



Accessibility Guide for RSPB Beckingham Marshes

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Welcome

Beckingham Marshes is a thriving wetland nature reserve sitting in the Trent Valley. It is a partnership with the RSPB managing the land alongside a local grazier and the Environment Agency, all working to encourage wetland wildlife to return. The habitats we are working to re-establish provide ideal conditions for a host of species – particularly breeding wading birds, such as Lapwings and Redshanks. A mix of native hedgerow species such as Hawthorn, Blackthorn and damson create ideal habitat corridors around the boundaries of the site and provide a home for our thriving colony of Tree Sparrows, as well as food for winter thrushes.

At a Glance

Getting here

Old Trent Road
Beckingham
DN10 4PY



Travel by public transport

- You can get to RSPB Beckingham Marshes by bus and train.
- Stagecoach bus service 97 stops at 'The Croft' in Beckingham, this is the closest stop to the reserve. Alight here and on foot, take the first right onto Station Road. Follow

Station Road, which becomes Old Trent Road, to the reserve entrance opposite The Old Willow Works. The bus stop is 0.8 miles / 1.3 km from RSPB Beckingham Marshes.

- The nearest train station is Gainsborough Central. The train station is 4 miles / 6.4 km from RSPB Beckingham Marshes.
- It is recommended to take a taxi from the train station.

Parking

- There is a drop-off point at the main entrance. The drop-off point has a dropped kerb.
- Parking is limited, with space for 2 cars in the main entrance to the reserve. Please ensure access for agricultural vehicles is always possible. Further parking is available on the grass verge 0.6 miles away close to where the railway line crosses Old Trent Road. Parking used to be available at the Willow Works building opposite the reserve entrance, however this is not currently possible.

Arrival

Path to main entrance

- From the street to the main entrance, there is level access.

Main entrance

- The main entrance has level access.
- The main door is side hung and manual.

Getting around inside

Getting around outside

Designated Walking Trail

Trail to the Viewing Platform

- The trail is 530 metres long. There are two sections of narrow boardwalk approximately 40cm in width. Four pedestrian gates. Two narrow wooden bridges. The trail has seats.
- There is only one trail at Beckingham Marshes, a 530m (in either direction) there-and-back-again route taking you out to an elevated Viewing Platform with two benches (room for 4-6 people). The trail is predominantly a mown grass path, which can be uneven in places. Depending on the time of year the route can be extremely wet and muddy, however the best times to visit the site are during the wettest times of year, with large flocks of wildfowl and waders during the winter months and displaying lapwing and redshank during the spring. Inquisitive cattle graze the site, normally between March and December, the cattle are not separated from the publically accessible parts of the site.

Customer care support

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