Self-led visits at RSPB Saltholme

RSPB Saltholme in the North-east of England offers free access to teacher led school groups visiting the reserve. **The visit must be prebooked via the form on our website.** Full details and terms and conditions can be found **here**.

Self-led School Visits to Saltholme are available Monday to Friday during term time.

Groups of up to **60** pupils are welcomed between **9.30 am and 3.30pm**.

A pre-visit to the reserve is strongly recommended to prepare a thorough risk assessment. Please go to **RSPB Saltholme** to find out more about the facilities at the reserve.

Additional Facilities available for self-led school visits

Facilities	Additional information
Coach Parking	Car parking is free and there are no height barriers. Coaches can drop off near the entrance (there is pavement all the way) and there is a coach park (for 2-3 coaches) available. Book your visit **here** **Use the address**: Saltholme, Seaton Carew Rd, Middlesbrough, TS2 1TU What3Words: warns.duke.paused
Toilets	The toilets are in the Visitor Centre. We recommend using the facilities on arrival and at lunch time. This will help the site staff manage the facilities at busy times. **Please note** toilets are used by all visitors Pupils should be **supervised at all times,** and the facilities should be left in the condition you found them in. We recommend that **pupils are organised in small groups** when accessing these facilities with no more than 10 children queueing at any one time.
Lunch space	Outdoor spaces for lunch include under the balcony or in the Discovery Zone shelter (capacity for one class), as well as outdoor picnic areas. They are also accessible to the public. There may be an indoor space available at lunchtime, subject to availability on the day. We cannot guarantee this, nor should it be used for bag storage only. A bag storage lock-up is available if desired – our team will advise you on arrival.
Areas of the reserve suitable for school groups	• Please **keep to footpaths** around the site which are signposted. A thorough risk assessment should be prepared for the route around the site. • All trails are suitable for teacher-led walks/activities apart from the Wilderness Trail (due to livestock, bog and lack of accessibility/paths). The Discovery Zone offers features that might suit school groups such as minibeast traps, natural art, welly splash and den-building. • School groups (maximum size 30 pupils) are permitted to access bird hides at Saltholme. Watchpoint hide is more suitable for class activities. Other hides such as the Saltholme Pools hide are excellent for spotting more unusual birds so will have other birdwatchers using the hide – please explain the need for quiet to the pupils. • Please see General trail map, Family and play map and Access map

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Accessibility	• The site is predominantly flat. See accessibility map. • Lift to the first floor in the Visitor centre. • Accessible toilet.
Shop and Café	• Reserve shop – **please arrange access with the site team on arrival and organise your class into small groups of 6- 10.** • Café - Meals must be pre-ordered in advance if lunch is required. Other refreshments can be pre-ordered on arrival - food can then be brought to the group in the alternative indoor space (if available) or outside.
Phone reception	RSPB Saltholme does have mobile phone reception.
Advance information required	Please advise upon booking/after site pre-visit if specific areas of the reserve are required to ensure they are not inaccessible due to maintenance etc.

Please present your booking confirmation at the visitor centre when you arrive.

Thank you for taking all your litter home with you.

Self-led school visits to RSPB Saltholme are supported by the Teesside Environmental Trust