

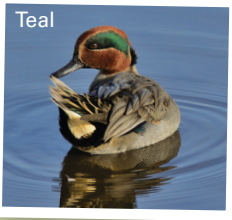
Since the Broads were formed in the Middle Ages they have been turning back into dry land. This natural process, which happens gradually over many years, is known as succession. It starts as the plants growing at the water's edge trap mud and dead material between their roots and stems. Slowly layers are built up, the ground level is raised and becomes drier.

NWT Ranworth Broad is a fantastic site to see all the different stages in the succession between open water and woodland along the boardwalk trail.

Seasonal highlights

During the summer common tern nest on the artificial rafts and great crested grebe can be seen diving for fish. Otters are often seen and swallows and swifts hunt for insects over the water. The swallowtail butterfly is common here in early summer, while in later summer its caterpillars feed on milk parsley. Dragonflies are also common. Look for Norfolk hawker, and later in the season black-tailed skimmer sunbathing on the boardwalk. Osprey is often spotted in early autumn.

In the winter months large numbers of wildfowl such as teal, wigeon, shoveler, pochard and gadwall come here to feed. The broad is also a roost site for more than 400 cormorant, one of the largest inland roosts in Britain.



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Our reserves

If you have enjoyed visiting NWT Ranworth Broad why not visit another of our nearby beautiful nature reserves?

Thorpe Marshes

Post code: NR7 0QA  
Grid ref: TG 267 083

Martham Broad

Post code: NR29 4EB  
Grid ref: TG 466 203

Hickling Broad

Post code: NR12 0BW  
Grid ref: TG 428 222

Upton Broad

Post code: NR13 6EQ  
Grid ref: TG 380 137

Further details on all NWT reserves can be found on our website: [www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk](http://www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk)

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Ranworth Broad, part of the Bure Marshes National Nature Reserve, is one of a network of highly important sites for wetland wildlife which make up the Bure Valley Living Landscape.

In 1949 the Cator family gave Ranworth and Cockshoot Broads to NWT. Lieut.-Colonel Cator specified that the Broad should be absolute sanctuary for water birds, with the exception of The King's right to shoot once a year. In 1976, on the occasion of NWT's 50th anniversary, The Queen opened the innovative, floating Broads Wildlife Centre, accompanied by Prince Philip.

St. Helen's Church Ranworth stands in a commanding position overlooking the River Bure. Known as the 'Cathedral of the Broads,' panoramic views of the Norfolk Broads can be experienced from the top of its tower. The mainly fourteenth and fifteenth century building contains treasures of international significance. The church is open daily from around 9.30am – 5.30pm (dusk during winter). Please see website for Visitors Centre opening times: [www.ranworthchurch.com](http://www.ranworthchurch.com)





Broads Authority



## Broads Information Centre

### Liana Boat Trips

**Ranworth lies within the Broads National Park and at Ranworth Staithe you'll find one of our national park information centres and boat trips.**

#### Broads Information Centre

The Staithe, Ranworth NR13 6HY  
01603 756094  
ranworthtic@broads-authority.gov.uk

- Open (free entry)  
April, May, October: Monday-Friday 9am-1pm and 1.30-5pm;  
Saturday-Sunday 9am-5pm  
June-September: daily 9am-5pm

Please call in (or contact us) for all you'd like to know about the Broads. You can also experience a hundred years of holidays, in photos and extracts from archive films dating from the 1880s to the 1980s.

#### Liana Boat Trips

Set off on a voyage of discovery on board our Edwardian-style electric launch. Our 55-minute trips head across Malthouse Broad, then along Ranworth Dam and the River Bure towards Cockshoot Dyke.

- April, May, October: weekends, bank holidays, Easter week, local half-term, and June-September: daily; 10.30am, 2pm and 3pm
- £10 adult, £8 child / concession, £30 family (up to two adults and two children)
- Please book with the Broads Information Centre
- Maximum number of passengers (at driver's discretion): eight
- We're sorry we cannot take dogs, except assistance dogs
- All passengers must wear the life jackets provided

For all Broads National Park visitor information go to

[VisitTheBroads.co.uk](http://VisitTheBroads.co.uk)



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#### Enjoying your visit

The nature reserve is open every day, dawn till dusk. Free entry, donations welcome.

Please use the NWT car park in Ranworth village as there is no parking at the nature reserve entrance. It is a short walk from the village to the start of the nature trail along the boardwalk to the Broads Wildlife Centre. **DO NOT** step off the boardwalk.

Take Damselfly, the electric NWT boat, which runs as a ferry service between the staithe on Malthouse Broad and the NWT Broads Wildlife Centre or join us on a longer boat trail to explore the wildlife on the broad with one of our experienced guides. The Broad is closed to boats so it is the perfect way to discover the wildlife on the water. We run themed trips throughout the summer. Full itinerary and booking in the centre.

#### Can I bring my dog?

Only registered assistance dogs are permitted onto the nature reserve and boat trail. The public footpath indicated on the map is accessible with all other dogs.

#### I have limited mobility, where can I go?

The boardwalk and ground floor of the Broads Wildlife Centre are accessible. Unfortunately, there is no access to the boat trail for wheelchair users but those with limited mobility can be assisted on and off the boats.

#### Facilities

The floating Broads Wildlife Centre is open Easter to October, 10am – 5pm. Beautiful views over Ranworth Broad, with gift shop and light refreshments. Toilets are available in Ranworth village.

**At all NWT 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

