

Location & Access

OS: 122 • **GR:** TF 558 740 • 3.20ha
(7.80 acres) • Leasehold 1959

Habitat type: Marsh/Wetland

The pit is situated a short distance north of Chapel Point on the west side of the road. There is parking space on the opposite side of the road a little further north at Chapel Six Marshes. Visitors are requested not to walk round the pit. Views of the reserve may be had by walking down the short track from the road. An alternative viewing place may be reached by walking a few yards southwards.

Description & Management

Excavated for clay for the repair of the sea banks following the floods of 1953, the flooded pit has marginal reedbeds and aquatic plants, such as water-crowfoot and great reedmace.

Fifteen species of ducks have been recorded, mainly in winter. Bearded tit and bittern are recorded occasionally. In summer breeding species include reed and sedge warblers, lesser whitethroat and little grebes can also be seen. In August and September thousands of migrating swallows and house martins roost in the reedbeds. Screens of willows round the banks of the pits have been planted in order to reduce disturbance to birds.

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