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How to get here

Nearest town: Lydd

By train: the nearest train stations are Rye (10 miles) and Ashford (16 miles).

By bus: 11, 11A and 11B buses from Lydd to Ashford stop on request at the reserve entrance.

By bike: National Cycle Route 2 passes through Lydd, just one mile from the reserve entrance.

By car: from Lydd, follow Dungeness Road towards the coast. After a mile, turn right, following signs to the reserve. Follow the entrance track for one mile to the main car park. For the Hanson ARC trail, turn left off Dungeness Road, opposite the main reserve entrance. There is also a car park here.

Opening times

Open every day 9am–9pm (or sunset if earlier), except Christmas Day and Boxing Day. The visitor centre is open 10am–6pm from March to October, and 10am–4pm from November to February.

Admission charges

RSPB members: free. Non-members: adults £5, children £2.50, students £3.50. The visitor centre and Hanson ARC trail are free to all.

RSPB Dungeness

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Wildlife watching

Learn about our amazing wildlife on a relaxed stroll with a friendly, knowledgeable guide. We run reserve tours catering for families, beginners and more experienced wildlife enthusiasts.

Family events

Meet our pond creatures or build a den amongst the wildflowers – we run events throughout the year.

Showing yourselves around? Then pick up a Wildlife Explorer backpack and follow the Pebble Trail!

Help us give nature a home

Do you want to be a part of the amazing work we do for wildlife? Ask a member of staff about the many ways you can volunteer for the RSPB.

For dates, prices and full details about all our events, ask a member of the reserve team or visit rspb.org.uk/dungeness

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Dungeness
Finding your way around

The trails will take you through some of our most important habitats. Explore and discover what makes Dungeness such a special place for nature.

Main trail
This two-mile circular trail explores the heart of the reserve. Allow at least two hours.

There are six hides along the trail overlooking freshwater pools, marshes and whispering reedbeds. This is one of the best ways to see the vast shingle expanse that makes Dungeness so different – and such a special home for wildlife. Keep your eyes peeled for grass snakes slithering into the water as you picnic by Dennis’s hide. In summer, you won’t be able to miss the shrieking calls and captivating grace of common terns nesting in front of Denge Marsh hide. The Nature Discovery trail offers the chance to come face to face with great crested newts and brightly coloured day-flying moths like cinnabars.

Hanson ARC trail
One branch of the red trail leads to our delightful Willow trail along a boardwalk to the Hanson ARC hide; the second takes you to a viewing screen. These trails total just under a mile’s walk. Allow at least an hour to explore.

The paths guide you to spectacular lakeside views and a peaceful Willow trail. You may see dragonflies whizzing by, or delicate clouds of butterflies. The lake is a popular home for birds at all times of year. Watch out for grey herons and great white egrets fishing on the banks. Closer by, look for the bright blue flash of a kingfisher darting across the water.

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Key

- Water
- Grassland
- Shingle
- Reedbed
- Visitor centre
- Car park
- Toilet
- Viewpoint
- Footpath

- Please stay on the paths at all times, as the shingle banks protect and give homes to many types of wildlife.
- Visitors with disabilities may drive to some hides. Please ask in the visitor centre for details.
- For more information on the accessibility of RSPB Dungeness, please visit rspb.org.uk/dungeness or call 01797 320588.
- To avoid disturbing wildlife, no dogs except registered assistance dogs are allowed on the nature trails.