

Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust

Rush Furlong



Location & Access

OS: 112 • **GR:** SE 781 004 • 2.47ha (6.10acres) • Freehold 1978

Habitat type: Grassland

The reserve lies to the east of the Isle of Axholme's main road, the A161, just north of Haxey. There is a small area mown for parking approximately two vehicles just off the track to the left. The track is in constant use and should not be obstructed at any time. Alternatively, park on the A161 road and walk up the track to access the reserve.

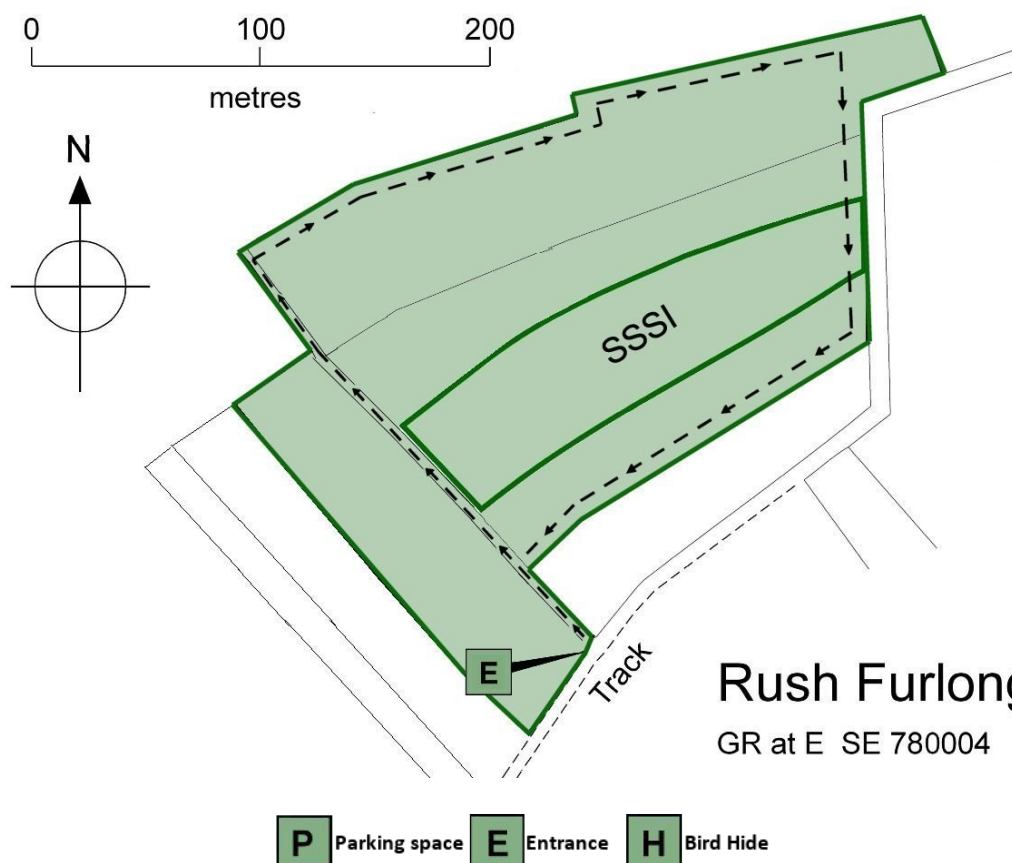
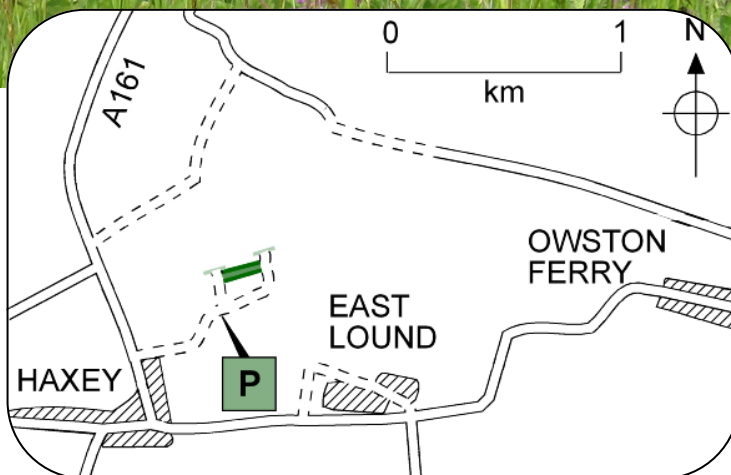
Description & Management

Rush Furlong is a fragment of the once extensive system of strip farming in the

Isle of Axholme that has by chance survived. The nearby land is now mostly arable, but this small meadow grassland strip has been managed only by hay-cutting for as long as can be traced. This regular, unchanging management and lack of disturbance, combined with a soil derived from the base-rich Keuper Marl, has resulted in a rich flora.

Over 60 species of flowering plants have been recorded, including yellow

rattle, oxeye daisy, rough hawk's-beard, agrimony, meadow oat-grass and primrose. The speciality of the site is the uncommon green-winged orchid of which several thousand spikes are to be found in most years. Adder's-tongue also occurs.



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