

File ref:

County: Nottinghamshire **Site name:** Welbeck Lake

District: Bassetlaw

Status: Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) notified under Section 28 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

Local Planning Authority: Bassetlaw District Council

National Grid Reference: SK 580729 **Area:** 104.47 (ha) 258.04 (ac)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1: 50 000: 120 **1: 10 000:** SK 57 SE, SK 67 SW

Date Notified (Under 1949 Act): 1981 **Date of Last Revision:**

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Other Information:

Reasons for Notification:

The site comprises a complex of habitats centred on the Great Lake and Carburton Dams, Welbeck and is notable for its breeding bird community, which includes a heronry, and for its wintering wildfowl.

Biology:

The Great Lake and the Carburton Dams at Welbeck are artificial lakes developed along the courses of the River Poulter and the Millwood Brook. Associated with the lakes are a number of broad-leaved, conifer and mixed plantations which together with lakeside reedbeds and the lakes themselves make up an area of great habitat diversity. There is a rich and varied breeding bird community with areas of plantation being utilised by such characteristic species as nuthatch, great-spotted woodpecker, kestrel, woodcock and tawny owl, and additionally supports the largest heronry in Nottinghamshire. The lakeside habitats are utilised by a variety of breeding waterfowl, including gadwall, great crested grebe, little grebe, mallard, sedge warbler and reed bunting. The lakes also support important numbers of wintering and passage waterfowl, including gadwall.