

## Getting there by....

**Bus:** Anyone wishing to access the site by bus should contact TRAVEL LINE on 0870 680 2608 for up to the minute information on bus services. As there are no direct services to Jameson Road, you should be prepared for a short walk from the nearest bus stop to the Nature Park.

**Car:** The site is located at the far end of Jameson Road, Fleetwood and is signposted from the A585. The visitors' car park located within the Nature Park provides ample parking.

**On Foot:** Access is via Jameson Road, a busy route and as such pedestrians are advised to take care. Please note that alternative pedestrian options for accessing the site are currently being investigated.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION on Fleetwood Marsh Nature Park** or any other sites operated by Lancashire County Council Countryside Service, **tel: 01772 534790.**

## Plan of Fleetwood Marsh Nature Park



# Fleetwood Marsh Nature Park



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# Fleetwood Marsh Nature Park

Fleetwood Marsh Nature Park is set in an open landscape adjacent to the Wyre Estuary (a Special Protection Area & Site of Special Scientific Interest), with views stretching across the coastal plain to the Bowland fells in the distance.

The main features of the site are the three lagoons and the area of coastal grassland beside the Estuary (see plan on reverse).

Of the lagoons, one is freshwater surrounded by reedbeds, the second is slightly salty (brackish) and subject to seasonal change in levels. A viewing area between the two lagoons provides an ideal spot from which to observe the many birds that visit the site all year round.

The third lagoon, which has only recently been constructed, has yet to develop its wildlife character. A footbridge across the lagoon leads the visitor to the far side of the site and the coastal grassland area.



In addition to the lagoons, grassland habitat and other features, part of the site has been set aside for use by the Fylde Coast Model Flying Association (FCMFA) as a designated flying area (see plan on reverse).

Access to this area is restricted to members of the FCMFA only; access by members of the public is strictly prohibited.



## Site History



In 1892, the 18 hectare site now occupied by Fleetwood Marsh Nature Park was predominantly salt water marsh with a maze of channels cut into the alluvial flood plain of the River Wyre.

Between 1912 and 1932 it was used as a timber pond for the adjacent timber yard on the docks.

In 1956 the land was reclaimed and developed as Fleetwood Power Station.



The Power Station ceased operation early in the 1980s and all above ground structures were removed. The site remained undeveloped until 2003 when Lancashire

County Council secured a grant of almost one million pounds from the North West Regional Development Agency to reclaim the site as a Nature Park

The site was officially opened to the public on 3 June 2005.

## Flora and Fauna

The location of the Nature Park in a low-lying coastal area makes it an ideal refuge for birds dependant upon this habitat in cold frosty weather when other areas might freeze, limiting feeding opportunities. Amongst others the grassland provides habitat for Skylark and the lagoons Reed Bunting and small mammals such as Water Vole, all of which are UK Biodiversity Action Plan (UK BAP) priority species.



In addition the site supports a rich collection of wild flowers such as the Bee Orchid, Marsh Orchid and Common Bird's-foot-trefoil; and has within it a variety of UK BAP priority habitats including; Reedbed, Eutrophic standing water, Coastal sand dune (coastal grassland), and Saline lagoon.

