



Dungeness RSPB Discovery Trail

A circular walk from the Dungeness Visitor Centre

1.8 miles (2.9km) allow 30 minutes

Explore the unique shingle landscape of Dungeness on this easy access walk.



Credit: Dungeness Nature Reserve.

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How to get there -

By Car: Take the Dungeness Road from Lydd. TN29 9PN.

Parking: Parking is available at the Visitor Centre.

Bicycle: Part of the National Cycle Route 2, starts from the railway station at Rye.

Bus: Bus services 11/11A/11B from Ashford via Lydd (not Sundays) stop on request at the reserve. Traveline: 0871 200 22 33

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	Gates	3
	Stiles	0
	Steps	0
	Terrain	Some gradual slopes
	Views	Excellent views
	Refreshments	Refreshments at the Visitor Centre

Route Description

Start: Take the pathway from the visitor centre to find the picnic area on your left.

1. Continue along the main path passing Firth lookout to reach Scott lookout.

2. Turn left to enter Scott lookout or continue ahead through the small wooden gate. Go past the entrance to the right which leads to Christmas Dell Hide and continue for some time to reach the gate.

3. At the gate turn right. You may explore Denge Marsh Hide at this point or turn right and continue to take the second turning on the left. This path forks off the main path to reach a wooden gate.

4. Turn right through the wooden gate and follow the signs back to the visitor centre crossing the boardwalk.



Birds you can spot

Bitterns come to Dungeness in Britain from Europe when cold weather forces them to move to sites. They also breed here in the spring so listen out for their distinctive 'boom'.

Bittern



The first little ringed plovers arrive at Dungeness in March.

Little ringed plover



Listen for the pinging calls of these little characters around the reedbed.

Bearded tit



Spot these magnificent birds of prey hunting over the reedbed.

Marsh harrier



The arrival of wheatears from March is a sure sign that spring has arrived at Dungeness.

Wheatear



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The Countryside Code

Respect everyone

- be considerate to other users.
- leave gates and property as you find them.
- be nice, say hello, share the space.
- follow signs and keep to marked paths.

Protect the environment

- take your litter home.
- do not light fires and only light BBQs where signs say you can.
- always keep dogs under control.
- dog poo - bag it and bin it.
- care for nature - do not disturb wildlife.

Enjoy the outdoors

- check your route and local conditions.
- plan your adventure and be prepared.
- enjoy your visit and have fun!

www.gov.uk/countryside-code

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