

Willow Tree Fen

Willow Tree Fen is currently closed

The paths, birdwatching hides and toilet facilities are also closed. Limited car parking is provided with views over the reserve. Telescopes are recommended.

Location & Access

OS: 130 • **GR:** TF 181 213 • 112.0ha (276.75 acres) • Freehold 2009

Habitat type: Wetland

Willow Tree Fen is situated between Bourne and Spalding, south of the River Glen on the Tongue End to Pode Hole road. The entrance bridge is at grid ref TF 181 213.

Please do not follow satnav to find Willow Tree Fen.

There is no access to Willow Tree Fen from the Macmillan Way or from Slipe Drove/West Pinchbeck.

Description & Management

Willow Tree Fen is a new nature reserve purchased by the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust in 2009. Formerly arable land growing beans and cereals with a number of low depressions that become waterlogged in wet periods, the fen is being restored to a typical wet fenland landscape. The nature reserve will include a mixture of reedbeds, shallow meres, seasonally flooded pastures and hay meadows, providing habitats for rare and threatened wetland species such as otter, water vole, hairy dragonfly, spined loach, redshank, snipe and marsh harrier.

