

Fen Drayton Lakes

Finding your way around

There are three reserve trails, connecting a network of existing footpaths and bridleways for lots of walking options. The trails will take you through some of the most important habitats on the reserve, giving you a chance to get close to all sorts of wildlife. Take in the views and revel in the wide skies from one of our many viewpoints.



Holywell Short Trail

Short and sweet, this 1 mile (1.5 km) trail is perfect for little legs, or for when you only have an hour to spare! A mixture of grassy trails and hard surfaces.

This trail gives you a flavour of several of the lakes. In the warmer months, watch out for marsh harriers and hobbies soaring over the reedbed before strolling north to look for butterflies and other flying insects across the sandy grasslands. As you walk along the grassy tracks you will see and hear dozens of species of water birds and song birds all year round.

Ferry Lagoon Trail

A mixture of hard and grassy paths which can get muddy during winter. Allow a couple of hours to walk this 2.5 mile (4 km) trail.

Wander around the largest lagoon and call in at the viewing shelters as you go. In the winter, you can see flocks of hundreds of wading birds and wintering ducks such as lapwings, black-tailed godwits and teals. At Ferry Mere, look across the scrapes to see wading birds and other waterfowl feeding in the muddy margins. You can also enjoy panoramic views from our seasonal trail, which is open when conditions are suitable.

Elney Loop Trail

Explore this 3 mile (4.5 km) trail in a morning or afternoon. A mixture of gravel and grassy paths – don't forget your wellies in winter as it can get muddy!

Lined with trees and hedges, this walk offers great views over the lakes. Take a break at the hide to watch the birds on Moore Lake. In spring and summer, look out for common terns nesting on the tern rafts, or lapwings and oystercatcher chicks on the islands. Enjoy the views over Elney Lake and keep your eyes peeled for kingfishers, cuckoos and hunting birds of prey.

Key

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| Elney Loop Trail | Information board | Bridleway |
| Holywell Short Trail | Parking | Guided busway and cycle track |
| Ferry Lagoon Trail | Busway crossing point | For more information about the accessibility of RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes, please visit rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes |
| Seasonal Trail | Viewing shelter | |
| Water | Viewpoint | |
| Grassland | Picnic bench | |
| Woodland and scrub | Cycle rack | |
| Scrape | Hide | |
| Reedbed | Footpath | |

