



North Sea



King Charles III England Coast Path

ENGLAND ← Dunwich Heath

Sizewell →

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- Viewpoint (showing direction of view)
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- Permissive path
- Public footpath
- Public bridleway
- Boardwalk
- Road
- Shingle/sand
- Heathland
- Wet grassland

Visitor Hub

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Zoom

The Pond

5%5m

9%17m

10%12m

5%55m

Visitor Hub

Toilets

15

5%80m

Discovery Centre

Walking speed based on 2 miles per hour at a gentle pace.

← 200m → ≈ 4 mins

- Dogs on leads welcome in the Visitor Hub
- Assistance dogs only on the trails

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# Discover Minsmere



Look out for elegant Avocets on the Scrape in spring and summer.

## Coastal Trail

3.2 km (2 miles), 90-minute walk  
Steps: 13 steps to the hide from the beach



### Trail conditions

The trail has hard surfaces, compact earth and a boardwalk. The full loop includes 13 steps over the sea wall and a long section on the sand and shingle beach between East Hide and The Sluice.

### Description

This trail is a loop that offers stunning views, a variety of habitats and gives you the chance to enjoy the Suffolk coast's spectacular wildlife. Four hides overlook the island-studded lagoons known as the Scrape, where you can see Avocets and gulls in spring and summer, and flocks of ducks in winter.

### Good to know

To avoid the sun in your eyes, visit the East Hide in the morning and the West Hide in the afternoon.



Bitterns are elusive reedbed residents. Look for them skulking at the reed edge.

## Reedbed Trail

2.5km (1.5 miles),  
60-minute walk  
Steps: 32 steps to access the Bittern Hide



### Trail conditions

This is a generally firm earth path with some tree roots. There are short slopes and uneven sections between the two hides. Island Mere Hide can be accessed via a level path from the road to the north west.

### Description

Enjoy a wander through the woods on your way to the hides, which offer sublime views across the reedbeds. Patience (and luck) may be rewarded with views of Bitterns, Marsh Harriers, Bearded Tits, or even an Otter.

### Good to know

There is a steep shortcut between the Whin Hill Watchpoint and Island Mere Hide.



Enjoy the view from Whin Hill.

## Woodland Trail

2.5 km (1.5 miles),  
60-minute walk  
Steps: 46 steps to access  
the Canopy Hide



### Trail conditions

This path is unsurfaced, grassy, and rough in places, with several slopes.

### Description

Explore the tranquil woodland and get a different perspective at tree level from the Canopy Hide. Warblers can be heard in spring and in summer butterflies and dragonflies flit among the trees. There can be splendid displays of fungi in autumn.

### Good to know

Part of this route follows a public bridleway where dogs are permitted. This walk can be easily combined with the Reedbed Trail.



Silver-washed Fritillary butterflies may be seen on the Woodland Trail in summer.



## Site facilities

If there's anything we can do to help during your visit, please contact us in advance, or ask when you arrive. For help during your visit, please call 01728 648281 in opening hours.

There is a gently sloped access path from the accessible parking area, or stepped access closer to the building. The reception, shop and café all have step-free entry. Toilets, accessible toilets and baby change are available when the Visitor Hub is closed. You can borrow mobility scooters from the Visitor Hub – advance booking is strongly recommended.

### Out and about

Please read the trail descriptions for details of the surfaces and gradients so that you can decide if they're suitable for you. For full details on accessibility, please visit [rspb.org.uk/Minsmere](https://www.rspb.org.uk/Minsmere)

For a general visitor map, please scan the QR code



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