverlake/the-spa](http://habitatescapes.com/silverlake/the-spa) or call their friendly team on +44 (0) 1305 819 909

## Bird Watching

Over 140 different bird species have been recorded at Silverlake and many of these are found on or near the lakes and ponds. Look out for Shovelers, Gadwall, Tufted duck, Grey heron, Little egret, Little grebe and Great crested grebe. The Reed beds are used by Reed bunting and Reed warbler in summer and Sand martins feed over the lakes in the summer months. In autumn watch the impressive Starling murmurations over Starling and Beaumont Lakes and watch them come to roost in the reed beds.

## Lawrence's Missing Manuscript

How good are you at Treasure Hunting? This trail is designed to take you on an enjoyable cycle ride around some of the pretty villages, hamlets and countryside near Silverlake. The trail starts at the Activity Hub and takes you on a circular route of around 14 miles. It's an easy-going route with a few, gentle uphill gradients. Grab Lawrence's Missing Manuscript booklet from the Activity Hub which will provide you directions from start to finish - solve the clues to find out where the treasure is located.

## Useful Contacts

**Habitat Escapes:** +44 (0) 1305 819 908  
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## Canoe Route

Have you ever had the desire to skilfully propel yourself in a canoe, kayak or paddle board across the still waters of a clear water lake? Both Beaumont and Reed Lakes are waiting to be explored by water and there is a wide variety of wildlife to see. For all properties with Activity Hub Membership, there is free access to water sports equipment which can be found on the edge of Beaumont Lake. Launch from this nearby jetty and don't forget to wear your buoyancy aid. Please take care of our wildlife by sticking to the areas marked on the map and staying away from the reeds.



## Cycle / Footpaths

A great way to explore Silverlake is to follow the yellow footpath / cycle trail covering 5+ kilometres through the Nature Reserve. Discover woodlands, heathlands, lakes and ponds all with their own wildlife-rich habitats to see. The path can be hilly in places and muddy during the wetter parts of the year. There are wooden posts located throughout the reserve to help you stay on track and don't forget your binoculars for sightings in the distance and in the reed beds.



## The Island

Showcasing a wooden fortress, rope swings, sand pit, zip wire over an eco-pool (with a combination lock, same number as the main entrance gate) and pond dipping; the Island woodland play area is perfect for all children. A great spot for families to explore and picnic at, this location is also visited by our local Sika deer, Dartmoor ponies, some of our largest birds of prey and one of our smallest birds, the Goldcrest. A short walk from here, say 'hello' to our Stick man who is set within a natural play area with log hops, rope net and a stickman arm to swing on!



## Fishing Lake

Fishing is available all year round at the Fishing Lake with lots of Carp, Roach and Rudd to cast a line to. Make sure you get yourself a valid rod license from the Post Office or online via the Environment Agency website (children under 14 do not require a rod license). Day, weekly or 12 monthly licenses are available. Our fishing hut is located on the edge of the lake, where you can use some provided rods in order to try your hand. Please abide by the fishing rules displayed in the hut and return unharmed fish to the lake. Keep an eye out at dusk and dawn for visiting otter and listen out for the frog chorus in early summer.



## Dormouse Trail

If you have tiny explorers in your group, why not pack a picnic and pick up the Dormouse Adventure Trail booklet, which can be found in your property or the Activity Hub office. Have fun seeking out the etching plates around the trail and rub them onto your Dormouse book. This enchanting route around the nature reserve takes detours down hidden pathways, past the Pillbox, through the Island adventure play area and up on to the heath with spectacular views across Starling Lake. This route is on uneven ground and can often be muddy, so don't forget your wellies!



## Navigation Trail

Download the Compass X App on your phone and pick up the free route card from the Spa - the challenge is to navigate to a number of virtual way points, solving a puzzle as you go. The route is designed to take in some of the most stunning parts of the nature reserve at Silverlake. Test yourself in groups or split into teams and race against the clock - Good Luck!



## Yurt & Pizza Oven

Our traditional handmade yurt is the perfect spot for a lazy afternoon playing board games, telling stories, reconnecting with loved ones and making new friends around the log burning stove.

