

Finding your way around Nagshead nature reserve

THE TRAILS

Short trail

An easy, circular mile, which takes you through old oak woodland. The path is relatively wide with gentle slopes, but can be quite muddy in places. We recommend walking boots.

Long trail

This 2.25-mile walk leads through open spaces, such as the heath. There are beautiful views from parts of this trail and steep inclines in places.

“A lovely walk with so much birdsong. The bluebells were spectacular.”

A visitor to Nagshead

One of our most common visitors, willow warblers arrive from Africa in late March.



Bluebells carpet the woodland floor in spring.



Did you know?

The ancient oaks at Nagshead were originally planted as timber for the Royal Navy's ships.



Just off the long trail, peer into the cave and wonder what lurks within.

Sit on a bench along the short trail and immerse yourself in the forest's sounds.

Extend your walk by turning right onto the long trail.

Mandarin ducks favour the lower pond; watch them from the hide.

See if you can spot crossbills and tree pipits on The Heath.

The wild flowers in the nursery meadow are beautiful during the summer.

See dragonflies and damselflies skimming over the pond in the summer.

Did you know?

Historically, mining and quarrying took place on the reserve. Can you see evidence of the coal breaking the surface on your walk?

“Very peaceful, unspoilt area that is so sensitively managed. I thoroughly enjoyed the walk.”

A visitor to Nagshead

Fallow deer are common here. Recognise them by the large, flat areas on their antlers.

