

# Finding your way around Dungeness



## Purple trail

This two-mile (3 km) circular trail, at the heart of the reserve, passes through gorse and willow scrub and past fields and ditches. Six hides along the way overlook the reserve's pools and reedbeds. Allow at least two hours.

## Red trail

Two quarter-mile (400-metre) paths lead to a hide and viewing screen, which overlook the ARC pit. Allow at least one hour.

Disabled visitors may drive to most of the hides. Please ask at the visitor centre for details.

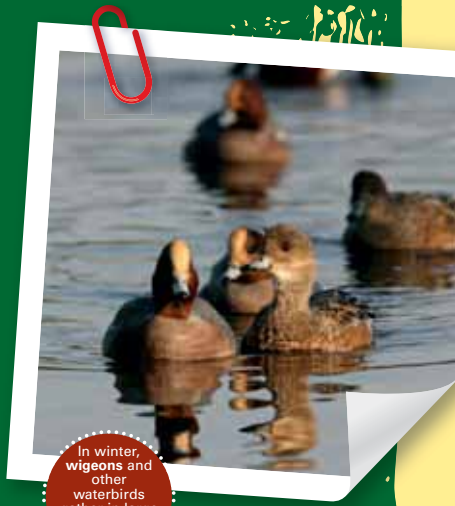
To help you decide where to explore, we have estimated the time sections of our walks take. On the Purple trail, it takes about four minutes to walk from the visitor centre to Firth hide, a further two minutes to Makepeace hide, then seven minutes to Scott hide, nine minutes to Christmas Dell and from there to Denge Marsh hide another eight minutes. From Denge Marsh hide back to the visitor centre (in either direction) takes about half an hour. On the Red trail, it takes about six minutes to walk from the car park to the Hanson ARC hide or the viewing screen.

### Key:

- Water
- Grassland
- Shingle
- Reedbed
- Visitor centre
- Car park
- Toilet
- Viewpoint
- Footpath



**Please note:** to avoid disturbing the wildlife, no dogs, except guide dogs, are allowed on the nature trails.



In winter, wigeons and other waterbirds gather in large flocks on the lakes.

### Did you know?

The reserve is an internationally important site for medicinal leeches and great crested newts.

### Did you know?

Over 300 different species of bird have been seen on the reserve and around 200 species are recorded annually.



A visit to Dungeness is a great day out for all the family at any time of year.



“We thoroughly enjoyed our visit. The reserve is well laid out, with excellent hides and trails. A wide variety of birds on view, including gorgeous male linnets singing from gorse bushes, makes you glad to be alive.”

Visitor to Dungeness