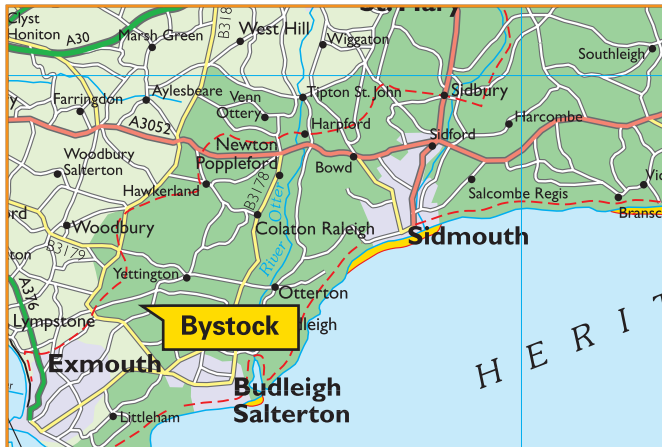


How to get there

Bystock is not easy to find, but well worth the effort! It is located near to the East Devon Way and falls within the East Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

By car

From Exeter take the A376 towards Exmouth, and at Clyst St George take the B3179 towards Woodbury. Follow the road through Woodbury. After leaving the village take the first right turn – signed Exmouth/Budleigh Salterton. Continue for 1.1km (0.7 miles) until reaching a T-junction. Turn right onto the B3180. After 1.3km (0.8 miles) look out for a right turn signed to Exmouth. Do not take this turning! Stay on the B3180, take the small turning 3rd left after the Exmouth turning. A brown tourist sign with a reservoir symbol can be seen from the main road. You will then see a pond on your left and the entrance to the nature reserve (SY 034 843). If there are no spaces to park carry on down the road to a parking area under trees on the right.



DWT cares for 50 nature reserves around the county. Most are open to the public at all times.

Nature reserves aren't just left to nature. DWT 'manages' them to ensure they stay in the best possible condition to encourage wild plants and animals.

To report wildlife sightings, damage or circumstances needing attention, call DWT on 01392 279244 or email contactus@devonwildlifetrust.org

This nature reserve is one of a national network of over 2,000 sites cared for by The Wildlife Trusts.

Enjoying your visit

To get the most from your visit without harming the wildlife that lives there, please remember:

Respect wildlife

Don't pick flowers or disturb nesting birds! If you see anything particularly exciting during your visit, please tell DWT about it. We are always very keen to extend our knowledge of our nature reserves and welcome any records.

Be properly dressed

Wear sensible clothing and make sure you have the right footwear. Wellington boots or stout walking boots are strongly advised.


Dogs

Dogs are welcome but we ask that you keep them on a short lead at all times. Please clean up after your dog.

Getting around

Generally the terrain is uneven. Please keep to the main paths. 100m of easy access pathway from the southern entrance is suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs.

Audio guide

 An audio guide to this nature reserve is available at www.devonwildlifetrust.org.

In 2016 Devon Wildlife Trust became the proud owner of Bystock Pools nature reserve. Its purchase was made possible by the generosity of Exmouth and Bystock DWT Local Group, DWT members, local benefactors, Devon County Council, The Banister Charitable Trust and The Norman Family Charitable Trust.

Devon Wildlife Trust provides many opportunities to get involved with Bystock nature reserve, including a local volunteer group and practical conservation tasks.

For more details about these opportunities, DWT's other nature reserves or on becoming a member visit:

www.devonwildlifetrust.org or contact:

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Heathland haven

Bystock's flourishing heathland was created around 4,000 years ago when trees were first cleared by our ancestors for timber and to create space for grazing. Today these lowland heaths are declining nationally.


This charming heathland is part of the larger area of East Devon pebbled heaths SSSI. Their thin sandy soils provide perfect acidic conditions for heather and gorse plants and all the specialist animals associated with them.

This unique habitat needs constant care to ensure perfect conditions for the plant and animal life to thrive. Hardy native Exmoor ponies graze the heath while volunteers and staff clear the encroaching trees and shrubs, reproducing the actions of previous generations.

A walk around Bystock nature reserve will take 45 minutes.

Please keep dogs on leads at all times.

Bystock lies 1km to the south of the East Devon Way, a long distance walking route running from Exmouth to Lyme Regis (a footpath runs south from this to near the nature reserve).

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3 Spot sphagnum moss and carnivorous sundew plants - S Day

4 Stonechats are a common sight at Bystock - M Tuckett

2 In summer watch rare Small Red Damselflies flying slowly amongst the vegetation of the Long Ponds - S Day

5 Bystock's meadow is a good place to discover wildflowers and butterflies



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