

Parham Ponds

The Madle – Mill Green

Shrubs and trees were cut back and cleared from the edge of the pond by Park Farm employees during March 1997. Despite numerous samples taken very little pond life was identified. It is known to have fish in it but the water was too murky to identify any species. Specimens found included: water mite, daphnia water flea, ramshorn snail, empty damselfly nymph cases, china mark moth caterpillar and water log louse.

Pond on Silverlace Green in front of Silverlace Green Cottages

Last cleaned out in September 1990 by contractors, having been arranged by Mr. Cocke and Mr. Kelly, adjacent cottage owners. Very few fish if any were present. It is believed that they died when the pond dried up a couple of summers ago. However, the pond with its central island is thriving with lots of vegetation and pond life. Specimens found included: water mite, fresh water shrimp, daphnia water flea, cyclops water flea, whirligig beetle, great diving beetle, great diving beetle larva, great water boatman (1.2cm), lesser water boatman, hawker dragonfly nymph, damselfly nymph, mayfly nymph (pond olive), mayfly nymph (large dark olive), mosquito larva, phantom midge ghost larva, green hydra, gnat larva, gnat pupae, *Theromyzon tessulatum* leech, blood worm, mosquito pupae, *Hyphydrus ovatus* beetle larva, toad. Great crested newt had previously been located here although we weren't fortunate enough to find one.

Pond adjacent to Elm Tree Farm and Marshwiggles

This pond was dry, so was the overflow pond at the top of No. 1 North Green Bungalow's garden. Therefore this surveying team went on to survey the pond near St. John's Grove on Home Farm.

Pond near St John's Grove

Situated on the high ground along the boundary with Framlingham, this pond was well filled and teeming with life. As far as we can determine, the pond never dries up. There is a good variety of vegetation around it including maple, oak, sallow willow, hawthorn, rosebay willow herb and cowslip. Specimens found in the water were: cyclops water flea, great water boatman, lesser water boatman, damselfly nymph, water skater, frog, spring tails, leech, mosquito larva, gnat larva. Plenty of rudd and moorhen were spotted.

Although surveys were not carried out of garden ponds, some of those around North Green have been reported as having frogs, toads, fish, mallard, moorhen, coot, newts, watersnail and numerous insects.

Forty-four ponds are in existence today in Parham, excluding garden ponds. These are identified on the following map and categorised depending on how wet or dry they remain during the year. Over the past 25 years, many ponds in Parham have been filled in, as can be seen by comparing this map with the 1975 Ordnance Survey.

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Ponds on common land were surveyed on 25th August 1998



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