

## Finding your way around

## **RSPB** Arne

## **Shipstal trails**

The true Arne experience. There are many different trails to choose from on the Shipstal side of the reserve taking you through scrub, farm land, ancient oak woodland, pine and birch forest, lowland heath, saltmarsh, sandy beach, acidic ponds and open water. The beach at Shipstal is great for a picnic and a paddle (watch out for the seals!), see spoonbill and curlew from the hide and sika deer rut in the farm fields in autumn.

Easy access trail (30 min walk)
Yellow trail (1 hour walk)
Green trail 1 hour walk)
Red trail (134 hour walk)

Dumbledore trail (some paths closed occasionally due to farming activity)

## Coombe trails

With breathtaking views of the Purbeck Hills and Corfe Castle this is the quieter side of the reserve. Predominantly lowland health, the Coombe Heath trail is the best spot to watch the resident Dartford warbler, and in the winter the Middlebere Channel fills up with thousands of wader and wildfowl. The seasonal raptor trail overlooks salterns reedbed and is a great spot to watch osprey and majestic hen and marsh harrier.

Coombe Heath trail (1 hour walk)

■ Seasonal raptor trail (45 min walk closed March – August)

