

# Finding your way around Snettisham nature reserve



## Access trail

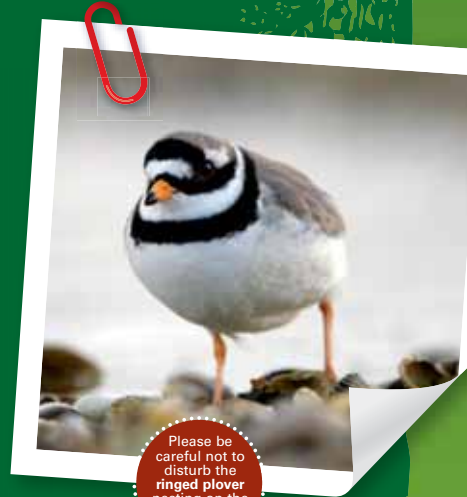
Follow this 0.6 mile trail to the beach and encounter a landscape steeped in local history, from shingle digging in the Second World War to the devastating floods of 1953. The shingle pits are examples of saline lagoons and contain rare and unusual species.

## Beach trail

First contact with The Wash! This dramatic vista is home to tens of thousands of birds from late summer to spring. During late spring and summer be careful not to disturb the nesting birds on the shingle beach along this 825 yard trail.

## Loop trail

The 1.3 mile trail runs around the southernmost pit past four hides and the wader watch point. You should always be able to find ducks, geese, gulls and wading birds on the pit and on appropriate dates you can witness the world renowned Snettisham wader spectacular.



Please be careful not to disturb the ringed plover nesting on the shingle in summer.

**Did you know?**  
Up to 40,000 pink-footed geese take to the skies at dawn from mid November to the end of January.

**Did you know?**  
The dawn flights of pink-footed geese are not reliable around four days either side of a full moon.

**Did you know?**  
If you want to see the wader spectacular, visit from late summer to early spring on days with very high tides.

**Key:**

- Lagoons
- Grassland
- Private land
- Beach
- Mudflats
- Saltmarsh
- Parking



On the Beach trail, gaze upon The Wash, stretching from King's Lynn to Lincolnshire and Skegness.

At the Rotary hide discover all you need to know to see the reserve's fabulous wildlife.

From the Loop trail keep your eye open for the path out to the wader watch point.

Get the best view of the wader flights over the highest tide from the wader watch point.

Learn all about the pits' history on the Access trail.

From Shore hide look for gulls and terns in summer and ducks and geese in winter.

In the event of poor weather this side of the Loop trail gives a little more shelter than the west side.

The Sanctuary and Roost hides are great spots to watch waders roosting at high tide.



The yellow-homed poppy is one of several species of rare plants that you can see on the reserve.

**Did you know?**  
You can find dates and more information about the wader spectacular in the hides and on our website.

