

WELCOME

MAP AND DAY PLANNER



- Toilets
no toilets on reserve
- First aid
- Disabled toilets
- Baby changing
- Restaurant
- Picnic area
- Gift shop
- Restricted wheelchair access
- Wildlife viewpoint
- Bird feeders
- Information point
- Wildlife only

Please wash your hands
as all animals can carry diseases



MUST SEE...

Brown hares – watch them year round by overlooking the 300 acres of our wetlands creation area from the Wigeon cafe.

Swan spectacle – get closer to nature from the comfort of our heated hide. Watch thousands of birds seeking refuge in winter and use the swan research station to learn about our Bewick's and whooper swans.

Pond dipping – explore beneath the surface of the water in search of newts, beetles and nymphs with the equipment provided in summer.

Kaleidoscope of birds – be entertained by a range of colourful birds attracted to the feeders, viewed year round from the Wigeon cafe.

Dragons & damsels – admire up to 21 species of dragonfly and damselfly throughout the summer from the tranquillity of the wetlands.

Summer walk* – explore the further reaches of the reserve in search of wildflowers, insects and birds, leaving the stresses of daily life behind.



Hares boxing

Watch, make and do – learn more about wetlands with our art & craft activity stations or watch seasonal wildlife films.

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 dipping

Cover image: Nigel Cooke / WWT

*Check website for summer walk access.



Welney swan feed

FREE TOURS AND ACTIVITIES

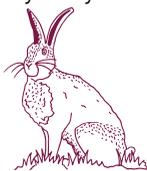
Please check website for exact dates and times of tours and activities.

Commentated wild swan feeds – (late October to early March) 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.

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

Hare walks – (October to February)

Join a guide for an hour walk on Lady Fen to get closer to the charismatic hares and other wildlife living on our recently created wet grassland habitat.



Brass rubbings trail and explorer backpacks – (year round) Give your little ones some fun, educational activities to complete whilst you are exploring the reserve.

Seasonal events – (year round)

Join us for extra special events like bat & barn owl evenings in summer and swan's awake mornings in winter. Check website for dates and prices.

INFORMATION

Group visits

Pre-book to visit with a group of 12+ paying adults to receive reduced admission prices, a welcome pack and greeting on arrival. Optional extras such as a tour are available to book.

Fancy a cuppa

Treat yourself to homemade lunches, freshly-brewed teas and coffees and delicious cakes, safe in the knowledge that you have helped to support WWT's vital wetland conservation work here and around the world.



Accessibility

The site is accessible for wheelchairs and buggies (manual wheelchairs and electric scooters are available to book), with tarmac or compacted stone paths throughout, except along the summer walk. There is lift access in the main building including onto the bridge out to the reserve.

Photography & filming

There are amazing photo and film opportunities here and this is fine for personal use. Professionals, please contact us. Even closer access to wintering water birds is possible from the lower main observatory, which is available to hire.



Opening times

Open 7 days a week except 25 December. For Christmas period opening times, see website.

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

Cafe: **Winter** – 10am - 4.30pm (Mon-Wed) and to 6pm (Thurs-Sun) **Summer** – 10am to 4pm **All year** – Hot food 12 noon to 2.30pm

Optics

Try before you buy from our range of optics available within the gift shop. Use the amazing views from the visitor centre to find out which ones suit you.

Volunteering

We're always looking for enthusiastic new volunteers. See website for details of opportunities.

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.



Barn Owl

SEE YOU NEXT TIME

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

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