

1. Little Hills

An area of three acres of mixed woodland to the north of the A148. The centre of Little Hills or Horn Pits as it is also known, is a grassy hollow, probably created by local quarrying. Footpaths cross the site from Letheringsett Hill and the path running north-east links to New Street. Close to the Town Centre, the area is enjoyed by residents and visitors.



2. Spout Hills

Walk just 150 yards from the pineapple-topped obelisk at the west end of Holt High Street and you reach Spout Hills (or Spouts Common as it is also known locally), a 14 acre green space, rich in wildlife and with a fascinating social history. Its most significant feature, and the one from which it derives its name, is a spring-line around the valley which formerly provided water for the town and now sustains a diverse wetland flora that has become scarce elsewhere. The most obvious spring still discharges into a walled pond although part of the wall was removed in the late 1960s to accommodate a local 'It's a Knockout' competition which raised funds for the erection of Holt Community Centre. Until the 1940s a waterworks in the valley pumped water to a water tower on Shire Hall Plain to supply the town.

Generations of Holt residents have enjoyed Spout Hills in different ways; picnicking, playing games, courting, and doubtless other activities took place there. Now it is appreciated as an attractive place for a quiet walk for young and old to enjoy and, in summer, for its colourful wild flowers. Grazing by domestic animals would have kept the hilltops and wet meadows open but, more recently, conservation management has maintained the attractiveness and diversity of the site. Access to the Hills can also be gained from the Letheringsett road, near the Old Rectory, or from the disused railway line.



3. Methodist Memorial Garden

In 1986 the Town Council took on a lease from the Methodists for a disused burial ground in the centre of the town. Clearance of the site was undertaken by the Manpower Services Commission. Headstones were re-sited to the boundary walls, a crazing paving path was laid and shrubs and seats were installed. Part of the boundary wall was demolished and double wrought iron gates were installed to provide easy access for visitors.

It is enjoyed by visitors to the town (as it is near the main Albert Street car park), people who work in the town and residents who live in the town centre. Managed and maintained by Holt Town Council the garden is open during the day time from April until October.



Key

- Parking
- Toilets
- Footpaths
- Shopping Yards



4. Holt Country Park

Holt Country Park is only a short walk from the centre of Holt. Just follow the brown signs from the church end of the market place. Alternatively there is a car park on the Norwich Road.



The park has had a chequered history, from a horseracing course, heath, farmland, forestry, and woodland garden. It has now been developed into a tranquil woodland dominated by Scots Pine and native broadleaves with a rich flora. This supports an abundant display of wildlife including Goldcrests, Great Spotted Woodpeckers, Dragonflies, Butterflies and Deer.



Near the car park is a Visitor Centre with fascinating displays and hands-on activities for all; we also have "take away" activities to keep the family motivated in the woods. There are toilets and waymarked walks which include an Easy Access Trail. The more adventurous can check out their map-reading skills with a countryside walk from 1-18miles! When exploring the paths you may stumble upon a viewing tower, pond, sculptures, totem pole and adventure play area. Remember to check out the notice boards for information of fun environmental and arts events throughout the year.

Why not bring a group? Whether a school, community group, group of friends, scouts or even a birthday party, the Rangers can lead activities or provide you with information to help you get the best out of your visit.

There is always something going on and new things to

see so, whatever the weather, a trip to Holt Country Park is an adventure.

