

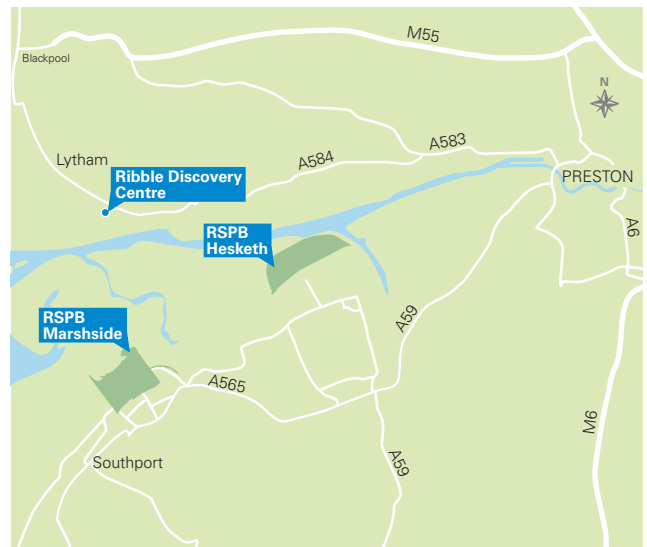
Finding your way around RSPB Hesketh Out Marsh

When you arrive at the car park at the end of Dib Road you'll see the new sea wall immediately in front of you. Follow the surfaced path west or east up to the top of the bank, where you'll see the wide expanse of newly-restored saltmarsh.








Just a few years ago, these were flat fields, full of sheep or carrots. Now the area has been restored to the estuary, and provides a protective belt of saltmarsh for flood defence, which is home to a fantastic variety of wildlife. Look out for nesting avocets and redshanks in the summer, and noisy flocks of pink-footed geese and whooper swans in winter. Sheep may be grazing on the banks, so please keep your dog on a lead.

Whilst you're in the area

Our **Ribble Discovery Centre** at Fairhaven Lake offers a variety of fun family activities throughout the year, and a range of gifts, binoculars and bird care products in the shop. It's a great place for schools and youth groups to explore the estuary and its wildlife.



Key

-  Water
-  Grassland
-  Saltmarsh
-  Restored saltmarsh
-  Public right of way
-  Parking with disabled parking bays
-  Information boards and picnic seating

- For more information about the accessibility of RSPB Hesketh, please visit rspb.org.uk/heskethoutmarsh

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