



- Toilets
- Hand washing
- First aid
- Disabled toilets
- Baby changing
- Restaurant
- Picnic area
- Gift shop
- Restricted wheelchair access
- Wildlife viewpoint
- Viewpoint
- Bird feeders
- Information point

Please wash your hands as all animals can carry diseases



Welcome

Map and day planner



Must see...

Lady fen – start your visit by overlooking the 300 acres of our wetlands creation area from the Wigeon cafe, watching hares boxing in spring.

Bird feeding station – from autumn to spring look out from the cafe veranda to see what is feeding from the bird table.

Fenland worlds exhibition – find out how people made their livelihoods from the enormous wetlands that covered the flat lands known as the Fens prior to the historical drainage works.

Pond room – learn more about wetlands with our art & craft activity stations available on weekends and school holidays.

Main observatory – get closer to nature in comfort. Watch entertaining house martins nesting above the windows in summer or the amazing swan spectacle in winter.

Dragonfly ponds – enjoy time out in a tranquil area of the reserve, whilst watching dragonflies and damselflies skim across the surface of the water.

Summer walk* – immerse yourself in pathways of wildflowers at the heart of the washes, leaving the stresses of daily life behind.

Lyle hide – surround yourself in the wetlands filled with wintering wildfowl or summer sounds.



Main observatory



Summer walk



Cattle grazing in summer

Cover image: WWT.

*water levels permitting



Whooper swans

Free tours and activities

Winter

Commentated wild swan feeds

Swan feeds take place from the main observatory and last 30 minutes. This includes a talk, followed by the feeding of the birds and time for questions after the feed.

Swan feeds run from late October until early March (see website for exact dates)

- 12pm feeds are daily from Boxing day
- 3.30pm feeds are daily
- 6.30pm floodlit feeds are Thursdays – Sundays only

Summer

Summer walk* (daily) (June –September) (allow 2 hours)
Take a trail across the washes to find out about our summer wildflowers and the management work we do at Welney.

Pond-dipping (weekends and holidays) – (April – September) Explore underwater worlds using the equipment for self-led pond-dipping, available all day.

Wetland activity stations (weekends and holidays) – Several self-led activity stations to help you learn more about wetlands, available all day.

For any additional activities today, please ask a member of the WWT team.

*water levels permitting

Information

Explorer backpacks

Get more from your visits in the summer with bug hunting equipment available to take out on the reserve (suitable for ages 3-8).

Fancy a cuppa or a browse in the shop?

Enjoy snacks and treat yourself safe in the knowledge that you have helped to support WWT's vital wetland conservation work here and around the world.

Forgotten your binoculars?

Hire some from the gift shop.

Accessibility

The site is accessible for wheelchairs and buggies, with tarmac or compacted stone paths throughout, except along the summer walk. Allport is the only hide which can only be accessed by stairs. There is lift access to all floors of the main building and to the bridge which accesses the reserve. All toilets, including baby changing/disabled facilities can be found in the visitor centre.

Photography

There are great photo opportunities throughout the site and it's fine for you to take photos for personal use. In winter, the photography basement to the main observatory can be hired to get even closer to the wintering wildfowl, water levels permitting. Ask in centre to book.

Opening times

Centre:

Winter – 10am to 5pm (Mon-Wed, last admission 4.30pm)

and to 8pm (Thurs to Sun, last admission 6.30pm)

Summer - 9.30am to 5pm, last admission 4.30pm

Open 7 days a week except 25 December

For Christmas period opening times, see website.

Cafe:

Winter: 10am to 4.30pm (Mon-Fri) and to 6pm (Sat & Sun)

Summer: 10am to 4pm


Hot food: 12 noon to 2.30pm

In focus optics

Try before you buy from our range of In focus optics within the gift shop.

in focus
The Binocular and Telescope Specialists

Take care and help us protect the wildlife here

- Please stay on the paths and be careful near deep water.
- Enjoy your close encounters with wildlife here but remember all animals can carry diseases. Washing your hands is a sensible way to protect yourself, especially before eating. 
- Birds have ears too – you'll see more around the site and in hides if you are quiet and approach slowly.
- Leaves, flowers and berries are vital for our wildlife so please don't pick them – some may be harmful to you.
- Our birds find all their food out on the reserve other than the special food we feed the swans in winter so please don't feed them.



Whooper swans

See you next time

For information on events, news and the wildlife you can encounter every day, go to wwt.org.uk/welney

Sign up for our email newsletter at wwt.org.uk/signup

 @wwtwelney

 /wwtwelney

 **Welney**
WWT Wetland Centre



T: 01353 860711 E: info.welney@wwt.org.uk
Hundred Foot Bank, Welney, Norfolk PE14 9TN
WWT reg charity, Eng & Wales, no. 1030884 and Scotland no. SC039410