

# Pagham Harbour

## Finding your way around

**Begin your adventure at our visitor centre where we can tell you about the exciting wildlife you could find and which areas to avoid at high tide.**

Pagham Harbour is criss-crossed with public and permissive footpaths, taking in diverse wildlife, historical features and magnificent harbour views. We've suggested three of our favourite walks, which take in the reserve's highlights. All of our recommended walks can be extended by following the footpaths and connecting with paths to and from the visitor centre.

### Discovery trail

**Starting from the Visitor Centre, allow an hour to explore this 1¾ miles interpreted circular loop. Discover the fascinating cultural and natural history of the reserve.**

Take a peek over Sussex Wildlife Trust's Ferry Pool and see how many ducks and wading birds you can spot. Wander along the historic tramway towards Sidlesham Quay to enjoy panoramic views whilst looking for elegant little egrets. Meander back through hedgerow-lined fields rich with bird song in springtime and busy with buzzing insects in summer. There is an option to take a shorter loop (¾ mile) which is suitable for wheelchairs.

### Church Norton trail

**Allow an hour or so to explore this area. From Church Norton car park it's 250 metres to the hide or 560 metres to the beach.**

Perch on a bench to look across to Tern Island or head for Church Norton hide – it's a hotspot for migrant and rare birds in spring and autumn. Stroll towards the beach and enjoy a bracing walk along the shingle and the chance to see some seabirds. You can reach the visitor centre by following the footpath along the west side of the harbour (1¾ miles one-way).

This footpath is not suitable for wheelchair users.

### North Wall trail

**Starting out from the Salthouse, our suggested walk covers 1,000 metres one way, or it is 2 miles if you continue on to our visitor centre along the public footpaths.**

This is a great trail for keen birders, overlooking the Breach Pool which can be busy with waders and then wandering past reedbeds noisy with reed, sedge and Cetti's warblers. It's a lovely spot for a peaceful stroll too with magnificent views and beautiful sunsets.

In winter the incoming tide encourages vast flocks of brent geese and other wildfowl to fly overhead and gather noisily in the fields behind.

## Key

- Sea
- Pasture
- Shingle
- Reedbed
- Intertidal mudflats
- Woodland
- Saline lagoons
- Intertidal saltmarsh
- Wild bird seed crop
- Visitor centre
- Hide
- Viewpoint
- Car park
- Discovery zone
- Hazard warning
- Paths inaccessible at high tide
- Public footpaths
- Permissive footpaths
- Bill Way Cycle Route 88
- Discovery trail
- Church Norton trail
- North Wall trail
- Footpath to RSPB Medmerry
- Medmerry Cycle Link

• For more information about the accessibility of RSPB Pagham Harbour, please visit [rspb.org.uk/paghamharbour](http://rspb.org.uk/paghamharbour)

• Land ownership within Pagham Harbour is complex, with the RSPB managing large parts of the nature reserve. Please keep to the public and permissive footpaths whilst exploring, take all litter home with you and be considerate of other footpath users, landowners and local residents.

• Dogs are welcome on the public and permissive paths. They should be kept under close control to avoid disturbing or worrying wildlife and other users. There are limited "exercise areas" around the harbour – signage is in place at these locations. Several bins are provided for the disposal of dog waste.

