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Fingringhoe Wick Visitor Centre

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Reserve information



Location

Fingringhoe Wick
Visitor Centre
South Green Road
Fingringhoe
Colchester
Essex
CO5 7DN

Map reference

TM 048 193

Great for...

- a family day out
- birdwatching
- butterflies
- fungi
- getting away from it all
- historical interest
- lichens and mosses
- overwintering birds
- reptiles
- spring migrant birds



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Essex Wildlife Trust's first nature reserve and visitor centre, set in a spectacular position overlooking the Colne Estuary, even on the dullest of

days the views are fantastic. It offers the visitor real peace and quiet and a chance to escape from it all. A wide range of habitats are on view here, including; grassland, heathland, lakes, ponds and the recent reserve expansion and creation of a nationally important intertidal area

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Species and habitats

Habitats [Coastal](#), [Grassland](#), [Heathland](#), [Marine](#), [Meadow](#), [Ponds](#), [Standing water](#), [Woodland](#)

Species [Barn Owl](#), [Little Owl](#), [Tawny Owl](#)

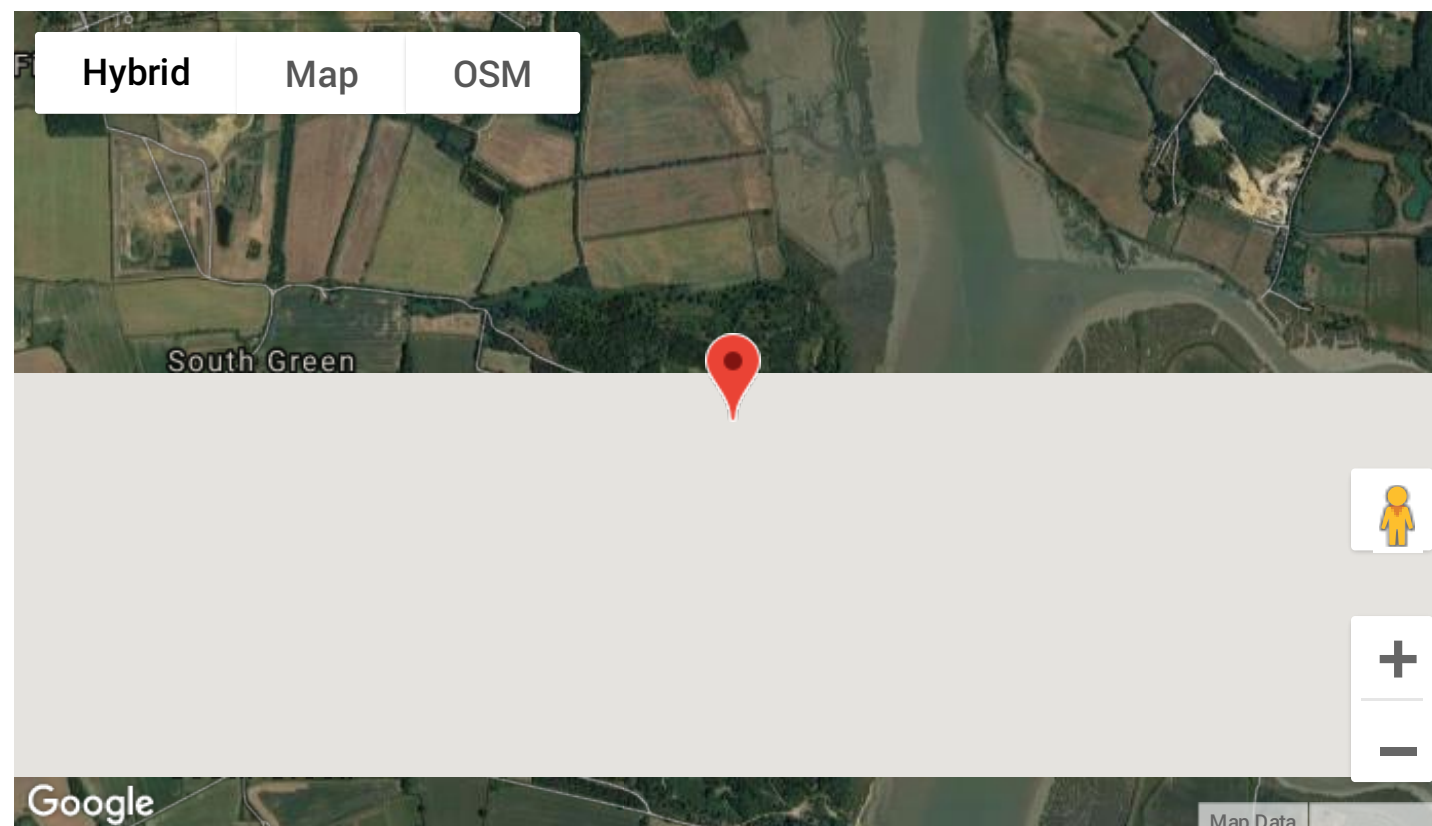
Nearby nature reserves

 [Cockaynes Wood Nature Reserve](#)
2 miles - Essex Wildlife Trust


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4 miles - Essex Wildlife Trust


 [Howlands Marsh Nature Reserve](#)
4 miles - Essex Wildlife Trust


Nature reserve map




stunning views
wildflowers


 **Best time to visit**
Jan - Dec

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 **Public transport**
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 **Opening Times**
Open Daily 9am - 5pm
(November, December & January 9am - 4pm)
Closed Christmas Day & Boxing Day

 **Facilities**
Cafe
Gift shop
Visitor centre
Picnic facilities
Toilets
Disabled toilet
Baby changing

 **Size**
48.60 hectares

Living Landscape schemes
Colne Valley Living Landscape

 **Access**
Yes

- Full Wheelchair and mobility access in the visitor centre and tearoom.
- Selected parts of the nature reserve and some bird hides have wheelchair and mobility access
- Wheelchair is available for use on request.
- Vehicle access permitted to selected areas of the reserve for blue badge holders only.
- Adapted WC, some braille signage in the visitor centre
- Large print, braille and audio "Access for All Guide" available

Walking information

Dogs are permitted on site, but must be kept on the dog trail and a lead at all times. The dog trail is approximately 20 minutes and heads you towards the main gate. Accessible just outside the reserve entrance is the Access Fingringhoe, "Gravel Pit Trail" which makes a nice 1.5-2hr long walk. Your dog can be off lead on this trail. NB: Dog access onto the main areas of the reserve is not permitted

- Fresh water is provided at the centre

Dog waste bin is located in the main carpark



Parking

• Main Carpark • Easy Access parking near the centre and further on reserve • Coach/mini bus drop off point and parking



Dogs

Dogs must be on lead

Grazing animals

We occasionally have some of the Trust's "Flying Flock" assisting with our reserve management. The flock usually consists of Shetland sheep.



Reserve manager

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Downloads

Factsheets and guides for your visit

- [Fingringhoe Wick Reserve Map.pdf](#)
- [Fingringhoe Wick Dog Walk.pdf](#)





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