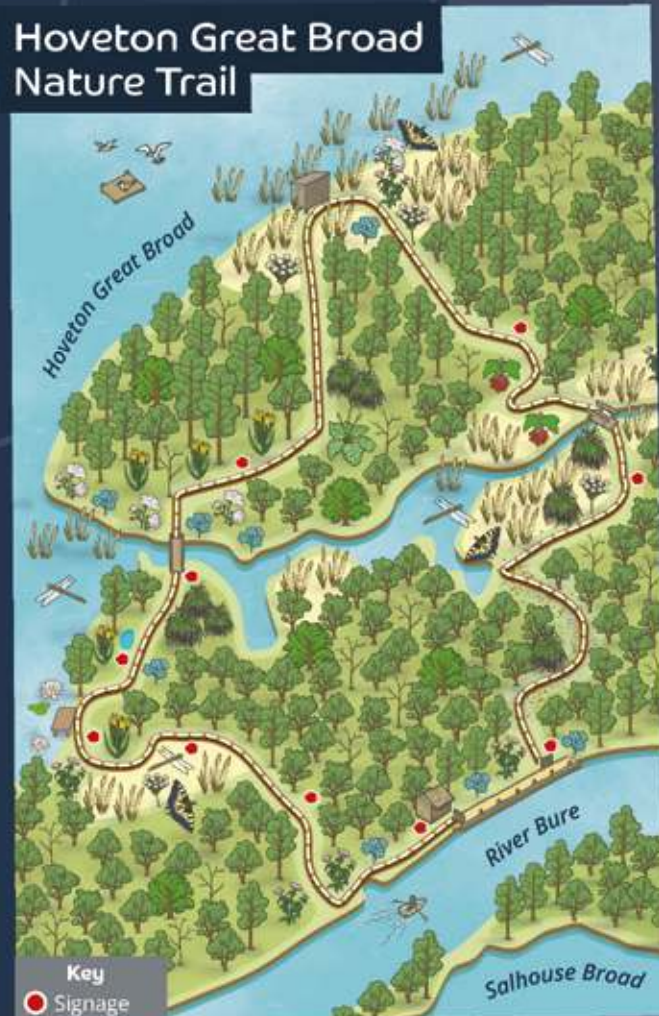


# Welcome to Bure Marshes

National Nature Reserve




## Hoveton Great Broad Nature Trail



The trail is managed by Natural England and is part of the Bure Marshes National Nature Reserve (NNR). NNRs are key sites for nature and conservation, managed to protect wild plants, animals and natural features so that people can appreciate them.

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## The Gem of the Broads!

**FREE ENTRY:** Open daily from Easter to end of September

Hoveton Great Broad is one of the closest Broads to Norwich, and yet has retained the wonder of a true wetland landscape.

Accessible only by boat, the Hoveton Great Broad Nature Trail offers visitors a rare insight into the wildlife and flora that have made the broads their home.

With boat hire locally found at Wroxham, and canoe hire and a ferry service to Hoveton both from Salhouse Broad, a visit to Hoveton Great Broad Nature Trail is definitely a treat not to be missed.

The trail was created in 1969 and has been open every year since, looked after by Natural England Wardens who are happy to guide you, or to let you discover on your own. The trail is still in its original format, two train sleepers wide and around 1km long. Walked at a pace it's a half hour of adventure, at leisure an hour of calm discovery that will reinvigorate the spirits.



**From Norwich:** Just 7 miles from Norwich, and approx. 19 mins journey time.

**By Public Transport:** Buses run regularly from Wroxham to Salhouse. Approx 15 min walk to Salhouse Broad.

### Ferry service from:

Ferry runs throughout school summer holidays or can be booked in advance at [www.salhousebroad.org.uk](http://www.salhousebroad.org.uk)  
Free parking at Salhouse Broad Visitor Car Park, Salhouse, NR13 6HG.

