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Spurn National Nature Reserve



Big skies and ever changing wildlife make the evocative landscape of Spurn one of the Trust's most iconic nature reserves. Whether you go by foot, bike or aboard a Spurn Safari (sorry – no vehicular access down to the Point) visiting is always an adventure.

Join us

Protect local wildlife



Reserve information



Location

Spurn Road, Kilnsea
Hull
East Riding of Yorkshire
HU12 0UH

Map reference

TA 419 149

Great for...

- birdwatching
- geological interest
- getting away from it all
- historical interest
- overwintering birds
- spring migrant birds
- stunning views



Get directions

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Public transport

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The brand new Spurn Discovery Centre is now open! The facility includes a café, a dedicated education space for school groups and displays offering an insight into Spurn's rich heritage and the variety of wildlife and habitats to be found in the reserve.

Directions

Follow the A1033 from Hull to Patrington. Turn off (right) to the B1445 towards Easington and Kilnsea. Turn right at the T junction in Easington and continue along the minor road to Kilnsea. Turn right at the crossroads towards the Spurn Discovery Centre.

Parking

The Public car park for Spurn is now the new pay and display car park on the opposite side of the road to the Discovery Centre. There are up to 74 spaces, approximately a 5 minute walk away from the reserve entrance. A separate coach parking area is available for up to 2 coaches. This is located opposite the car park, adjacent to the Centre.

Costs

Members of Yorkshire Wildlife Trust: Free
Local residents (Easington parish): Free (with a permit) -
Please call 01964 650 144 for more information
Non-members/Local residents: £5 per car for all day parking.

The car park is locked at dusk, reopening at dawn. No overnight parking is available.


Dogs


Dogs are welcome at the Discovery Centre and North of the reserve. They are only not allowed past the gate to the wash over area due to bird disturbance.


Free visitor Wifi


You can connect inside the café and outside in the amphitheatre area

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 **Opening Times**
Open at all times

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

 **Size**
327.04 hectares

 **Status**
Geological Conservation
Review Site
Heritage Coast
National Nature Reserve
(NNR)
Ramsar
Site of Special Scientific
Interest (SSSI)
SPA
Special Areas of
Conservation (SAC)

**Living Landscape
schemes**
Outer Humber

 **Access**
Yes

Public and permissive
footpaths. Contact the
Trust for disabled access

For full information about visiting Spurn, including Spurn Lighthouse opening hours, Spurn Safaris, bike hire and more, click here: www.ywt.org.uk/spurn-national-nature-reserve

Spurn is truly a site for all seasons, but arguably one of its best wildlife highlights is the spring and autumn spectacle of bird migration. Due to the exposed and recognisable coastal location, visible migration can be often be seen in action as birds head south along the peninsula, on some days you may see 'falls' of birds measured in their thousands.

Spurn is a dynamic place in the past people have tried to fortify Spurn against these dynamic natural processes, but largely these have failed. *The most dramatic of these was during the tidal surge of December 2013 which removed a section of the road, leaving Yorkshire with a newly created island at high tide. **You can find out the times when not to cross the wash-over section from our downloads section on the right hand corner of this page.** The Trust tries to work with nature, rather than against it, to allow the natural processes to take place. As a result **there is no vehicular access to the Point** – access is solely on foot, bike, or aboard the specially equipped vehicle on which the Trust runs Spurn Safaris.

Important Visitor Information

- **Tides** Strong currents and soft sand underfoot mean that it is very dangerous to enter the water on the wash over area as the high tide comes in and recedes – please do not make any attempt to cross the sands until all the water has gone. Make sure you get the most out of your day by checking the tide times carefully before you visit and pay close attention to the latest information on display once you get there.
- **Brown tail moth caterpillar** In the scrub around the base of the lighthouse, and along into Chalk Bank, you may notice what look like tents stretched between branches, which are in fact the overwintering silk tents of the brown tail moth caterpillar. **Whilst for many these caterpillars are harmless, they can cause itchy allergic skin reactions or respiratory issues for those with asthma or hay fever** – so please don't touch the caterpillars or the tents.
- **Unmanned aerial vehicles are not permitted on any of Yorkshire Wildlife Trust's nature reserves**

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Walking information

Footpaths are open all the time. Road is closed to vehicles - follow on site instructions. Dogs are not permitted on the reserve, even in vehicles.