Our outdoor woodfired pizza oven is located right next door and is open during peak season on Saturdays from 1600 - 2030, fired up by our expert chefs to provide the tastiest authentic woodfired pizza using the freshest local ingredients.



## MUGA, Tennis Court, The Beach and Swimming

Next to the MUGA and Tennis court, you'll find a large chest (with a combination lock, same number as the main entrance gate) with free access to various sporting equipment to include tennis rackets, tennis balls, footballs and a croquet set. Help yourself and enjoy your sport of choice. Please remember to return the equipment as you found it, to ensure use for others. The outdoor heated swimming pool is located at the Hurricane Spa, providing free access to everyone on the Estate.



If you feel a little more daring, why not have a go at lake swimming? Beaumont Lake beach offers the perfect platform to wade into the waters and enjoy a splash or a few lengths. Please note, there is no lifeguard and entering the water is at your own risk.



Green Woodpecker



Dragonfly



Badger



Silver-studded Blue

## Heathlands

Outer heath, Woodlark, and Dart Heaths are all sensitive wildlife areas because they support a great range of plant and animal species. They all support three different types of heather (Common, Cross-leaved & Bell) and Outer Heath supports Heath spotted orchids, Bog asphodel, Lousewort and Heath milkwort.

Nightjar, Linnet, Woodlark and Green woodpecker are common on the heathlands and the lovely Dartford warbler often sings from the gorse bushes.

All the heathland areas are home to some wonderful reptiles including Slow worm, Common lizard and Adder. Outer Heath is also home to several butterflies of conservation concern including Grayling, Grizzled skipper and Silver-studded blue. Across the whole site, nearly 600 different type of invertebrate have been recorded.

## Heath Hide

You can reach Heath Hide from a path leading from the back of the Eco Pool. A short stroll and through the gate will lead you onto the main bridleway to West Stafford and Dorchester. Just cross this to view the Silverlake mire and Warmwell Heath. Make sure you bring your binoculars to look for birds such as Grey heron, Green woodpecker and Buzzard. Dragonflies are also found in great numbers here in the summer months.

## Lakes and Ponds

Many of the 130 different species of bird at Silverlake can be spotted on or around our lakes. Spend time watching the lakes and reed beds and you should be rewarded with water birds such as Shoveler, Gadwall, Kingfisher, Grey heron, Little egret, Reed bunting and Reed warbler. The skies above the lakes are full of Sand martins in summer and huge Starling murmurations in autumn. In the summer months, over 17 species of dragonfly and damselfly can be found at Silverlake, so watch for them darting around. Otter visits to Silverlake are on the increase, so head out at dawn or dusk to watch quietly for these amazing mammals. You may also encounter small herds of deer who like to spend time grazing in the reed beds.

## Woodland

The woodland that surrounds the edges of Dart Heath is one of the most important areas for dormice at Silverlake and we are helping these rare mammals by monitoring them and providing special nesting boxes for them. Badgers often visit the woodland surrounding the Play Area and you may see them at dusk and dawn.

Willow warbler, Bullfinch, Spotted flycatcher, Goldcrest and Buzzard are just some of the bird species found in the woodlands.

You can help us protect these wildlife-rich habitats and the species they support by sticking to the footpaths, keeping your dogs on a lead and by not disturbing any bird or dormouse boxes you may find.

## Essential basics



Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times.



All rubbish and waste must be taken to one of the bin stores, and must not be left outside houses or anywhere else on the Estate at any time.



Access to any construction area is not permitted at any time unless accompanied by a member of Estate staff or the approved contractor.



For the safety of families enjoying the estate please do not exceed the 10 mph speed limit.



Every property has assigned and numbered parking spaces. Please ensure you park within your bays at all times.



Water sports must be in designated areas only.



Do not flush nappies or wipes down toilets.



Do not climb over fences.



Cats must be kept in at night time.

## Check, clean and dry approach

Protect the environment you enjoy:

CHECK

Check your equipment, boat and clothing after leaving the water for mud, aquatic animals or plant material. Remove anything you find and leave it at the site.

CLEAN

Clean everything thoroughly as soon as you can, paying attention to areas that are damp or hard to access. Use hot water if possible.

DRY

Dry everything for as long as you can before using elsewhere as some invasive plants and animals can survive for over two weeks in damp conditions.