

Camley Street Natural Park awarded UK MAB Urban Wildlife Award for Excellence

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Camley Street Natural Park, a nature reserve run by London Wildlife Trust in King's Cross, London, has been awarded the UK MAB Urban Forum's Award for Excellence. The award celebrates the site for 'creating an exemplary space to encounter nature in the heart of the city and continuing to inspire others to do the same'.

The nature reserve, sited on the banks of the Regent's Canal, provides almost a hectare of wild green space in the heart of London. The site is free to visit and is popular with local residents and schools as well as the many people who work around King's Cross.

According to the UK MAB Urban Forum: "On its creation Camley Street Nature Park became the flagship site of the urban nature movement, showing how a high quality environment for people and wildlife could be created in the inner city. Over 30 years on Camley Street continues to excel in leading the field. A responsive programme of activities supports a diverse and rapidly changing local community to enjoy nature and to take action for environmental sustainability."

The reserve is open throughout the year, with a visitor centre and natural habitat supporting birds, butterflies, amphibians and a rich variety of plant life.

Jo Mould, Regional Development Manager with London Wildlife Trust commented: "The staff and volunteers who run Camley Street Natural Park are thrilled with this recognition of their hard work. Urban nature conservation can be challenging, but Camley Street continues to provide a wonderful opportunity for nature to thrive and for people to experience, enjoy and learn about the wildlife around them."

The award was presented to London Wildlife Trust staff at the nature reserve by the UK MAB Urban Forum on Friday 13th February 2015.