



Search for emperor dragonflies at Marsland nature reserve.  
Photo, Kate Langdon

## 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 us by recording your wildlife at [www.devonwildlifetrust.org](http://www.devonwildlifetrust.org)

## Be properly dressed

Wear sensible clothing and footwear. Wellington boots or stout walking boots are strongly advised.

## Gates

Please leave all gates as you find them.

## Dogs

Dogs are welcome but we ask you to keep them on a short lead at all times. Special conditions may apply if livestock are grazing on the site. **Please clean up after your dog.**

## Getting around

The trails can be muddy and slippery. They are not suitable for wheelchairs or pushchairs. The site has some very steep paths that require strenuous walking. Areas away from the highlighted path and Public Rights of Way require a permit to visit. Contact DWT.

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## Finding Marsland nature reserve

Marsland Valley is on the northern border of Devon and Cornwall, 11km north of Bude. Main entrance at grid reference, SS 232 172. Postcode EX23 9PQ.

## By public transport

For up to date bus and rail timetable information call 0871 2002233 (open 7am-9pm daily except Christmas day).

## By car

On the A39 at Crimp, turn right (if travelling towards Bude) or left (if towards Bideford) sign-posted to CSOS Morwenstow/Riding stables. After 3.5 km at Shop turn right for Gooseham and the riding stables. Drive a further 2km into Gooseham and turn left just before the riding stables and go past the farm at West Gooseham. At the T-junction turn right and carry on for a further 1km until the road bends sharply to the left. Here there is limited parking on the track to the right, grid reference SS 217 169.



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# Discover Marsland



Front cover photo: Bluebells at Marsland nature reserve. Photo, Kevin New



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# A tranquil haven

Buzzards dominate the skies above Marsland nature reserve.  
Photo, Peter Oak www.seeing.org

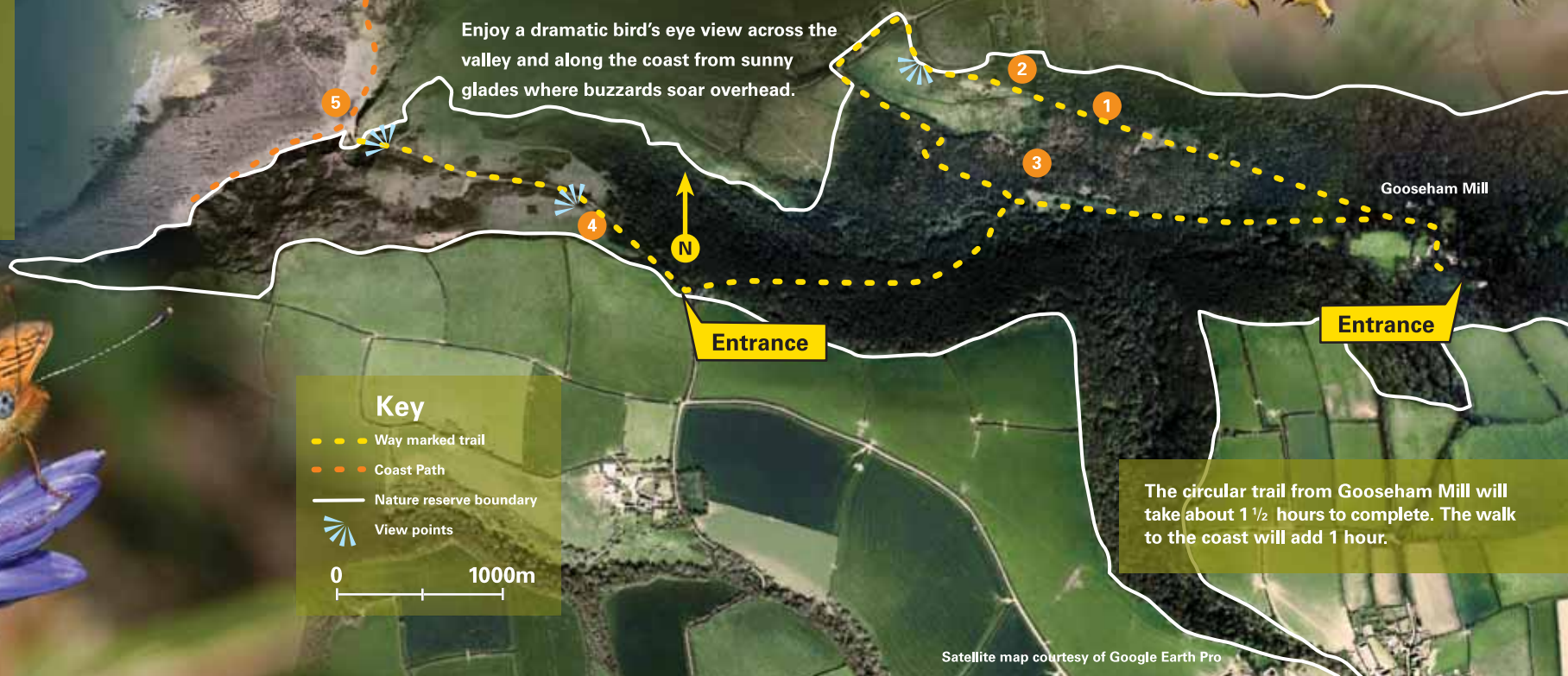
Enjoy spectacular views of the Atlantic.  
Photo, Dave Chamberlain

- 1 Look at the gnarled twisted oaks smothered in damp-loving mosses, lichens and ferns.
- 2 Open glades and mown grassland areas create the perfect habitat for Devon's largest population of the rare pearl-bordered fritillary.
- 3 Dense patches of bluebells and daffodils bring colour to the stream banks in spring.
- 4 Stop and gaze at the views, sea spray and rolling mists!
- 5 Changing tides help sea life find its own place to live on the rocks.

## Wild coastline and sheltered valley:

With its different areas of windswept coast, wild, untouched woodland, sunny grassland and wet valley bottom, Marsland nature reserve is the perfect place for wildlife to thrive. The deep, steep-sided valley provides a home to a wide variety of plants, animals and birds.

Enjoy a dramatic bird's eye view across the valley and along the coast from sunny glades where buzzards soar overhead.



**Key**

- Way marked trail
- Coast Path
- Nature reserve boundary
- View points

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The circular trail from Gooseham Mill will take about 1 1/2 hours to complete. The walk to the coast will add 1 hour.

Marsland is a haven for pearl-bordered fritillaries.  
Photo, Kevin New



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