

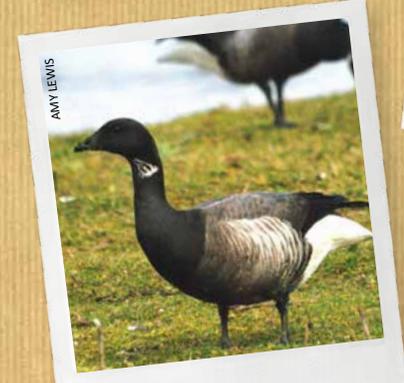
Grey seal

In the autumn be on the look out for marine mammals including harbour porpoises, grey and common seals.



Dunlin

Winter brings large numbers of wading birds and wildfowl to the estuary, and the opportunity to see birds of prey.



Brent goose



Peregrine



Redstart

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Yorkshire Wildlife Trust is a local charity working to protect and conserve Yorkshire's wild places and wildlife for all to enjoy.

We care for 96 nature reserves throughout the county and run loads of events so that everyone can get out and experience wild Yorkshire for themselves.

It is thanks to the fantastic support of our members, volunteers and supporters that we are able to continue with this work.

### Why not join us?

Joining is easy! For a small amount a month you can support Yorkshire's wildlife and wild places and get involved with loads of fab activities and events. Visit [www.ywt.org.uk](http://www.ywt.org.uk) or ask a member of staff for details.

### Get in touch

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### Opening times

**Nature Reserve**  
7 days a week. Check our website for latest news. Please, pay attention to tide times and do not cross information displayed on site and on our website page. **NEVER ENTER THE WATER.**

### Help us look after Yorkshire's wildlife

No dogs or off road motorbikes / vehicles please, they can disturb and harm our wonderful wildlife.  
Parking charges apply; free of charge to Yorkshire Wildlife Trust members.



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# Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

## SPURN National Nature Reserve



Love Yorkshire, Love Wildlife

Look out for nesting ringed plovers in the spring; be careful not to disturb them though as this is an important breeding habitat for this vulnerable species.



Ringed plover

### WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR at Spurn National Nature Reserve



Red admiral



Red-veined darter

Summer is a good time to look for dragonflies, damselflies and butterflies – keep an eye open for butterflies like ringlets, clouded yellows, painted ladies and red admirals, or dragonflies including red-veined darters, migrant hawkers and azure damselflies.



Ringlet

Spurn is one of those 'must-see' nature reserves, a 3.5 mile sandy spit stretching out across the mouth of the Humber into the North Sea. Escape into one of Yorkshire's finest remaining wildernesses and experience the beaches, sand dunes, mudflats and grasslands it has to offer.



Little tern and chick

## FACILITIES at Spurn

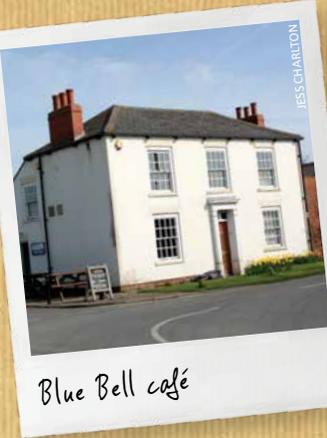
A birdwatcher's haven, there are four hides to while away the day in.



Grasshopper warbler

Hungry after your hike to the end of the point? Nearby Blue Bell café provides much needed sustenance.

Why not visit the Spurn Lighthouse and find out more about the amazing heritage of the reserve. The view from the top is magnificent. Check opening times.



Blue Bell café

A varied programme of events including guided 'Spurn Safaris' aboard a specially equipped 4x4 allows you to learn a little more about this unique place.

