

# Wolla Bank Pit

## Location & Access

**OS:** 122 • **GR:** TF 555 747 • 3.90ha (9.60 acres) • Leasehold 1959

**Habitat type:** Marsh/Wetland

Close to the sea wall about 1.6km (1 mile) south of Anderby Creek, the reserve lies on the west side of the road opposite the entrance to the Wolla Bank car park. Visitors are requested not to walk round the pit to avoid disturbing wildfowl: good views can be had by walking down the short path from the road.

## Description & Management

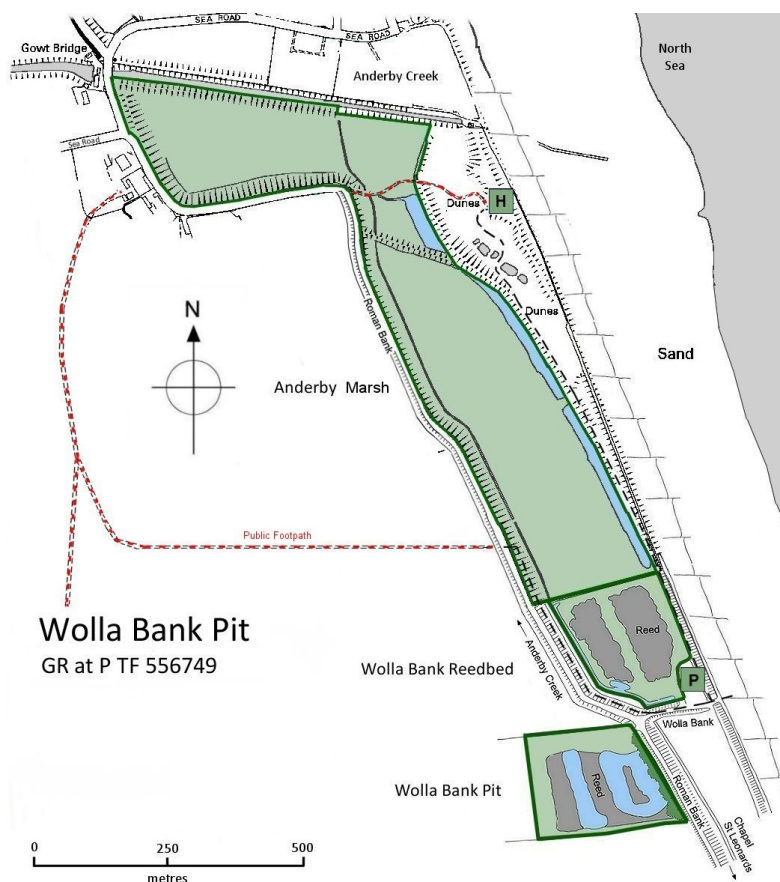
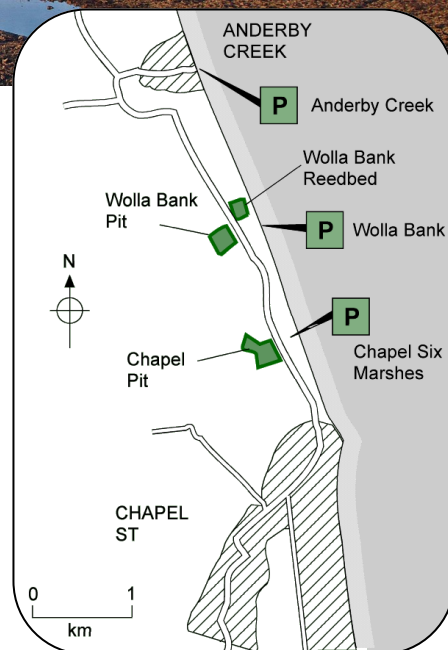
The flooded pits are a result of excavations for clay, which was needed for the repair of the sea wall following the floods of 1953. There are extensive beds of reed and sea club-rush, with great reedmace, fennel pondweed, wild celery, sea arrowgrass and water-crowfoot. There are also colonies of common spotted-orchid and swathes of knapweed.

Many duck visit the reserve in winter, including tufted duck, goldeneye and pochard. Bewick's and whooper swans, rednecked, slavianian and great crested grebes, purple heron and penduline tit have all occurred.

Snipe are frequent visitors in winter, when bittern and bearded tit are occasional visitors. In the breeding season, reed and sedge warblers, reed bunting, and little grebe all nest. Many rare migrants have also been seen. Fieldfare, redwing and song thrush can be abundant in the winter.

The entrance track made of chalk has a range of chalkland flora and many butterflies, such as common blue, small copper and painted lady. Dragonflies, such as migrant hawkler, also occur.

The Wolla Bank Reedbed lies on the opposite side of the road.



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**P** Parking space **E** Entrance **H** Bird Hide