

# Finding your way around Burton Mere Wetlands

Burton Mere Wetlands is the heart of the RSPB Dee Estuary nature reserve. It's designed to bring much of the estuary's special wildlife into easy reach, with fully accessible facilities and some fascinating history too.

Relax around the old fishponds and wildlife garden. Wander through ancient oak woodland and rich wetlands to reach hilltop views of the surrounding landscape. There's something different to see and hear around every turn. Come back through the year for the exciting seasonal spectacles.

## Woodland trail

**0.3 miles each way**

A pedestrian route onto the reserve or a lovely woodland wander from the car park and home to our family Wild Play area. Admire a carpet of bluebells in early spring and splendid colours in autumn. Boots are needed in winter as it gets muddy.

## The Mere trail

**0.3 miles circuit**

A picturesque loop around former fishponds, the historic Mere and our wildlife garden. The perfect spot for a picnic whilst watching busy bird feeders. Garden open April to October, and suitable for most wheelchairs.

## Wetland trail

**0.8 miles each way**

Take in the wide skies as you explore a variety of wetland habitats on our longest trail. Listen to a range of warblers singing in spring, and dodge dragonflies darting between pools in summer.

## Farmland trail

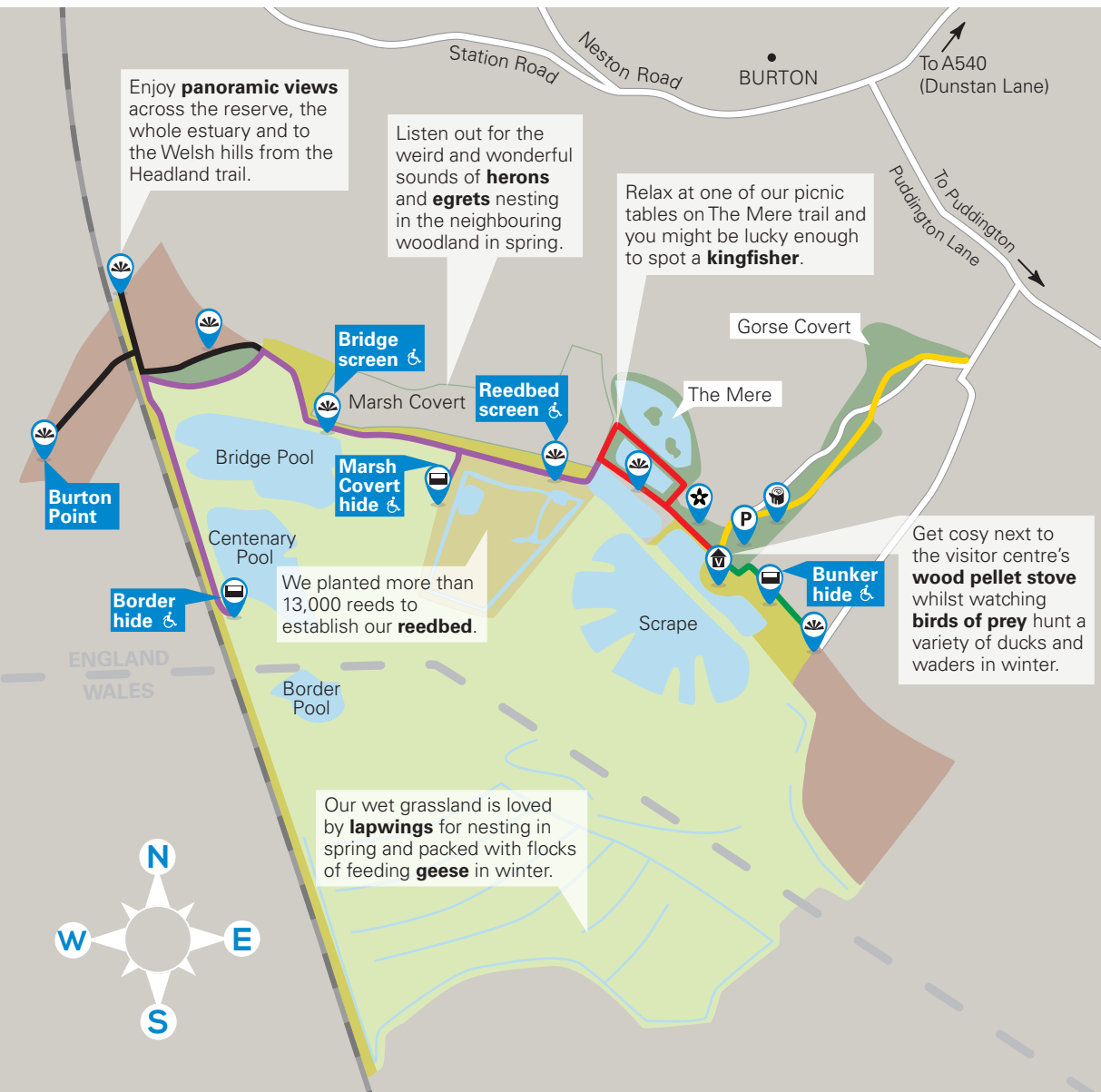
**280 yards each way**

A gentle route with views across neighbouring farmland, good for finding flocks of finches and thrushes in winter, orchids in summer and a chance of boxing hares in spring.

## Headland trail

**0.4 miles each way**

Venture up onto the higher ground of the historic sandstone headland of Burton Point, with unrivalled views of the surrounding landscape and remains of an Iron Age hillfort.



## Key

- Water
- Wet grassland
- Reedbed
- Woodland
- Farmland
- Scrub
- Railway
- Visitor centre
- Parking
- Viewpoint
- Garden
- Wild play
- To avoid disturbing wildlife, no dogs (except assistance dogs) are allowed beyond the car park.

- For more information about the accessibility of RSPB Burton Mere Wetlands, please visit [rspb.org.uk/burtonmerewetlands](http://rspb.org.uk/burtonmerewetlands)

# Exploring other sites in the area

## RSPB Parkgate

Nearest postcode: CH64 6RL  
Tel: 0151 353 2720

(4 miles from RSPB  
Burton Mere Wetlands)

[rspb.org.uk/parkgate](http://rspb.org.uk/parkgate)

Enjoy wonderful, wide views and sublime sunsets over the vast saltmarsh and the Welsh hills beyond. Parkgate village is renowned for its excellent fish and chips, ice creams and pubs.

## RSPB Point of Ayr

Nearest postcode: CH8 9RD  
Tel: 0151 353 2720

(24 miles from RSPB  
Burton Mere Wetlands)

[rspb.org.uk/pointofayr](http://rspb.org.uk/pointofayr)

The iconic Point of Ayr lighthouse marks the northernmost tip of mainland Wales, a perfect place for seawatching from the beach. Or in winter, watch a dramatic high tide roost from the shelter of the hide.

The RSPB Dee Estuary nature reserve is one of the largest and most varied in the UK. From freshwater wetlands, woodland and farmland at Burton Mere Wetlands to saltmarsh, reedbed, mudflats, sand dunes and shingle beach across the tidal estuary. Much of the estuary's shoreline is easily reached, with some key areas outlined on the map below.



### Key

- Water
- Mudflats
- Saltmarsh
- Reserve boundary

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