

Felling of conifers began in 2008 and was completed the next year. Restoration of heathland on both sites has been highly successful and it continues today with further acquisitions of The Delft and Rising Heath.

Seasonal highlights

The best way to maintain heathland for the range of rare species which depend on it, is by grazing with livestock, as has been done for centuries. Roydon Common and Grimston Warren are grazed year-round by a herd of hardy Dartmoor ponies.

In early summer a ‘river’ of yellow flowers of bog asphodel runs down the valley. Also look for cotton grass, cranberry, bog myrtle, cross-leaved heath and sundew in the wetter areas and heather, sheep’s sorrel and wood sage in drier areas.

Of particular importance at Roydon and Grimston are areas of wet heath and fen. Roydon is one of very few Norfolk sites for acid-loving wetland species including black darter and keeled skimmer dragonflies, raft spider and the beautiful bog asphodel.



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Our reserves

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Post code: PE36 6LQ
Grid ref: TF 714 449

Foxley Wood

Post code: NR20 4QR
Grid ref: TG 049 229

East Winch Common

Post code: PE32 1NP
Grid ref: TF 698 161

Cley and Salhouse Marshes

Post code: NR25 7SA
Grid ref: TG 054 440

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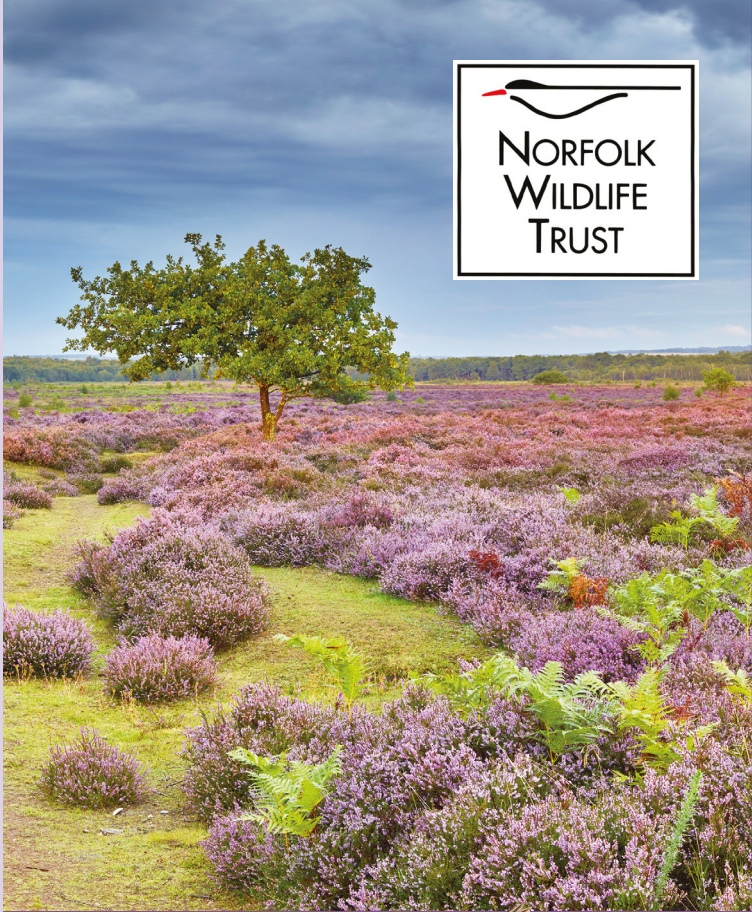
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NWT Nature Reserve
**ROYDON
COMMON &
GRIMSTON
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Roydon Common and Grimston Warren form the heart of the Gaywood Valley Living Landscape and together comprise Norfolk’s most extensive heather heath.

Norfolk Wildlife Trust purchased 140 acres of heath at Roydon Common in 1963. A further 200 acres were added to the reserve in 1992 and these precious sites have been gradually restored since. Next door Grimston Warren was long recognised as the home of Norfolk’s most important heathland flora, but the site was planted with non-native conifers in the 1960s. In 1999 the purchase of the 100-acre Tony Hallatt Memorial Reserve at Grimston Warren and its reversion to heathland were funded by his widow, Muriel. A few years later, following the tremendous success of the first project, the remaining 170 acres of conifer plantation at Grimston Warren were purchased.



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Common lizard, slow worm, adder, grass snake and great crested newt can all be found here. Look for slow worm and adder basking in sunny spots sheltered from cold winds. The adder, like all British snakes, is timid and nonaggressive to humans. Please avoid disturbance and do not approach too closely.

In spring and summer breeding birds include nightjar, woodlark, snipe, tree pipit, curlew, and woodcock. Throughout the winter birds like hen harrier and merlin also use the site as roosts and are often seen flying in at dusk.

Enjoying your visit

The nature reserve is open dawn till dusk, every day all year round. Free to enter and park.

Can I bring my dog?

Yes, but dogs must be kept on leads at all times, all year to avoid disturbance to ground-nesting birds. Outside this period, walkers are requested to keep dogs under tight control or on a lead to avoid disturbance to livestock when present.

I have limited mobility, where can I go?

The path network is not suitable for wheelchair users due to it being sandy but it is possible to get from the car park onto Rising Breck where there are seats for those who cannot walk far or need to rest.

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

