

Snipe Dales offers a range of waymarked trails that you can enjoy throughout the year.

There & Back Trail

1 mile ● black waymarkers
⌚ allow 30 minutes

A metalled footpath leads to the small marsh area. There are steep slopes along this trail. Wheelchair users may gain access to the flushes by car, but access must be arranged in advance by contacting the Warden. Please follow the black star markers.

Country Park Trail

1¼ miles ● green waymarkers
⌚ allow 45 minutes

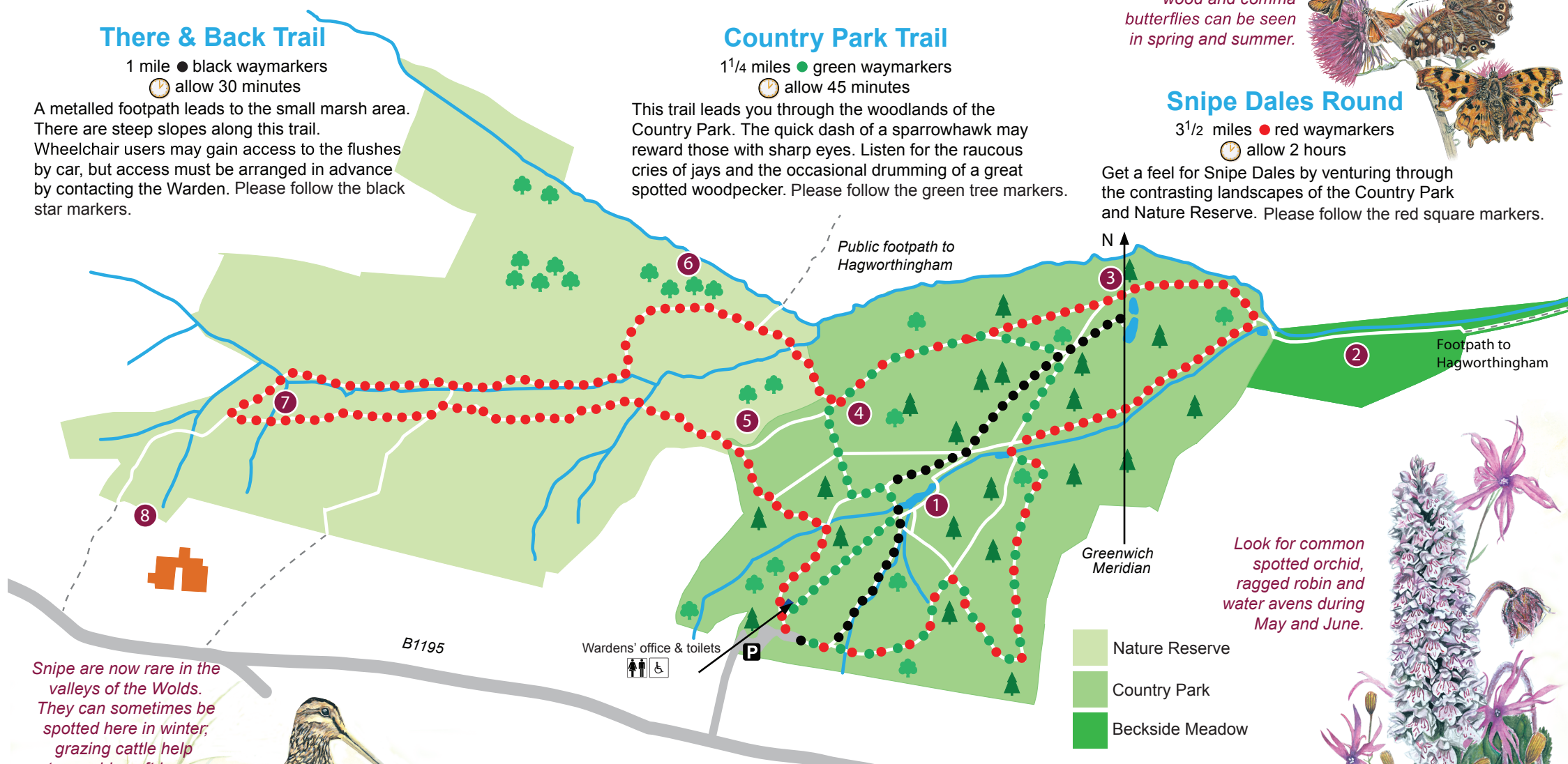
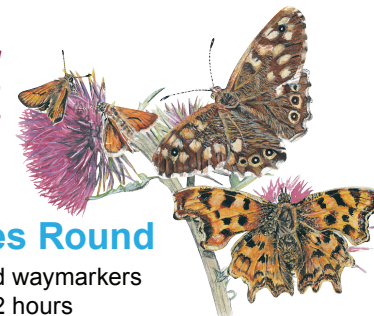
This trail leads you through the woodlands of the Country Park. The quick dash of a sparrowhawk may reward those with sharp eyes. Listen for the raucous cries of jays and the occasional drumming of a great spotted woodpecker. Please follow the green tree markers.

Snipe Dales Round

3½ miles ● red waymarkers
⌚ allow 2 hours

Get a feel for Snipe Dales by venturing through the contrasting landscapes of the Country Park and Nature Reserve. Please follow the red square markers.

Small skipper, speckled wood and comma butterflies can be seen in spring and summer.



Snipe are now rare in the valleys of the Wolds. They can sometimes be spotted here in winter; grazing cattle help to provide soft boggy ground where snipe can feed.



Look for common spotted orchid, ragged robin and water avens during May and June.



1 Central Flushes where natural silting has produced marshes called flushes which are rich in plants, insects and birds.

2 Beckside Meadow was purchased by the Trust in 1991. A former arable field, it is now being restored to grazing pasture.

3 Meridian Stone: this block of Spilsby Sandstone marks the line of the Greenwich Meridian.

4 Joby's Point & 5 Seddon's Point: access points to the Nature Reserve.

6 Clark's Wood: a small oak woodland, was planted in 1974.

7 Hydraulic Ram: an efficient pump using the pressure of water from the stream to lift water to the neighbouring farm.

8 St Margaret's Graveyard: the church was demolished in 1964 but old gravestones remain. Note the large rookery in nearby trees.

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