

MANAGEMENT



Tree Sparrow

Water levels on the reserve are carefully controlled – held high in the winter to cover the islands and keep vegetation at bay. Levels are then slowly reduced, revealing bare ground suitable for breeding and soft mud for feeding, breeding and migrant waders.

Areas of grassland are mown annually after the breeding birds

have fledged their young. The cereal field is ploughed and sown at the beginning of spring, and this provides a valuable winter feeding resource for birds as it is not harvested.

The grazing stock on Dryham lngs maintain a good mix of sward length on the wet grassland, improving the structure to help meadow plants thrive and attract breeding birds.

YWT have a very active supporters group on the reserve who help carry out much of the day to day maintenance and habitat management there. If you are interested in being involved please contact YWT (details below).



Four-spotted Chaser

VISITING North Cave Wetlands

Paths and Hides:

A circular footpath runs around the perimeter of the original section of the reserve, part of which is surfaced and accessible to wheelchair users, as are three of the four hides. Following Dryham Lane to the west from the car park, you will reach Crosslands Hide. This large, hexagonal hide is made from straw bales and has a living green roof.

ACCESSIBILITY/RESERVE Information

Facilities at the reserve include a toilet and the Wild Bird Cafe, open seven days a week from 6.30 am to early pm.

Opening times:
Open all year round, any time.

Gated Car park:
Opening hours:
6.30 am to dusk daily.

Hazards:
DEEP WATER –
DO NOT ENTER.



Crosslands Hide

To minimise disturbance to wildlife, please keep to the perimeter path at all times and do not walk into the centre of the reserve. Please note that due to the sensitive nature of the site no dogs are permitted access to the reserve other than on leads along Dryham Lane.

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

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

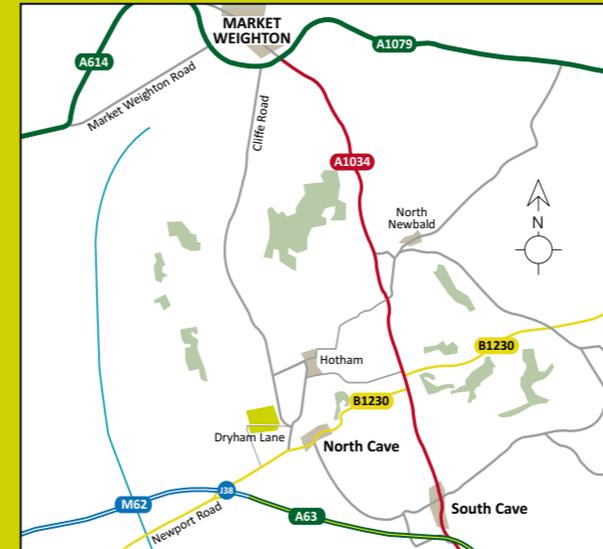
We care for over 95 nature reserves throughout the county and run loads of events so that everyone can get out and experience wild Yorkshire for themselves.

Why not join us?

Joining is easy! From a small amount per 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 or ask a member of staff for details.

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Location

From Market Weighton, follow Cliffe Road towards North Cave for approximately 6 miles, taking a right turn onto Dryham Lane just before reaching North Cave. From the M62, take Exit 38 towards North Cave, turn left onto Townend Lane following the brown signs, and left again onto Dryham Lane. From the A63 exit on the B1230 toward Newport, turn right onto Main Road/B1230 towards North Cave, turn left onto Townend Lane, and left again onto Dryham Lane. The reserve entrance and ample parking may be found along Dryham Lane.



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North Cave Wetlands is a great example of how an industrial site, a quarry in this case, can be restored for the benefit of wildlife.

Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, in partnership with Humberside Aggregates and the local supporters' group and advised by Middlemarch Consultancies have had a vital role in implementing the vision for this site since 2000. Land quarried for sand and gravel has gradually been converted into habitat for wildlife, and you'll be able to see this process in action during your visit.

WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR at North Cave Wetlands

Brown Argus butterfly is a site speciality, and look out for common blue, small skipper and holly blue on the sheltered paths in the summer months.



Small skipper

Dragonflies including migrant hawker, emperor and four-spotted chaser flit over the smaller pools.

PHASE I

The original reserve:



Village Lake

Consists of six lakes, with islands, shallow edges and reedbeds, plus areas of grassland, woodland, scrub and winter bird crop. Over 200 species of breeding, wintering and passage birds have been recorded on the reserve. Reed bunting, goldeneye, pochard and great crested grebe can regularly be spotted and little ringed plover, oystercatcher, redshank and avocet breed in the spring. Water voles may be glimpsed in the

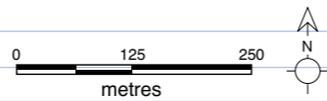
dykes, and hobby, merlin, peregrine falcon and marsh harrier may be seen hunting over the reserve.

NORTH CAVE WETLANDS NATURE RESERVE

Navigation Map

	Current Nature Reserve Boundary
	Waterbody
	Wooded Area
	Wild Bird Crop
	Permissive Path
	Hide
	Viewing Screen
	WC Toilet
	Gate
	Interpretation Panel
	Parking

1	East Hide
2	Turret Hide
3	South Hide
4	Crosslands Hide



Future Phase II and Phase III

	Current Nature Reserve Boundary
	Future Phase 2 Extension
	Phase 3 Extension



PHASE II:

Dryham Ings (south of Dryham Lane) is the first part of the extension to the site which began in 2008. This provides shallow pools, ditches and flooded meadowland – which will support both wintering wildfowl like teal and wigeon and summer breeders such as curlew and snipe. Eventually large lakes will be formed as part of this extension too - you will be able to see these develop from Crosslands hide.



Siskin

Ground nesting birds such as skylark and meadow pipit breed in the grassland around the reserve, while the hedgerows provide food and shelter for tree sparrows, goldfinch, redpoll and siskin.



PHASE III:

The quarrying of the "Western Extension" is set to commence around 2014, and over the following 10 years will add a further 57 hectares to the reserve, with wet grassland, deep water, reedbed, flood meadowland and shallow water habitats.



Hobby