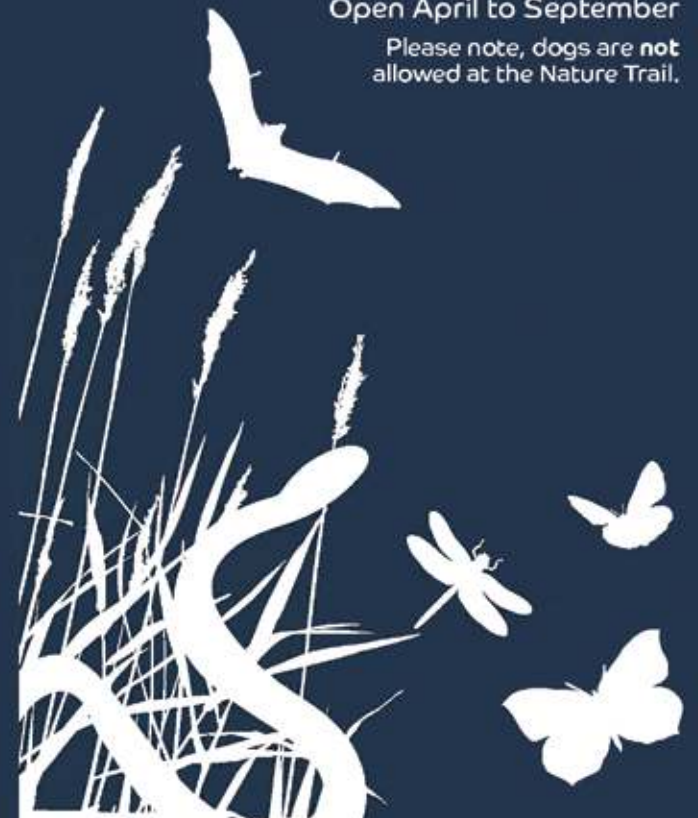


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Open April to September

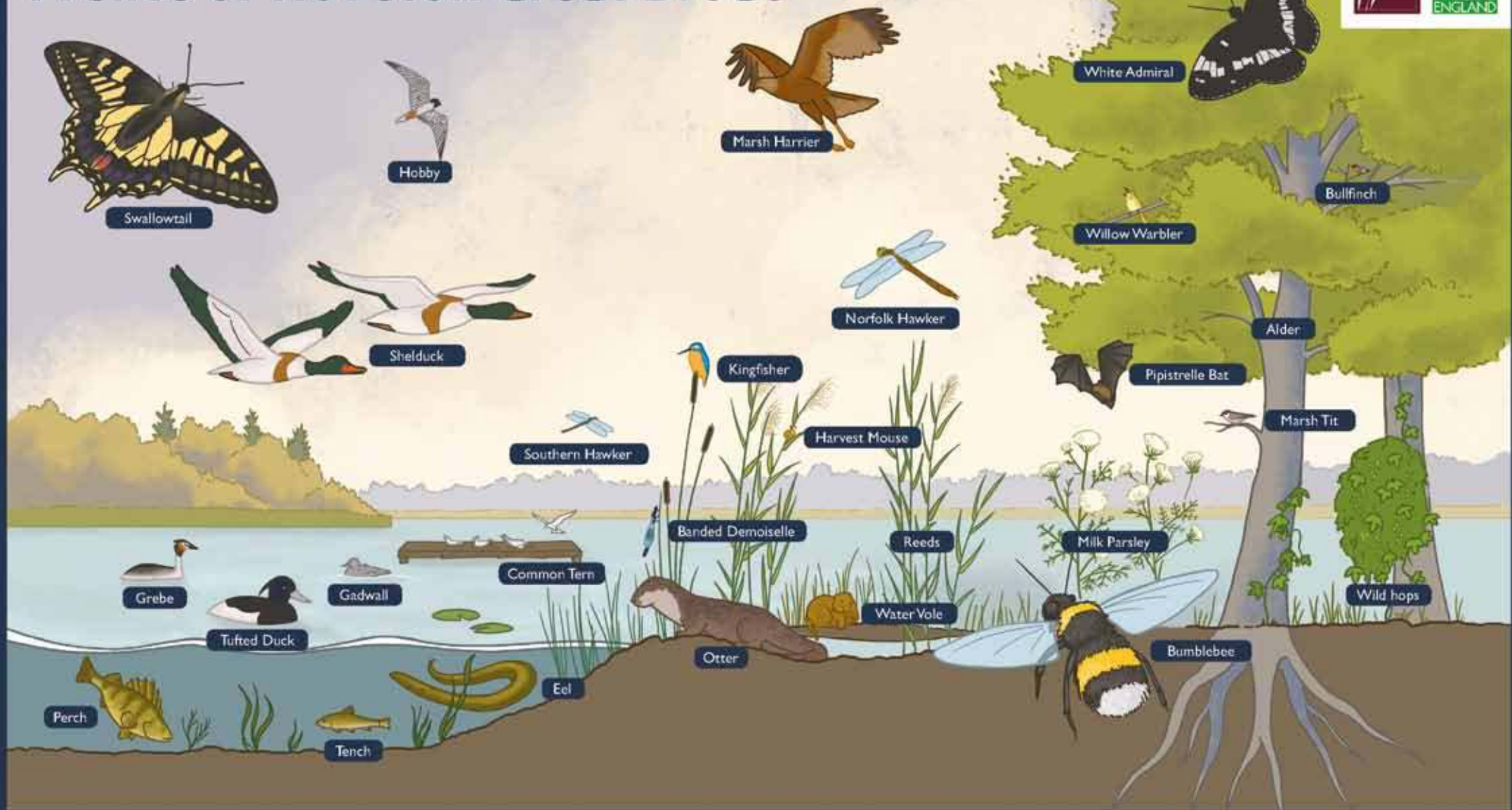
Please note, dogs are **not** allowed at the Nature Trail.



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# A slice of Hoveton Great Broad



Hoveton Great Broad was dug by people during the medieval period to extract brushwood peat, which they then dried and burnt as their main fuel. As sea levels rose in following centuries the Broad flooded and developed into this lake, ideal for many species of water plants, aquatic mini-beasts and fish.

Through a process of plant succession a variety of sensitive habitats evolved including reedbeds and wet woodland. This Broadland jungle now floats on raft-like hover and provides homes for a very wide range of species. The Nature Trail winds through this unique wetland reserve and offers close-up views of this mosaic of habitats.

Conservation work of this floodplain wilderness maintains this diversity of habitats supporting the many plants and animals which have colonised this amazing wetland, some of which may only be found in Broadland. Gradual improvements in water quality mean that the Broad will now support an even wider range of wetland wildlife.

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