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# Willesley Lake

An attractive lake that was originally part of a large estate on the outskirts of Ashby-de-la-Zouch. It is in a quiet, peaceful setting among woodland.

## Facilities



Car park key can be obtained from the owners (01283 762192) or, alternatively, park in lane outside the site or at the nearby Oakthorpe Picnic Area.

## Nearby sites to visit

- Willesley Wood
- Oakthorpe Picnic Area
- Other nearby sites in the Ashby Woods

## What to look for

The lake is of Serpentine design and was constructed to enable the water level to be controlled for power generation for Willesley Hall (now demolished), which was owned by Sir Charles Abney Hastings.

The small church dates from 1845 and was the family church. The graveyard contains evidence of Mediaeval settlements.

The lake is a very popular fishing spot and is open all year round. The owners operate a 'put back' policy (i.e. all fish must be returned to the lake).

A circular walk can be made by following the surfaced track part way round the lake and then following public footpaths. **Keep to the footpath across the golf course!**