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Dogs

No dogs allowed

Grazing animals

Hebridean sheep & longhorn cattle



Reserve manager

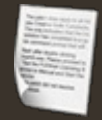
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Downloads

Factsheets and guides for your visit

- [Spurn leaflet.pdf](#)
- [Education at Spurn.pdf](#)
- [Spurn Tides - Information on when not to cross - 2018.pdf](#)



High tide at Spurn National Nature Reserve

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Species and habitats

Habitats [Coastal](#), [Grassland](#), [Marine](#)

Species [Sea-buckthorn](#), [Sea-holly](#), [Yellow-rattle](#), [Little Tern](#), [Lady's Bedstraw](#), [Clouded Yellow](#), [Bluebell](#), [Bee Orchid](#), [Marram Grass](#), [Brimstone](#), [Green Hairstreak](#), [Common Blue](#), [Harbour Porpoise](#), [Common Seal](#), [Grey Seal](#), [Roe Deer](#), [Red Fox](#)

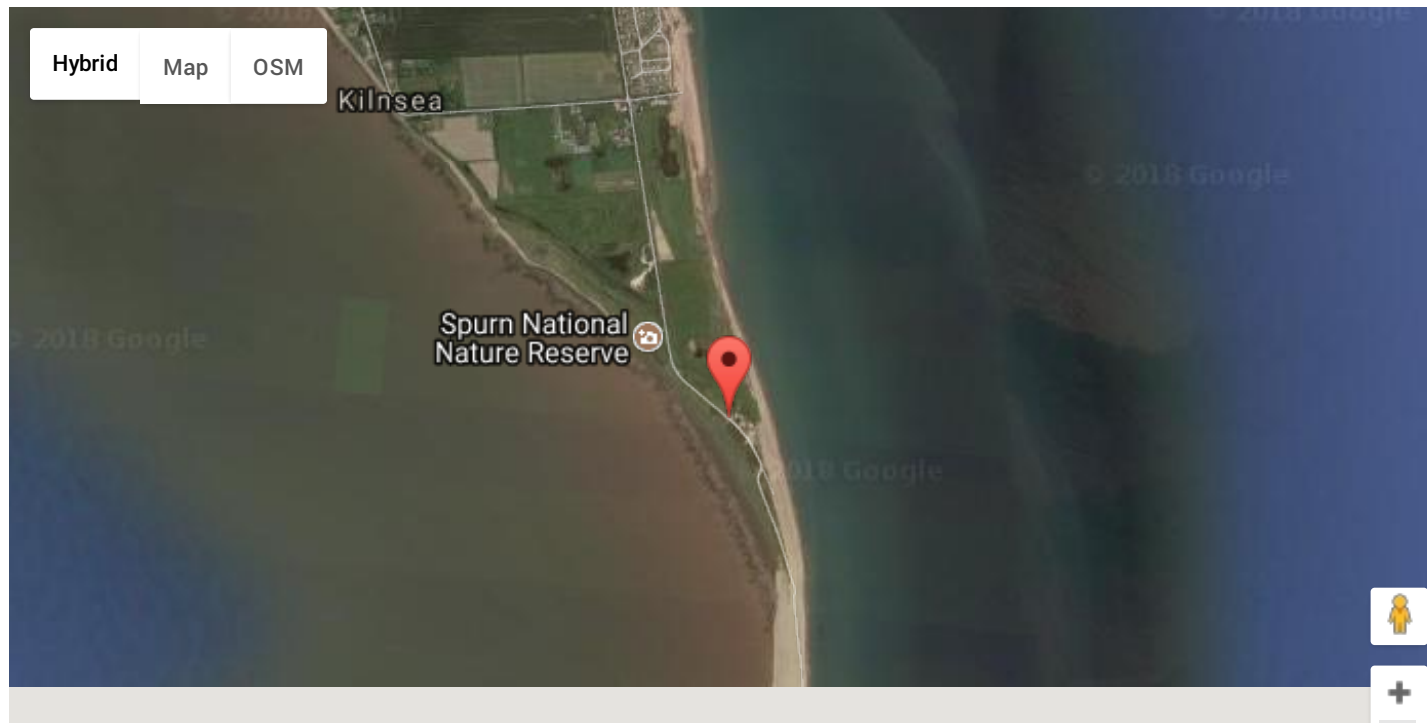
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5 miles - Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

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