

Finding your way around Fairburn Ings nature reserve

THE TRAILS

Discovery trail

Starting from the visitor centre, this 0.3-mile (500 m), flat trail is great for pushchairs and wheelchairs. It weaves through woodland and wetland, which are brimming with wildlife. You could see anything from weasels to willow tits.

Lin Dike link trail

This 1.5 mile trail links Lin Dike with the rest of the reserve. It is a peaceful walk along the River Aire, with plenty of wildlife to see throughout the year. The path is quite uneven so we recommend sturdy footwear for walkers. Unfortunately, it's not suitable for wheelchairs or pushchairs.

Riverbank trail

For a longer adventure, head up the slope from the kingfisher screen. You can follow this two-mile (3 km) trail through woodland and round the main lake to see our Jacob sheep or visit the village pubs. It takes about 25 minutes to walk to the Bob Dickens hide from the visitor centre, 35 minutes to the Village Bay hide and 45 minutes to Charlie's hide.

Arrow Lane trail

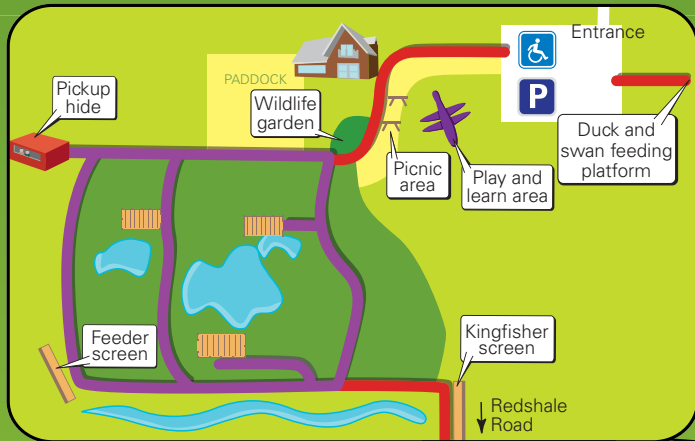
From Lin Dike car park, set out for magnificent views across the wetland with its amazing wading birds, ducks, geese and swans. Both this 0.6-mile (1 km) trail and the lookout are accessible to wheelchairs. You can also walk into Castleford along the canal from this trail. It takes about 50 minutes to walk to the Lin Dike hide from the visitor centre.



Please note:
Dogs are welcome, but please keep them on a lead.



We run a wide variety of kids' activities throughout the year.



Did you know?

Fairburn Ings' special habitats are a legacy of hundreds of years of mining in the local area.

You may see great crested grebes perform their dancing courtship displays from Cut hide.

Did you know?

Ings is Norse for "land that floods" - no wonder we were two metres underwater in the 2007 floods.

Pick up some seed from the visitor centre to feed the swans and ducks from the feeding platform.

From the visitor centre balcony, scan the skies for buzzards.

Look out for dragonflies hunting along the discovery trail.

In summer you'll see stunning orchids along the riverbank trail.

Keep an eye and ear! - out for the noisy terns swooping low over the water before diving for fish.

Stroll along Lin Dike trail and enjoy peace and quiet.



Key:

- Water
- Grassland
- Marsh and reeds
- Woodland
- Visitor centre
- Disabled parking
- Parking
- Pond dipping platform



In winter, mute swans are joined by hundreds of ducks and geese.

“What a lovely place! A wonderful place to enjoy nature at its best!”
Abbie, a visitor to Fairburn Ings