

Seasonal highlights

During spring, the pools fill with wading birds, such as spotted redshank on their way to Arctic breeding grounds. Sedge, reed and grasshopper warblers can be seen in the reedbeds.



Summer brings more birds to breed, including the avocet with its striking black and white feathers and long curved beak. Throughout August and September the migrating waders return, feeding on insects and worms in the pools before continuing on their southward journey. Look out at this time for the spoonbills, hunting for food with their enormous spatula-like bill.



As winter approaches large numbers of wildfowl such as wigeon, teal, shoveler and pintail start to gather. Along the shingle bank you may see flocks of goldfinch or linnet, and as the weather gets colder, snow bunting feeding on thistle heads. Overhead are cackling skeins of pink-footed geese arriving from Iceland, to join large flocks of noisy brent geese who journey from Siberia to the rich grazing marshes for winter.



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Syderstone Common

Post code: PE31 8SE

Grid ref: TF 834 318

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NWT reserves can be found
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NWT Nature Reserve CLEY AND SALTHOUSE MARSHES

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**Cley Marshes is Norfolk Wildlife Trust's oldest
and best known nature reserve. Twelve gentlemen
naturalists, led by Dr Sydney Long, purchased the
marshes in 1926. This made it the first Wildlife
Trust nature reserve in the country.**

The variety of habitats here make it an unusual site. The
nature reserve contains both salt and freshwater marsh,
large areas of reedbed and saline lagoons. The scrapes
and pools are an outstanding area for both breeding and
migratory birds and the coastal shingle ridge is home to
unusual plants such as the attractive yellow-horned poppy.

In 2015 we purchased the marshes between our nature
reserves at Cley and Salthouse, connecting them together
to create a coastline in conservation care.



Enjoying your visit

The nature reserve is open dawn till dusk. There is a charge for entry to the hides and all visitors must obtain a ticket. Those visitors not entering the hides are required to pay a parking charge. All access is free for NWT members. The entire reserve can be circumnavigated by a series of walking tracks, encompassing Salthouse Marshes and also into Cley village.

Can I bring my dog?

Dogs can be walked on the outer paths of the reserve, they are not allowed on any of the paths that provide direct access to the hides. Please keep your dog under close control at all times, ground nesting birds are very susceptible to disturbance. Please always clear up after your dog and dispose of waste responsibly. Dogs are welcome on the decked viewing terrace but are not allowed in the visitor centre.

I have limited mobility, where can I go?

There is a hardened (compacted hoggin) path leading to a board walk with passing areas to the three central hides (A on the map). The path to Bishop’s Hide is a hardened path along with the path to and including the East Bank. The Attenborough’s Walk is a grassed path. Remaining paths are of a variety of surfaces including loose shingle.

Facilities

The visitor centre is open every day, all year except Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, 10am – 5pm (10am – 4pm November to March). There is a gift shop, a café and an outdoor seating area with great views of the reserve. Fully accessible toilets are located in the Simon Aspinall Wildlife Education Centre. There are regular films, art and photography exhibitions. Staff and volunteers are always on hand to help. Throughout the year we run a full programme of events, talks, workshops and performances. Pick up an events leaflet in the visitor centre to find out more.

At all our sites the responsibility for the safety of visitors is seen as one that is shared between the Trust and the visitor.

Visitors can help by:

- Observing all notices and signs during your visit
- Ensuring all gates are securely closed
- Not cycling on the reserve
- Following any instructions and advice given by Trust staff
- Ensuring that children are properly supervised at all times
- Wearing appropriate clothing and footwear

