

THE ROUND POND

The only freshwater on the reserve, this small pond aims to recreate the colourful wetland verges which are fast disappearing. YELLOW IRIS, MARSH MALLOW, MEADOWSWEET, RAGGED ROBIN, CUCKOO FLOWER and MARSH MARIGOLD are just some of the plants of interest. Other wildlife such as FROGS, NEWTS, DAMSELFLIES, DRAGONFLIES AND GRASS SNAKES all occur here.

CAUTION ALL WATERWAYS ARE DECEPTIVELY DEEP

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LOCATION & ACCESS

The reserve is situated off Strand Street in Sandwich, Kent. Drive in to Sandwich on the A257 over the level crossing, take the third turning on the left (opposite The Kings Arms pub) where parking is available. Visiting from the A256 drive through the Town follow the one way system until reaching a T junction in Harnet Street, turn left, and then right opposite The Kings Arms pub. Buses & trains are within 15 minutes walk away.

There are no opening restrictions and admission is free of charge. Donations are greatly appreciated and are vital to continuing our work.

Organised groups of 15 or more should pre-book in advance please when guided tours may be available in return for a donation.

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Purple Loosestrife



DOGS ARE NOT PERMITTED



HELP US KEEP THE RESERVE LITTER FREE



PLEASE KEEP TO THE FOOTPATHS



PICK NO PLANTS

THANK-YOU AND WE HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR VISIT.



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HISTORY

Gazen Salts is a 15 acre man-made Nature Reserve. Created in 1973 from featureless fields of grazed pastures, old allotments, disused refuse tip and builders' yard, it was designed by local naturalist Dennis Harle. Its name is derived from a 17th century lease holder of the saltings, one John Gason.

A wide range of habitats have been created and managed for the benefit of wildlife. Some 60 species of trees and shrubs have been planted attracting over 160 recorded species of birds, 30 of which breed regularly, including 10 species of summer migrants.



Kingfisher

THE LAKE AND WATERWAYS – Caution Deep Water

Most are fed via a sluice gate connected to the nearby tidal River Stour. The resulting brackish

water supports wildlife such as WATER VOLES, WATER SHREWS, KINGFISHERS and MOORHENS throughout the year and during the summer reedbeds support REED and SEDGE WARBLERS and in winter WATER RAILS are present. The rear of the main lake is left undisturbed to provide shelter for breeding

and wintering wildfowl, such as MALLARD, TUFTED DUCK, POCHARD, SHOVELER and occasionally PINTAIL occur.

WOODLAND WALK – A mixture of hedges and maturing trees form wooded areas a round the perimeter of the reserve. A wildflower introduction programme is ongoing to increase plant diversity. Species such as PRIMROSES, DOG & SWEET VIOLET, PINK CAMPION, LESSER CELANDINE AND BUGLE are a common sight. SPECKLED WOOD butterflies are often seen tumbling through the air in pairs. GREEN and GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKERS, SPARROWHAWKS and BLACKCAPS are among the regularly seen birds species.

As a wild area with potential natural hazards we advise that the usual hygiene precautions are taken as soon as you return home.



Greater Spotted Woodpecker

KEY

- Grassland
- Reedbeds
- Scrub
- Waterways
- Woodland
- Footpath

