

This access statement does not contain personal opinions as to our suitability for those with access needs, but aims to accurately describe the facilities and services that we offer all our guests/visitors.

Access Statement for RSPB Wolves Wood nature reserve

Introduction

Wolves Wood is an ancient woodland nature reserve renowned for its birdsong in spring and butterflies in the summer.

There is a cycle rack in the car park.

There are no toilets or any other facilities.

There are no facilities or services that may be suitable for people with access needs.

We look forward to welcoming you. If you have any queries or require any assistance please phone 01206 391153/392119 or email stourestuary@rspb.org.uk.

Pre-Arrival

- The nearest rail station is in Ipswich, a distance of 6 miles.
- There are various public footpaths that approach the reserve, but it does lie on a fast A-road with a National Speed Limit. The road is not paved for pedestrians.
- The nearest bus stops are in Hadleigh, approximately 1.5 miles away. At the discretion of the driver it is possible to request that you are dropped off at the reserve entrance.
- The reserve is open every day, although the car park is locked from 9am to 6pm (or dusk if earlier).
- Entrance is free but dogs are not allowed, other than registered assistance dogs.

Car Parking Facilities and Arrival

- There is a small car park that accommodates 12-15 cars.
- The car park is not lit.
- The nature trail starts immediately from the car park.

Nature Trails

- The circular nature trail is a mile in length and takes about 40 minutes to stroll around. It is clearly signposted. The trail may be uneven in places but the ground is generally level throughout the wood.
- Although the ground is flat, the site does lie on heavy clay which means that it is wet and muddy for most of the year, and readily holds water after heavy rain. This wetness is a very important natural feature that we strive to maintain.

- Around the 1 mile trail there are a small number of raised bridges over some wet ditches and a small number of benches.
- The trail is normally wide enough for two pushchairs or wheelchairs to pass each other.
- There are no gates or stiles. There are two raised bridges (with handrails) that are not passable by wheelchair.
- The site is normally un-manned.

Viewing Facilities

- There are no viewing facilities.

Public Toilets

- There are no WCs on site. The nearest are in Hadleigh by the town centre car park.

Catering

- There are no catering facilities on site.
- Hadleigh has a wide range of catering outlets.

Other RSPB sites nearby.

Ramsey and Hintlesham Woods are nearby, both RSPB properties, and access is permitted only along the existing public rights of way which either run through part of Ramsey Wood or alongside Hintlesham Wood and Ramsey Wood (most of which are on private farmland). The surface of these paths can be wet and muddy, although they are generally level. There are two small bridges.

Contact Information

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