

The damp dune slacks support many specialists including early and southern marsh orchids, marsh helleborine and natterjack toads, which are rare and secretive and protected by law.

Seasonal highlights

In spring and summer the shingle ridges on the beach are home to nesting little tern, ringed plover and oystercatcher. Lapwing, redshank and many duck species breed on the grazing marshes and the pools are often noisy with the calls of avocet and black-headed gull.

During autumn large numbers of wildfowl, such as teal, wigeon, and pink-footed and brent geese return. These birds spend the winter feeding on the saltmarshes and grazing marshes and are best viewed from the hides.

On the mud flats you may see waders such as grey plover, knot, bar-tailed godwit and sanderling. These birds breed in the Arctic and return in late summer to spend the winter.



Marsh helleborine



Lapwing



Brent goose



Knot

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Post code: PE31 8SE
Grid ref: TF 834 318

Cley and Salthouse Marshes

Post code: NR25 7SA
Grid ref: TG 054 440

Narborough Railway Line

Post code: PE32 1SR
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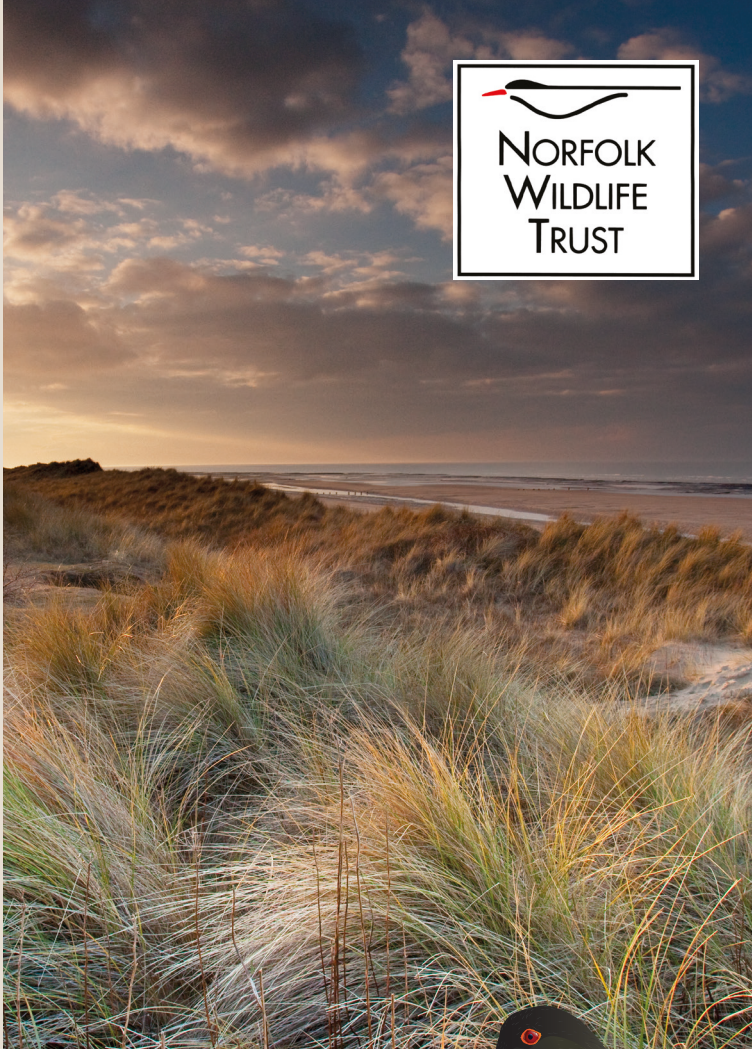
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At Norfolk's northwest corner, where The Wash meets the North Sea, NWT Holme Dunes is superbly located to attract migrating birds.

The nature reserve was acquired by NWT in 1965 and today is a National Nature Reserve forming part of the Norfolk Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Holme Dunes has long been famed as a site for watching birds. In addition to its resident, breeding and wintering birds it attracts many migrants including pied flycatcher, redstart, ring ouzel and wryneck. Spectacular roosts of many thousands of knot, bar-tailed godwit, oystercatcher and terns may be seen offshore at high tide. Among the rarest birds seen here have been a great knot and Norfolk's only Rüppell's warbler.



Enjoying your visit

The nature reserve is open every day, 10am – 5pm (or dusk, if earlier, during winter except Christmas Day). There is a charge for entry to the nature reserve with its trails and viewing hides, and all reserve visitors must obtain a ticket. Free for NWT members. There is a charge for the car park for non-members. Holme Marsh Nature Reserve, owned by Courtyard Farm Trust and jointly managed with NWT, can be accessed via Holme village.

Can I bring my dog?

Please observe signage on site and keep dogs under control on a short lead to avoid disturbance to livestock and wildlife. On the beach, please take extra care to avoid disturbance to birds and all rope cordoned areas.

I have limited mobility, where can I go?

From the car park it is possible to access the Norfolk Coast Path via a hardened path. The coastal path which runs adjacent to the reserve has some sections of easy access boardwalk. In addition, the reserve has some sections of boardwalk/hardened paths leading to one accessible hide.

The Visitor Centre at Holme has no specific disabled car parking bays but has a rough surface leading to the centre and a ramp to the entrance and patio area. The unisex toilets are wheelchair accessible but are only available when the centre is open.

Facilities

The visitor centre has a gift shop selling books and wildlife gifts with interactive wildlife information and films. There is a café selling coffee, cakes, snacks and lunches made with fresh locally sourced ingredients. The visitor centre is open 10am to 5pm daily (10am – 4pm November to March from Thursday to Sunday). Café closes 30 minutes before.

At all our sites the responsibility for the safety of visitors is seen as one that is shared between the Trust and the visitor.

Visitors can help by:

- Observing all notices and signs during your visit
- Ensuring all gates are securely closed
- Not cycling on the reserve
- Following any instructions and advice given by Trust staff
- Ensuring that children are properly supervised at all times
- Wearing appropriate clothing and footwear

