Finding your way around

**Discovery trail**
Starting from the visitor centre this 0.3 mile (500 metre) flat trail is great for pushchairs and wheelchairs.

The trail weaves through woodland and wetland, all brimming with wildlife. Stop off at Pickup hide and watch for grey herons, lapwings and maybe even a marsh harrier. Try a bit of pond dipping, and then call in at the visitor centre to see the birds at the feeders.

**Arrow Lane trail**
This 0.6 mile (1 km) trail from Lin Dike car park joins with the Lin Dike link and the tow path leading into Castleford.

Head along this path for fantastic views across the wetland, pop into Lin Dike hide for brilliant views of wading birds such as redshanks and lapwings, ducks (including wigeons and teals) as well as geese and swans. Look out for the cattle grazing the grassland to keep it in tip top condition.

**Lin Dike link**
This 1.5 mile (2.4 km) footpath links Lin Dike to the rest of the reserve and takes about 45 minutes to walk.

Enjoy a peaceful walk along the banks of the River Aire. There is plenty of wildlife to see throughout the year. During the summer it’s a great spot for butterflies, and you may even glimpse a cuckoo. In winter, watch for geese and herons fishing on the river.

**Coal Tips trail**
This 1.5 mile (2.4 km) circular trail takes approximately 45 minutes, or you can extend your walk by joining the Lin Dike link. There’s a short hike up a hill to start with to reach fantastic views across the reserve and beyond.

In summer, listen out for skylarks singing high above the grassland and dazzling dragonflies darting around. Look out for reed buntings in the reedbeds or pochards on the lakes.

**Riverbank trail**
This two mile (3 km) trail takes about one hour to walk from the visitor centre to the village.

Start at the kingfisher screen and head up the slope towards Bob Dickens hide (25 minutes walk) and on to Village Bay viewpoint (35 minutes walk). Beautiful wildflowers grow by the footpath in summer and fly agarics in autumn. Stroll through the woodland to Cut Lane to spot kingfishers darting along the water, and visit Charlie’s hide (45 minutes walk) to view elegant great crested grebes.

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Key

- Grassland
- Marsh and reeds
- Woodland
- Water
- Visitor centre, toilets and disabled toilet
- Car park
- Disabled parking
- Pond dipping platform
- Family play area
- Viewpoint
- Picnic bench
- Footpath

Dogs are very welcome. To avoid disturbing wildlife and help everyone enjoy their visit, please stick to the Countryside Code and keep your dog under close control as you explore. Thank you.

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