



Snettisham Spectaculars 2019

We have handpicked these dates and times for you to observe the best parts of the spectacles.

The time given is when to leave the RSPB car park (not the time of high tide).

! = You will arrive in the dark. Make sure you bring a torch for the first part of the walk.

Whirling Waders:

January 2019		February 2019		March 2019		April 2019	
Thurs 24	7:00 am !	Fri 22	6:30 am !	Weds 20	4:00 pm	Thurs 18	4:40 pm
		Sat 23	7:00 am	Thurs 21	5:00 am ! and 4:10 pm	Fri 19	5:15 am and 5:20 pm
				Fri 22	5:20 am ! and 5:00 pm	Sat 20	6:00 am and 6:00 pm
				Sat 23	6:00 am	Sun 21	6:30 am and 6:45 pm
				Sun 24	6:30 am	Mon 22	7:10 am
May 2019						August 2019	
Sat 18	5:00 pm			Thurs 1	5:45 pm		
Sun 19	5:45 pm			Fri 2	6:00 am and 6:30 pm		
				Sat 3	6:40 am and 7:20 pm		
				Sun 4	7:00 am		
				Mon 5	8:10 am		
				Tues 6	9:00 am		
		Fri 30	5:00 am ! and 6:20 pm				
September 2019				October 2019			
Sun 1	5:50 am	Sat 28	5:15 pm	Tues 1	6:10 am !		
Mon 2	6:30 am	Mon 30	6:00 am !	Weds 2	7:00 am		
Tues 3	7:20 am			Thurs 3	8:10 am		
Weds 4	8:30 am			Tues 15	6:15 am !		
Sun 15	6:00 am !			Sun 27	4:00 pm		
Fri 27	4:30 pm			Thurs 31	6:30 am		

Pink Footed Geese:

December 2018		January 2019		November 2019		December 2019	
1-16 and 28-31 inclusive	6.45 am !	1-15 and 27-31 inclusive	7:00 am !	18-30 inclusive	6:30 am !	1-6 and 18-31 inclusive	7:00 am !

More information on your visit:

- The time given is when to leave the RSPB car park (not the time of high tide), which allows enough time to walk to the Wader Watch-point at a moderate pace and witness the spectacular in average conditions.
- For some of these dates, particularly the pink-footed goose dates, the walk to or from the reserve may be in semi-darkness, so you may find a torch useful. We have noted occasions when this is a certainty with a !. Please do not use the torch once you are on the beach as it may cause disturbance to the birds, particularly roosting pink-footed geese.
- The path may be wet, muddy and slippery in places.
- Please note this is a natural event, therefore we cannot guarantee the birds will perform every time but you can still enjoy the fresh air, landscape and other wildlife of the Wash.
- Numbers of waders present on the Wash fluctuate through the course of the year, greatest numbers generally being present from mid autumn to mid winter.
- Our Birdwatchers tide table which lists all the high tide times, can be purchased from the visitor centre at Titchwell Marsh, or by sending £1 and a stamped addressed envelope to: Tide Timetables, RSPB Titchwell Marsh, Main Road, Titchwell, PE31 8BB.
- The tide does not affect the geese, but the time of year does. If the tide is high the geese float on the water.
- The walk to the Wader Watch-point and back to the car park is approximately 3 miles (5 km). Strong southerly winds slow down the incoming tide and can delay or exceptionally prevent the spectacular from occurring, waders may not fly into the lagoons if some of the mudflats remain exposed. Winds from the north may cause the spectacular to occur earlier than expected.

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