

Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust

Snipe Dales



Location & Access

OS: 122 • **GR:** TF 319 683 • 87.0ha (214.98 acres) • Leasehold 1974/1987

Habitat type: Grassland/Woodland

The Country Park car park is well signposted from the A158 Skegness-Lincoln road and from the B1195 Horncastle-Spilsby road. There is also a car park for the Nature Reserve close to the hamlet of Winceby.

The Country Park car park is the larger of the two and has visitor toilets and well-graded, easy access paths leading to a bird hide. Visitors are requested to keep to the waymarked footpaths.

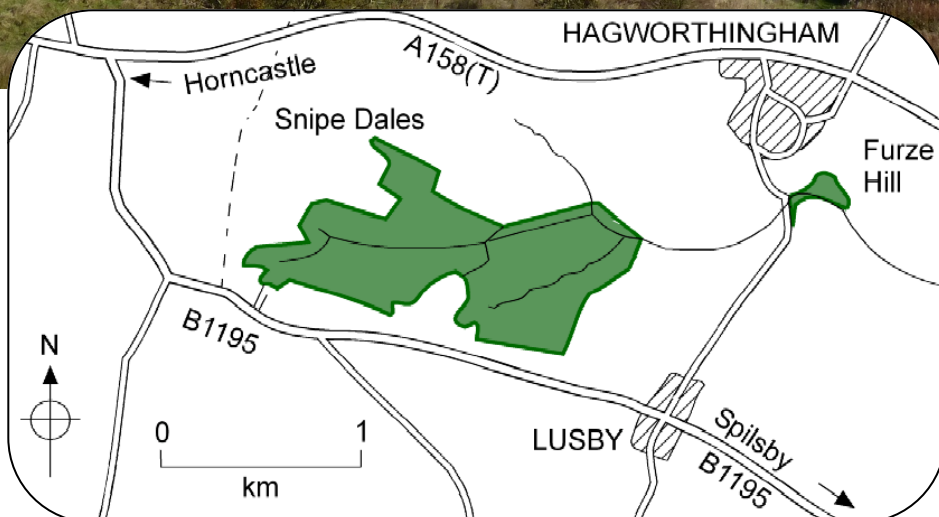
Description & Management

Snipe Dales is one of the few semi-natural wet valley systems still surviving in Lincolnshire. It is an area of two halves with mixed woodland in the Country Park and wet valleys, grassland and scrub in the nature reserve. This diversity supports a wide range of birds and other wildlife including butterflies and dragonflies.

Walking through the landscape is pleasant at any time of year. In autumn and winter, treecreepers and goldcrests forage in the woodlands, along with siskin and bramblings. In the spring, with the return of migrating warblers and the breeding season getting underway, the valleys and woods are filled with bird song. Snipe were once common, though are now a rare sight.

Snipe Dales Country Park and Nature Reserve are owned by Lincolnshire County Council and are managed jointly by the Council and Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust.

Snipe Dales offers a range of waymarked trails. Download a full map from the website or pick up a leaflet from the Warden's office.

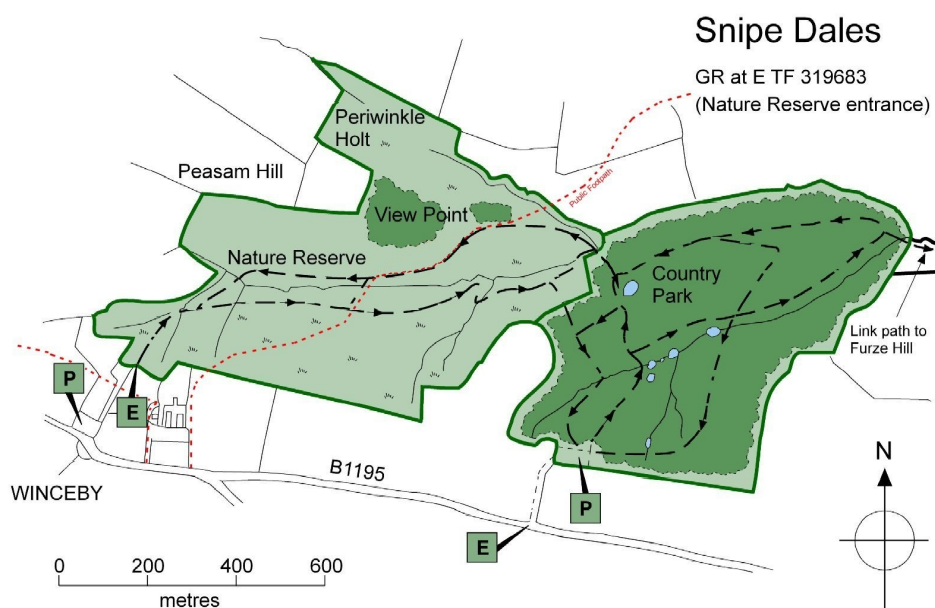


Waymarked Routes

There and Back Trail (1 mile) - A metalled footpath leads to a small marsh area. There are steep slopes along this trail.

Country Park Trail (1.3 miles) - Trail leads through the woodlands of the Country Park.

Snipe Dales Round (3.5 miles) - Get a feel for the whole site by venturing through the contrasting landscapes of the Country Park and Nature Reserve.



Parking space



Entrance



Bird Hide