

INVITATION - The [Integrated Catchment Delivery](#) events team invite you to:

FREE – visit Fobney wetland nature reserve and river restoration – celebrating World Wetlands Day

An inclusive event hosted by the Loddon Fisheries and Conservation Consultative, Loddon
Catchment Partnership and Action for the River Kennet

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Meeting point: The Cunningman, Burghfield, RG30 3RD

Date: Saturday 2 February 2019, **Time:** 09:45 to 12:30ish

Bring: walking boots or wellies, warm clothes, binoculars or telescope, water, pub lunch optional



Join us for a walk on the River Kennet from the Cunning Man Public House at Burghfield to Fobney Island Wetland, guided by Graham Scholey, Environment Agency, involved in planning and establishing the wetland. We then amble along the Kennet and Avon Canal for lunch at the Cunning Man (optional). As this is a reserve, in some areas of the site, dogs are not allowed, therefore for this walk, please do not bring your dog.

The Fobney Island Wetland Site

This is a multi-partner collaboration between Reading Borough Council, the Environment Agency, Thames Water, the Berkshire Ornithological Club, the Thames Valley Restoration Trust and Reading and District Angling Association. This wetland reserve lies just to the south of Reading town, between the River Kennet and the Kennet and Avon Canal. Coming to fruition with a £500,000 project that started in September 2011, the river restoration works included restoring 300-400 metres of the River Kennet and introducing new gravels to the channel to create 'riffles' – a key lost habitat. The level of the island has been lowered to allow more flooding and the creation of pools, scrapes and reed-beds. The scheme includes two bird screens with views across the new wetlands. Information boards at the site entrance points provide information about the wetland and its wildlife