

Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust

# Haxey Turbary



## Location & Access

OS: 112 • GR: SE 755 017 • 14.70ha  
(36.30 acres) • Freehold 1958

**Habitat type:** Heathland

The reserve lies about 2km (1.2 miles) to the north-west of Haxey village in the Isle of Axholme. At the western end of the village is a green triangle with an old stone cross ("Cross of Piety"). From here, take the road running north signposted to Epworth. After 150m this becomes Nooking Road; turn left into Haxey Carr Lane. Follow this past Haslam's Farm and Skyer's Farm. The road is rough and unmade. Ignore tracks to the left and right, and after about 2km a reserve sign will be on the left.

This area, known as Haxey Carr, is detached from the main part of the reserve. It is advisable to keep to the waymarked route. Care should be taken due to the uneven nature of the old peat workings. There is a public footpath on the main track through the reserve.

## Description & Management

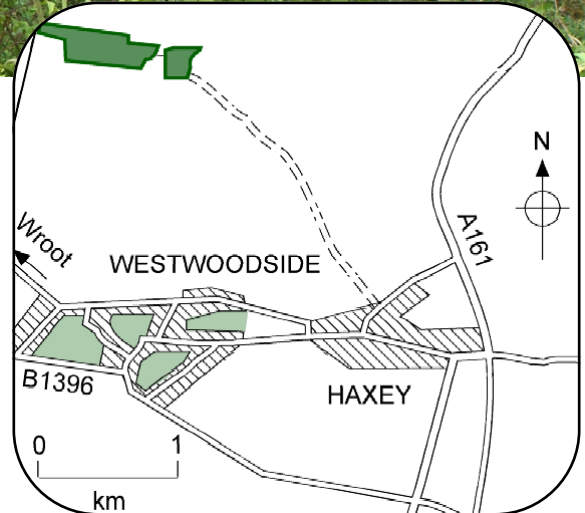
The reserve is a relict of bog that has been extensively dug for peat and subsequently colonised by birch. Interesting wet plant communities occur, and fen-sedge and the royal fern are still to be seen.

Birch thinning and localised clearance is carried out and a large glade will be found along the waymarked route. The glade contains an interesting mix of cross-leaved heath and fen-sedge. The deep holes are old peat cuttings.

## Waymarked Route

### 1km (0.6 miles)

From the car park follow the track in a westerly direction, which leads into the path that runs along the length of the reserve. Note the ridges and hollows that remain from peat excavations.



Some of the hollows still retain bog plants, such as Sphagnum mosses and cross-leaved heath. Where birch has been cleared, good areas of heathland are to be found. Look out also for the royal fern.

The twisting track eventually leads to a straight, raised trackway, which was probably constructed for peat extraction. Turn right and follow this back to the car park.