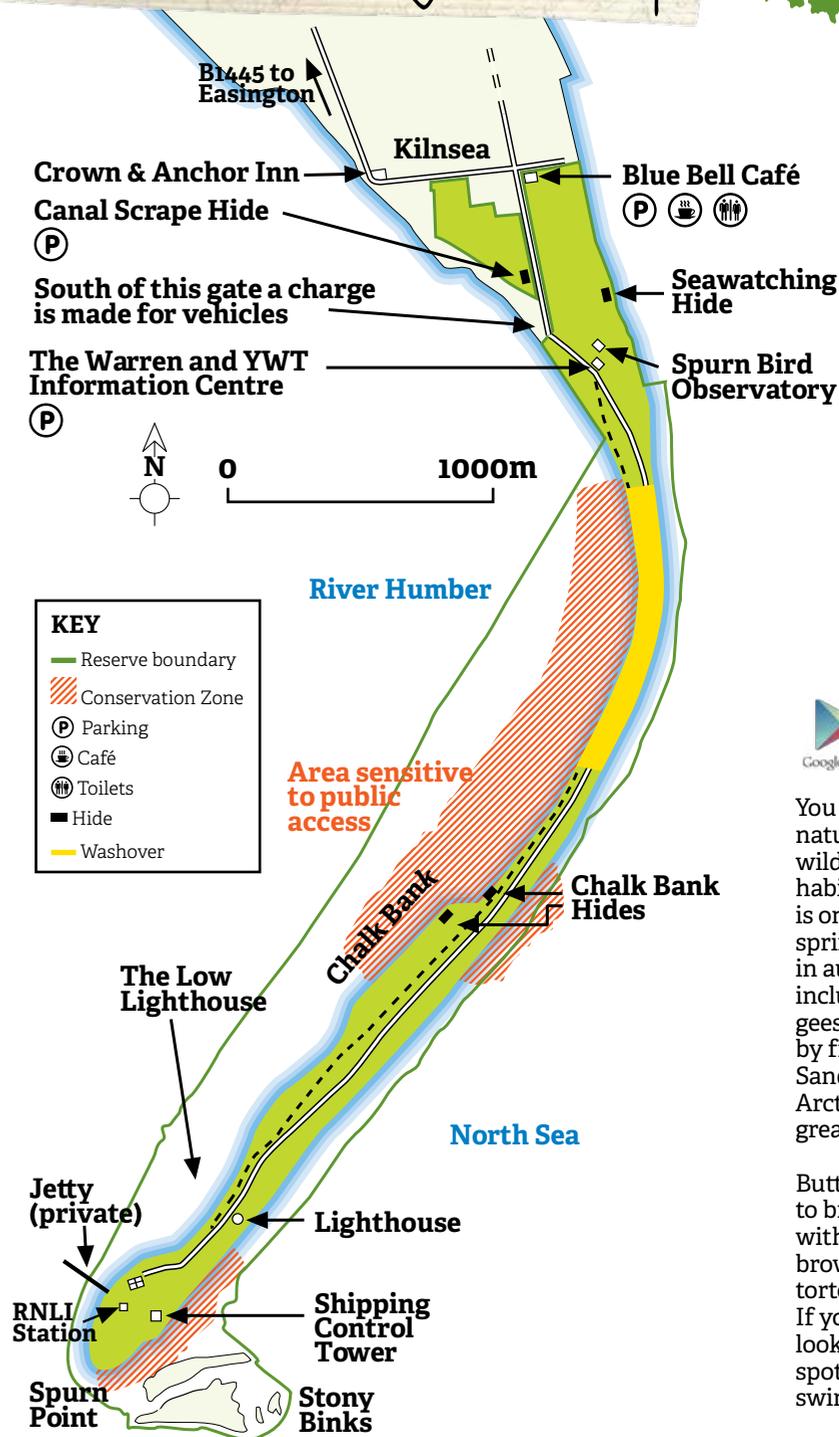
Toilets at Kilnsea; car parking charges apply at the Warren.



Spurn lighthouses

## SPURN NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE

# Trail Navigation Map



Sea buckthorn



Pyramidal orchid

The Observatory helps monitor the birds of Spurn using ringing and regular counting.



www.spurnbirdobservatory.co.uk

Pyramidal orchid, storksbill, common centaury and yellow-wort are amongst some of the more colourful blooms. Growing on the dunes is sea holly, Lyme grass and sea buckthorn, which has with bright orange berries in autumn.



Download the free Spurn App for Android from the Google Play Store

You will not be disappointed by a trip to this unique coastal nature reserve. Spurn guarantees a perfect opportunity to wildlife watch – the mix of coastal, marine and grassland habitats is rich in bird, aquatic and coastal wildlife. Spurn is one of the ultimate places to witness bird migration – spring sees redstarts, ring ouzels and wheatears, whereas in autumn swifts, redwings and a variety of wildfowl, including pink-footed geese may pass you by from time to time! Sandwich, common and Arctic terns also migrate in great numbers.

Butterflies are attracted to breed in the grassland, with orange tips, meadow browns and small tortoiseshells all common. If you are lucky when looking out to sea you may spot a marine mammal swimming by!

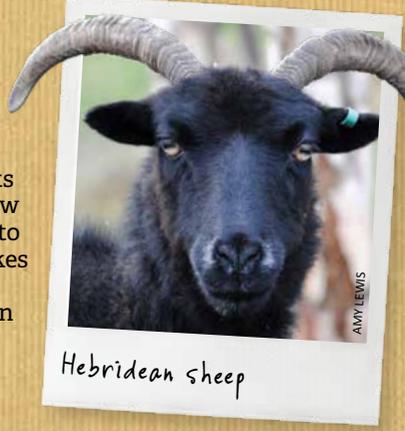


Swift

## LOOKING AFTER

### Spurn National Nature Reserve

Spurn is a dynamic site, constantly changing, moving in a westward direction, as the North Sea and Humber meet. In the past there has been some effort to fix its location; however we now allow natural processes to take place. The Trust takes the view that it is better to work with nature than against it.



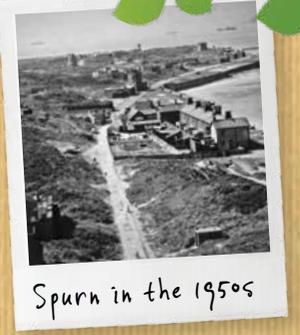
Hebridean sheep

Grazing by Hebridean sheep takes place to manage the habitat ensuring a diversity of species. Regular winter beach cleans also take place to keep the beach litter-free – volunteers are always welcome to come and take part!

## HERITAGE

### of Spurn

Evidence of Spurn's historical past still exists, including the remains of a railway track, built by the army in 1915 and maintained by them until the 1950's. Old gun emplacements can also be found on the point dating from WWI. Going right back Spurn was first referenced in the 7th Century! Since then we know people have set up home here on and off. In 1819 lifeboat men came to live on the point with their families and did so until 2012. The station is still manned, however, with a full crew.



Spurn in the 1950s

Spurn has been recognised as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) since 1957, designated as such shortly before the Trust took over ownership in 1960. The nature reserve has since received further designations including Special Protection Area (SPA), Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and National Nature Reserve in 1996 showing just what a special place this is.