



## Wheldrake Ings Nature Reserve

Getting away from it all

Overwintering birds

Spring migrant birds

Big skies, often full of whirling flocks of birds in winter, stretch out above you. The Derwent flows quietly by, reeds rustle in the

breeze and a mysterious 'plop' in the ditches might signal a pike, water vole or even otter. In fact, at times in the centre of Wheldrake Ings, it can be so peaceful and remote that you feel like the only person on earth.

## Location

Ings Lane  
York  
North Yorkshire  
YO19 6AX

## OS Map Reference

SE690446



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## Know before you go

 **Size**  
157 hectares

 **Entry fee**  
Free

 **Parking information**  
Limited parking available at site and more at Natural England Bank Island, with a footpath link.

 **Grazing animals**

From late summer through to late autumn sheep and cattle are on site.



#### Walking trails

Permissive footpaths. The paths are level, but muddy after wet weather. Keep to footpaths as there are areas of deep water. The ground is often soft and slippery.



#### Access

Only accessible on foot along newly surfaced loose stone track. Kissing gate is not special access. This site is a natural floodplain and in winter floods from the river. Please ring Bank Island on 01904 449 589 or check the local twitter feed [https://twitter.com/ldv\\_nnr?lang=en](https://twitter.com/ldv_nnr?lang=en) for accessibility information.



#### Dogs

No dogs permitted



#### Facilities

Bird hides

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## When to visit

### Opening times

Open at all times

### Best time to visit

March to end June for breeding waders and meadows. November to end January thousands of migrating birds once flooded

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## Habitat

Lowland meadow and pasture

Wetlands

About



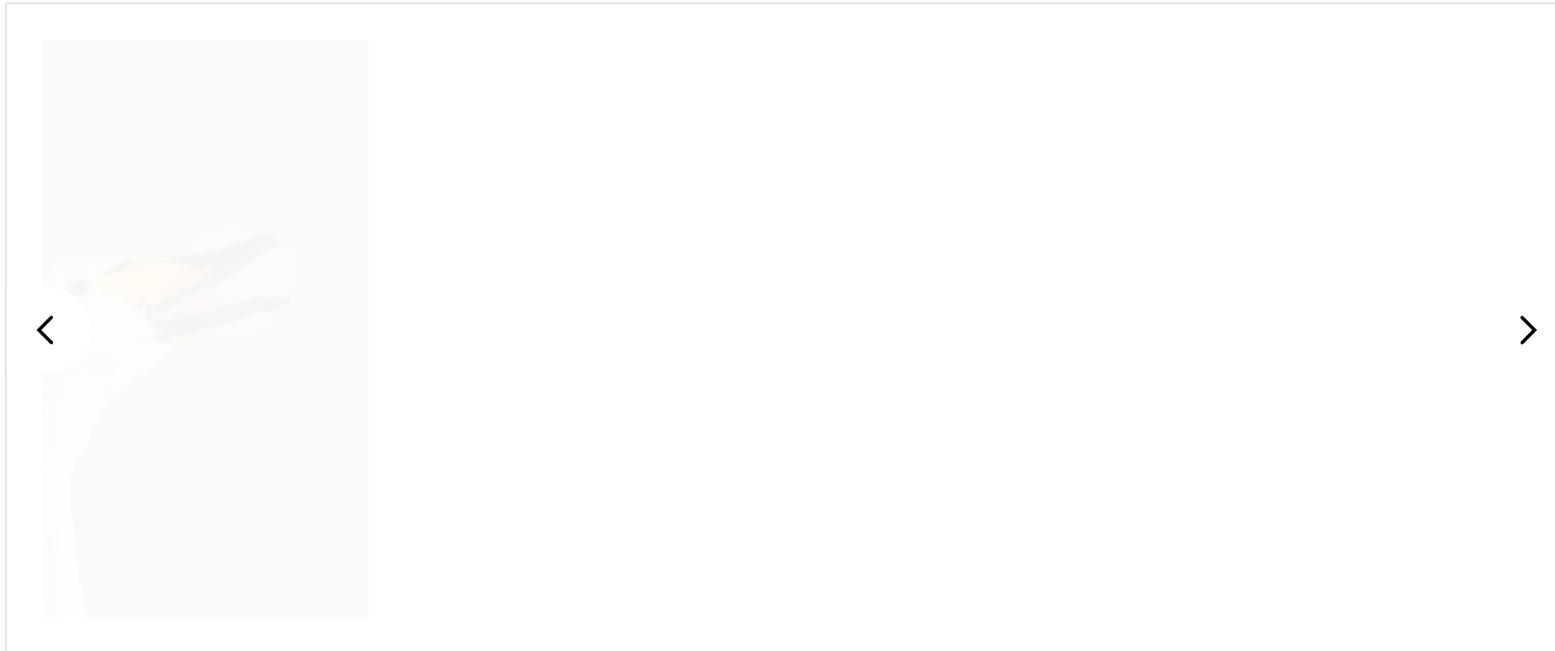
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Seasonal highlights



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Directions



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