

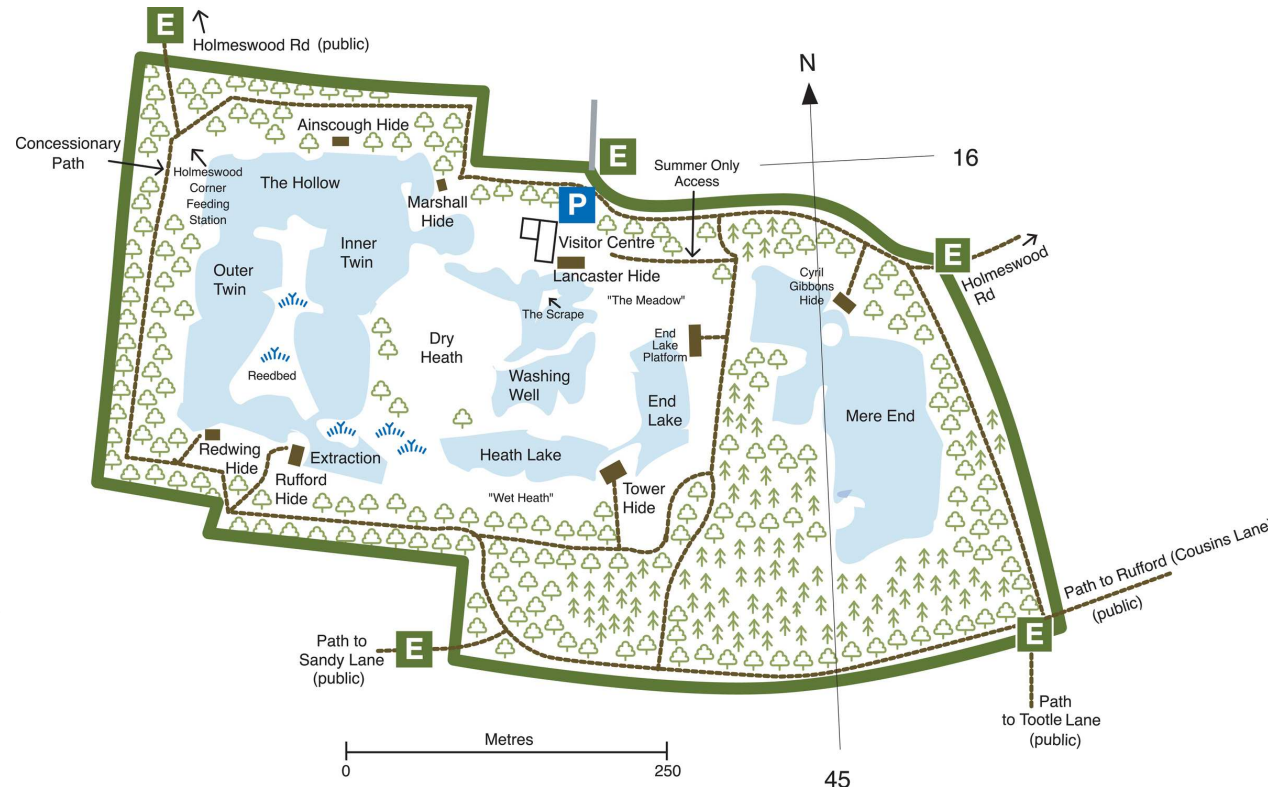
mere sands wood map

Location

Leave the A59 in Rufford onto Holmeswood Road (B5246). After one mile turn left at the "Nature Reserve" and "Meresands Kennels" signs. The car park is at the end of the lane.

Access

No permit is required for access to the nature reserve, but a donation of £2.00 per adult is recommended. Non-members may join the Trust at the reserve. A visitor centre with literature, toilets and displays adjoins the car park and there are six hides and a viewing platform distributed around the reserve. A trail (4.0km) passes through all the terrestrial habitats; there is also a shorter trail (2.5km). There are 750m of wheelchair access leading from the car park to two hides, the well-equipped visitor centre, a viewing platform and picnic tables. Wildlife societies and other community groups can be given a guided tour catering for their needs and interests. Evening talks on all aspects of wildlife conservation are given in the visitor centre, arranged by the 'Friends of Mere Sands Wood'. The Visitor Centre's Teaching room is available for education groups wanting to use the reserve for fieldwork.



map key

- Roads
- Track
- Motorway
- Public Path
- Reserve Boundary
- Water
- Parking
- Reserve Entrance
- Broadleaved Woodland
- Coniferous Woodland
- Dry Grassland
- Marshy Grassland
- Viewpoint
- Railway
- Shingle
- Saltmarsh
- Saltmarsh with cordgrass
- Scrub
- Bracken
- Swamp
- Mossland
- Heath