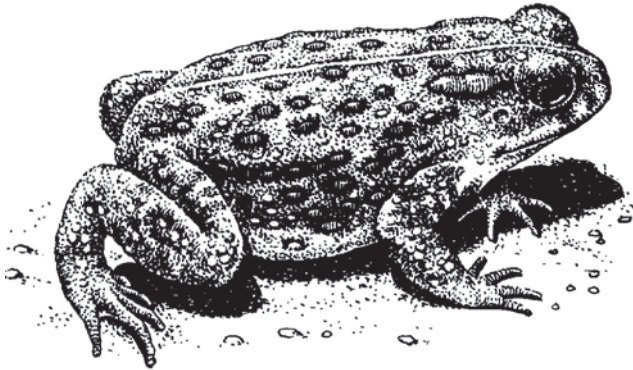


## Rarities

NWT Holme Dunes is renowned for sightings of rare birds, especially during spring and autumn when migrating birds, particularly from Scandinavia, are blown off course by strong easterly winds. Scarcer birds include wryneck and barred warbler and occasionally extreme rarities such as Ruppell's warbler.

## Natterjack Toads

NWT Holme Dunes is also home to a rich variety of animals and plants. Natterjack toads breed in the dune slacks and are easily identified by the yellow stripe down their backs. These rare and secretive toads are protected by law, so please do not touch them.



Natterjack toad

During spring and summer, look for the flowers of the early and southern marsh orchids and marsh helleborines in the dune slacks.

Insects are also present in great variety. Most noticeable are the butterflies, such as the common blue and grayling, and dragonflies like the common darter and migrant hawk.

## Visiting the Nature Reserve

NWT Holme Dunes is open all year (except Christmas Day). The visitor centre is open daily 10am - 5pm from Easter to October and at weekends from November to March. All visitors must obtain a ticket to enter the reserve. Group visits are welcome but booking is essential. Further details from:

The Warden  
Holme Dunes National Nature Reserve  
The Firs  
Broadwater Road  
Holme-next-the-Sea  
PE36 6LQ

## Please follow the Coastal Code

- 👍 *Prevent damage to plants and animals.*
- 👍 *Keep dogs on a lead or under close control.*
- 👍 *Reduce erosion by keeping to paths.*
- 👍 *Avoid disturbing birds and other animals.*
- 👍 *Take your litter home.*



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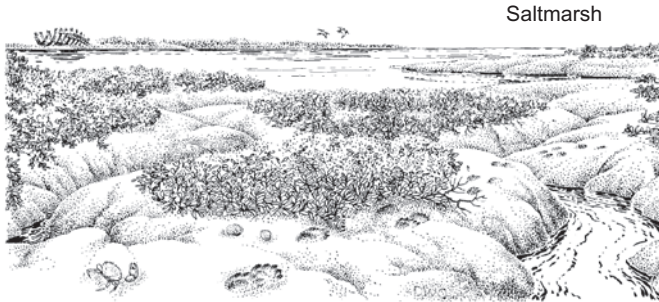


## Holme Dunes



## Introduction

NWT Holme Dunes is a beautiful and varied site, situated on the North Norfolk Coast where The Wash meets the North Sea. The site was acquired by Norfolk Wildlife Trust in 1965 and today is a National Nature Reserve forming part of the Norfolk Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.



