

Blacktoft Sands

Finding your way around

To discover what makes RSPB Blacktoft Sands so special for nature, start exploring today.

The trails lead you to six hides that give views over the lagoons and the reedbed. You could see or hear some of our wonderful wetland wildlife such as bitterns and water voles. As you stroll along the trails, keep an eye out for weasels running along the paths and listen for the noisy 'chip' of tree sparrows in the willows. At any time of year, you can see marsh harriers gliding effortlessly over the reeds.

If you want to know more about the reserve, please pop in to the reception hide.

Main trail

The main trail takes in five viewing hides. The closest is just 90 metres from reception and the farthest is 400 metres.

For birds of prey (all year) and the chance to hear a bittern (in spring), head down to Singleton hide. Visit Marshland hide for close views of avocets nesting on the islands in the spring and for wading birds from July to September. This trail is a good place to listen out for warblers singing in the spring and to discover the insects living at Blacktoft Sands.

Ousefleet trail

Follow the main trail and then take the path at the junction between Xerox and Marshland hides. Continue for 800 metres to get to Ousefleet hide.

This path is a great place to looking out for hares running around. At the end of the path the Ousefleet hide gives you views that overlook the grazing marsh. Here you can find whistling ducks, such as teals and wigeons in winter. Next to this hide is a viewing screen that is always worth a look as you never know what may be hiding beyond it.



Konik ponies keep an eye on visitors!

See the elegant avocets.

