

VISITOR INFORMATION

Opening Times: Open every day of the year.

Free Car Park: Space for 25 cars, please park considerately.

Public Toilets: Public toilets on Estcourt Street, Goole, DN15 5AS (1 & ½ miles).

Accessibility: There is a surfaced track from the car park to the main pond and Ranger station. The track crosses an infrequently used railway line via pedestrian gates and concrete crossing point. There are surfaced paths around the main pond and Brick Ponds. Paths through the meadow and woods are firm but un-surfaced. There are 3 flights of steps in the woods (max. flight of 16 steps).

Refreshments: Cafes and pubs in Goole (1 & ½ miles), at the Waterways Museum (1 mile), and M62 Junction 36 (1 mile).

Dogs: Keep your dog under close control, out of all ponds and reed beds. Do not disturb wildlife or other visitors. Please clean up after your dog, and place the bagged waste in the entrance bin.

VISIT SAFELY

Keep out of the ponds and wetland areas.

Camping, fire lighting, fishing, and motor biking are not permitted.

If cycling, keep to the paths and be mindful of other visitors.



WHAT TO DO

- Nature Trails
- Wildlife Watching
- Conservation Volunteering

USEFUL CONTACTS

Countryside Access Team, East Riding of Yorkshire Council
Volunteer with us on the reserve.

(01482) 395210

countryside.access@eastriding.gov.uk

www.eastridingcoastandcountryside.co.uk

Friends of Oakhill

Support the protection and conservation of the nature reserve. Enjoy events and activities, and volunteer with the group too.

www.oakhillnature.org

HOW TO FIND THE RESERVE

Oakhill is situated on the western side of Goole, 1 & ½ miles from the town centre. By road, approach on the M62 (28 miles west of Hull) or the B1230/M62 (23 miles from Beverley). The car park is on Tom Pudding Way, link road between M62 junction 36 and Anderson Road, next to a large Tesco distribution centre. It is signposted with a brown tourist sign.

Reserve car park entrance:

OS Explorer Map 291: Grid ref: SE 728 234.

Postcode: DN14 6XL



The nearest railway station is Goole (1 & ½ mile). Enquiries:

08457 484950

www.nationalrail.co.uk



The nearest bus stops are on Rawcliffe Road, outside Lidl supermarket and also further along toward Junction 36. Goole town centre bus interchange is next to railway station. EYMS bus routes 155/X55 Hull to Goole. BUSCALL enquiries:

(01482) 222222

www.eyms.co.uk

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Four-spotted chaser
Matt Cox



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A UNIQUE AND SPECIAL PLACE

Oakhill is a 150 acre nature reserve with ponds, meadows, wetlands and woodlands, stretching out beyond Goole. It is home to stunning dragonflies, beautiful butterflies and fascinating amphibians and reptiles. The reserve has a rich bird life and a wonderful variety of flowers and fungi. This is a special place for nature lovers to enjoy; linger a while and explore.

HISTORY

This peaceful nature reserve was once a busy place filled with an extensive network of railway sidings, shunting yards, locomotive sheds and a brickworks, all interspersed with farmland. The Brick Ponds were excavated at the end of the 19th century, providing clay for brick manufacturing by the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company.

The locomotive sheds held over 40 steam engines. They became redundant in 1973 and demolished soon after, although evidence is still visible. Railway usage declined and similarly the fields are no longer farmed, now superb reedbeds, wetland and grassland.

We are working towards designating Oakhill a Local Nature Reserve, in recognition of its wildlife value and importance to the local community.

RESERVE MANAGEMENT

Oakhill and the Brick Ponds are managed by the Countryside Access Team and Friends of Oakhill. Our goal is to balance recreational activities with conserving wildlife. The ponds and scrapes were restored a few years ago and form part of one of the best dragonfly sites in Yorkshire, with over 20 species recorded. The ponds, along with numerous ditches are also valuable for kingfishers, water voles and great crested newts.

Wetland areas are treasured and young willow saplings are removed so the ground stays damp. There are still plenty of mature willow trees for rare willow tits that excavate the old trunks to build their nests.

In the birch wood some trees are sensitively removed to make way for more species. New glades see flowers and butterflies thriving. The distinctive silver birch trunks shine out through the wood and new trees have space to grow.

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USEFUL CONTACTS

- Countryside Officer
☎ (01482) 395210
- Police (non-emergencies)
☎ 101
- East Riding of Yorkshire Council 24 Hour Call Centre
☎ (01482) 393939
- Countryside Access
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- Friends of Oakhill
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