Explore heathland, wildflower meadows, woodland and water – all within this beautiful nature reserve.

Bystock Pools is one of many beautiful places looked after by Devon Wildlife Trust.

Wildlife to watch for
Bystock Pools’ variety means it is home to a huge amount of wildlife. Look for dragonflies skimming the surface of its open water and tufted ducks as they dive to catch food.

On summer nights listen for the churring calls of nightjars across the heathland and search for the pale green lights of glow worms signalling from the meadow.

In winter it’s the voices of tawny owls that you’ll hear, while stonechats call from the tops of gorse bushes.

How to find Bystock Pools nature reserve
By bike or car: 1.5 miles from Budleigh Salterton on the B3179 take a turning left (if travelling towards Budleigh) signed Wrights Lane. The nature reserve and its small car park are found after 0.5 miles on the right.

About us
We are a charity and rely on your support – through membership, donations and gifts in Wills – to care for places like this.

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Go to www.devonwildlifetrust.org to learn about the work we do to protect Devon’s amazing wildlife and to discover other wild places to explore.