

Finding your way around Ham Wall nature reserve

THE TRAILS

Ham Wall loop

This 2.7 km circular walk from the car park follows a scenic rough grass trail alongside the Glastonbury Canal through the reserve. It crosses the canal via a bridge to return along the old railway track.

Walton Heath trail

Stroll along 1.8 km of grass track, which has quiet, secluded places to sit and enjoy the views. There is a viewing screen in the south eastern corner.

Boardwalk trail

The 200 m boardwalk is made from recycled plastic and leads you through the wetland.

Loxton's Marsh trail

A 1.3 km walk around one of the more secluded areas of reedbed and scrub. The grass tracks may be wet during the winter. There is a viewing screen in the south eastern corner.

Shovelers feed by sweeping their large, spade-shaped bills through the wet mud.



The best times to spot shy roe deer are in the early morning or at dusk.

Key:

- Water
- Reedbed
- Grassland
- Woodland
- Viewing platform
- Viewing screen
- Parking
- Information
- Disabled parking
- Seat
- Bridge

Did you know?
To help us establish the Ham Wall reedbed, volunteers grew and planted out 675,000 reed seedlings.



Nicknamed 'birdsong gallery' lots of warblers sing along this part of Ham Wall loop in spring.

Look out for hobbies catching and eating dragonflies in flight in the spring.

Marsh harriers fly low over the reedbed looking for food.

From here, you can often hear the booming calls of bitterns in springtime.

Otters, grass snakes and adders have all been seen on the Boardwalk.

The canal bank is alive with a multitude of dragonflies and damselflies in summer.

Listen to croaking marsh frogs along the Boardwalk and Loxton's Marsh trail in the summer.

Siskins and redpolls feed in the alder trees in winter.

On the Walton Heath trail, you get an amazing view over the reedbed of Glastonbury Tor.

In the winter, thousands of starlings flock here to roost in the reedbed.



Did you know?
We turn all the cut vegetation from the reserve into compost, which you can take home and put on your garden.

“A really lovely part of the world, and I think this will become an annual pilgrimage for me.”
A visitor to Ham Wall