

# Greylake

## Finding your way around

There is only one way to discover the amazing wildlife that calls Greylake home and that's to get out there and start exploring!

Our easy access trail, which provides level surface access to parts of the reserve and hides, gives you fantastic opportunities to get up close to the wildlife here at Greylake.

In spring, listen to the evocative sounds of displaying wading birds as they dance in the sky. In summer, see dazzling dragonflies and beautiful butterflies darting around the reserve.

Wrap up warm in winter and spend some time in the hide watching the many different species of ducks as they fly up in clouds. Have they been spooked by a bird of prey gliding overhead?

Pick a trail that suits you and enjoy the wonderful sights and sounds that Greylake's wildlife and beautiful landscape have to offer.

### Easy access trail

This circular walk is just under half a mile long (700 metres). It is clearly signposted, easy to follow and suitable for wheelchairs and buggies.

This path meanders alongside ditches and ponds inhabited by a range of plants and wildlife. There are plenty of benches along the way, and a floating platform where you can rest and soak up the sights and sounds of the reserve.

You'll find the light and spacious hides half way round. They are sheltered places to watch wildlife and enjoy the view.

### Reedbed loop

This is a half-mile (800 metre) grass path around the reedbed. There is an additional loop (125 metres) into the heart of the reedbed, or a three quarter-mile (1,000 metre) there and back to an additional viewpoint.

Take a moment to listen to the rustling reeds, or the deafening chatter of warblers in the spring. Peer into the pool from the screen at the heart of the reedbed for bitterns, water rails and ducks. Look out for butterflies, dragonflies and signs of otters and water voles on the way. Gaze out across the floodplain from the viewpoint.

### Key

- Water
- Grassland
- Reedbed
- Meadow
- Willow bed
- Viewpoint
- Parking
- Picnic area
- Hide
- Predator fence

For more information about the accessibility of RSPB Greylake, please visit [rspb.org.uk/greylake](http://rspb.org.uk/greylake)

The land used to be called Shapwick Allotments, dating to 1800 when the area was 'enclosed' and apportioned to the parish of Shapwick.

In winter, watch dive-bombing **peregrines** hunt flocks of **ducks** and **waders**.

In autumn, look out for the vivid blue of a **kingfisher** perched on a branch.

Sit and relax on our floating platform, spot darting **fish** and skittering **pond skaters**.

Venture into the heart of the rustling reedbed. Listen for booming **bitterns** in the spring.

Discover the tell-tale signs of **otters** that have been sliding in and out of the ditches.

