

Boutham Park Lake Restoration Project

Useful Information

A brief description of the lake restoration Project

Following the successful restoration of the park (completed 2018), the lake is now undergoing its own restoration project. The project is focused on improving biodiversity and restoring the historic lake by improving water quality and lake edges in a way that ensures sustainable management.

Access to and around the lake will also be improved and lost activities including occasional boating will be reintroduced.

Wildlife and habitat management will be promoted alongside new Interpretation and volunteering opportunities.

A description of the new interpretation

The new interpretation designed for the Lake Restoration Project takes the form of special art installations and a set of information panels (also called lecterns). These are located at points around the lake, adjacent to the lake path.

There are five locations, at each location is one information panel and one special art installation. Each location is linked to a key theme which has been chosen to tell the story of Boutham Park lake and characterise what makes it special.

The art installation sculptures

There are five art installation sculptures in total.

Each sculpture is unique to its location. They are all flat panel silhouette shapes with cut- out interior detail. Drawings showing the design intent for two examples are provided. Note that these drawings are not final detailed design drawings but show design intent only.

Materiality - Corten and examples where it has been used in other projects

The sculpture panels and lectern style stands which hold the Information panels will be fabricated from Corten Steel. Sometimes known as weathered steel this material is a group of steel alloys that are often used in outdoor projects. Corten Steel was designed to eliminate the need for painting and if left outside, exposed to the elements, it will develop a rusted appearance. It has excellent corrosion resistance as a result of the development of a protective oxide film on the metal’s surface which slows down future corrosion.

We chose this material for its rustic appearance and because it is in fitting with the colours and textures of the lake landscape.

