

# Finding your way around Lodmoor nature reserve



## Marsh trail

This trail follows the edges of the shallow pools and through the saltmarsh grassland. Look out for waders and ducks as well as common terns during the spring and summer. There is a viewing shelter just 170 m from the reserve entrance, which looks over the tern colony and pools.








## Reedbed trail

A continuation of the other trails, this path offers views over the reedbeds. Look out for bitterns in winter and ducklings in summer. Part of the trail meanders through the reedbed, so watch out for marsh harriers above.

## Overcombe trail

Take this trail to explore the wet grasslands, which are the winter quarters for ducks and water pipits. The trail winds its way through some scrub where you're likely to see plenty of warblers and finches.

### Key:

-  Water
-  Grassland
-  Reedbed
-  Scrub
-  Parking
-  Viewing screen
-  Benches

### Did you know?

We use cows to graze the reserve, which helps keep Lodmoor in tip-top condition for lots of wildlife.

Look out for bearded tits whizzing across the tops of the reeds.



In this part of the reserve, you might hear bearded tits' bell-like calls.

Bitterns often spend the winter here. At dusk they head to their favourite roosting spots.

In winter, up to 300 pochards gather on the pools.

Walk the Marsh trail in spring and you may hear a sound like a rusty cart – it's dunlocks singing.

Up to 60 pairs of common terns nest on the special tern islands.

The bushes along the Reedbed trail are great places to listen for Cetti's warblers.

Water pipits feed on insects in the short grassy areas.

Listen out for great green bush crickets singing on the Overcombe trail.

In winter, keep an eye on the sea for grebes and divers.

You can see lapwings on the reserve at most times of the year.

Bitterns are shy and hard to see. But you may hear a male's booming call.



To Weymouth and Radipole

Main Entrance

Beachdown Way

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