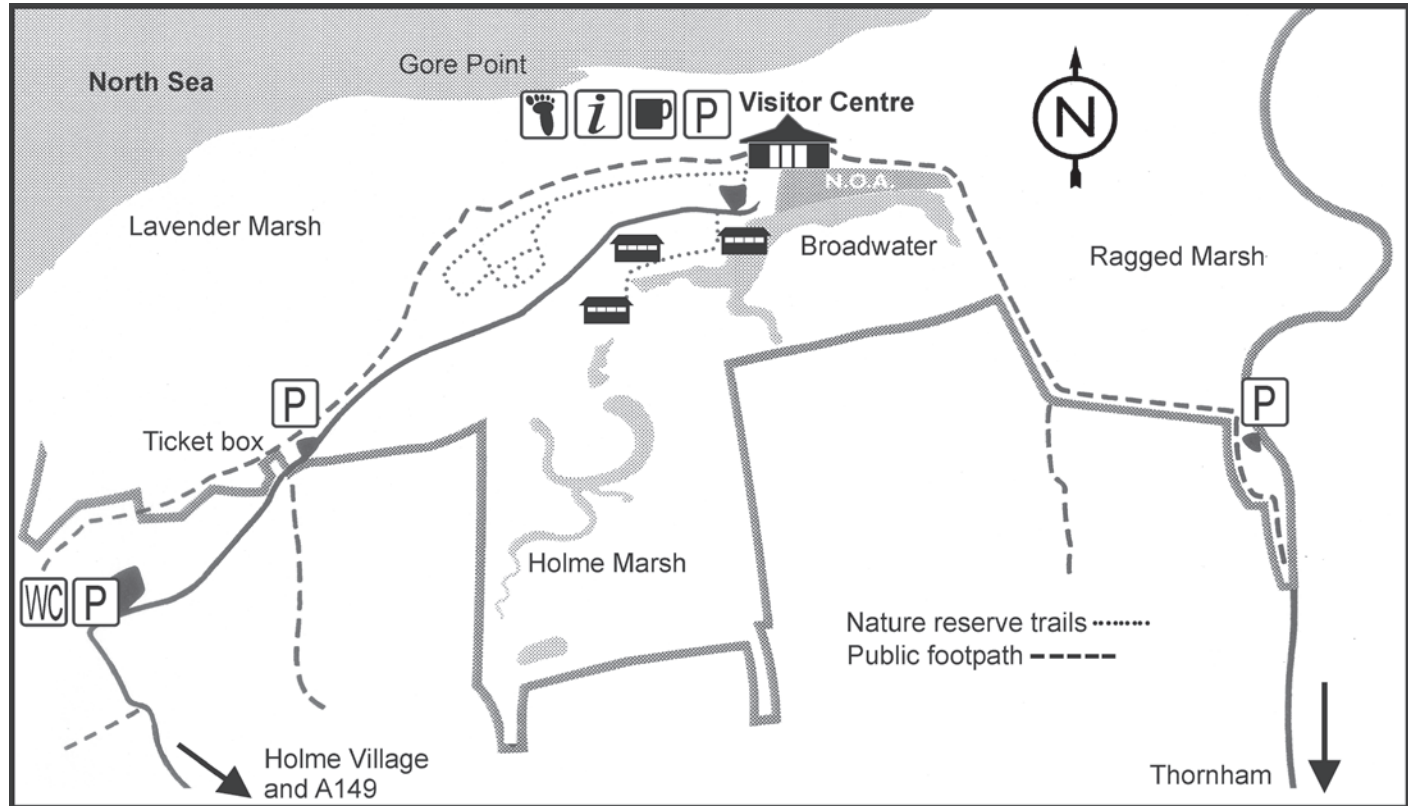
Covering over 281 hectares, NWT Holme Dunes consists of extensive sand and mud flats behind which sand dunes have developed. Areas of saltmarsh, freshwater grazing marsh and reedbed have developed in the shelter of the dunes. Within the dunes are wet areas, known as 'slacks', thickets of sea buckthorn and a Corsican pine woodland.



## Management

Holme Dunes is internationally important for wildlife, especially birds, and the site is managed to provide ideal conditions for the successful feeding and breeding of many kinds of wildfowl and wading birds. This is a delicate and expensive operation.

## Holme Dunes National Nature Reserve



### Birds - Spring and Summer

In spring and summer, the shingle ridges on the beach are home to nesting little terns, ringed plovers and oystercatchers. Lapwings, redshank and many duck species breed on the grazing marshes and the pools are often noisy with the calls of avocets and black-headed gulls.

On the mud flats you may see waders such as grey plover, knot, bar-tailed godwit and sanderling. These birds breed in the Arctic and return in late summer to spend the winter feeding on small worms and other creatures.

### Birds - Autumn and Winter

During autumn large numbers of wildfowl, such as wigeon, teal and pink-footed and brent geese begin to arrive. These birds spend the winter feeding on the saltmarshes and grazing marshes and are best viewed from the hides. On the sea, long tailed ducks can be seen from Gore Point.

