

Enjoying your visit

To get the most from your visit without harming the wildlife which lives there, please remember:

Respect wildlife

Don't pick flowers or disturb nesting birds! If you see anything particularly exciting during your visit please tell us by recording your wildlife sightings at www.devonwildlifetrust.org or in the record book in the nature reserve's wildlife hide.

Riding & cycling

Horse riding and cycling are not permitted on Halsdon nature reserve.

Gates

Leave all gates as you find them.

Dogs

Dogs are welcome in the woodland areas of the nature reserve but are not permitted in the riverside meadows at any time.

Getting around

The terrain is uneven with some steep and muddy paths. Wear sensible clothing and make sure you have suitable footwear.

Access to riverside meadows

To help wildlife we ask that you respect the following restrictions. Summer months: access is by permit only. Permits are available from DWT. Winter months: no more than two people walking together.

Take care

Visitors are reminded that all areas of the countryside contain inherent, natural hazards so we ask you to take suitable and sufficient precautions to avoid injury or harm.

Finding Halsdon nature reserve

By public transport

There is a bus service to the nearby village of Dolton. For up to date bus and rail timetable information call 0871 2002233 (open 7am-9pm daily except Christmas day).

By car

Follow the A3124 north past Winkleigh, turn off to Dolton opposite the petrol station at Dolton Beacon. In Dolton, turn right up Fore Street, passing the Royal Oak pub on the left. Continue out of the village down West Lane until you reach a crossroads. Turn right (signposted Halsdon), either park in the lay-by on the left (grid ref SS 560 116) or continue for about one mile until you reach a track on the left with a wide entrance and a DWT sign. Follow the track to the car park (grid ref SS 557 133).



For more information about DWT nature reserves, our work or how to become a member, contact

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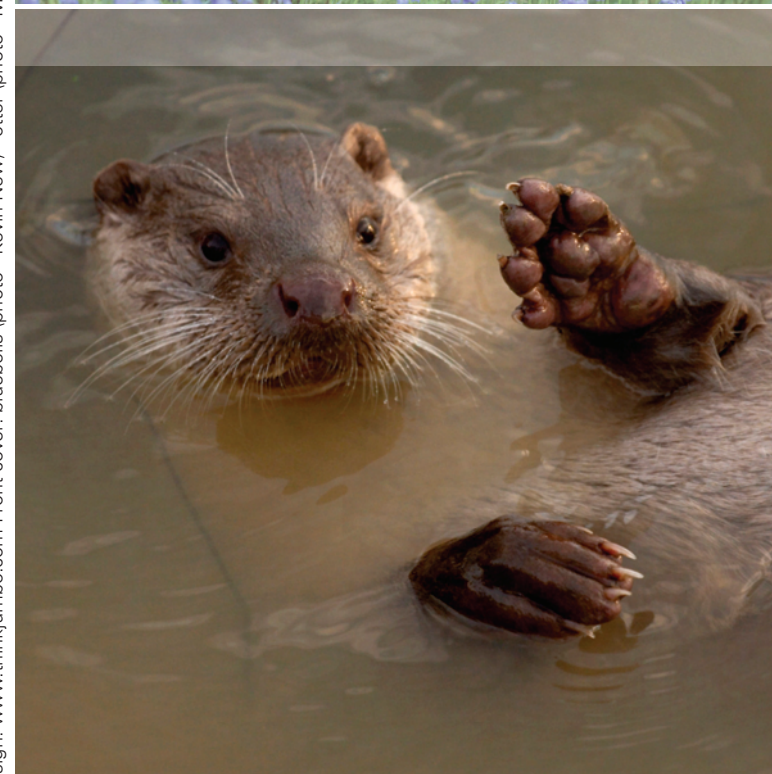
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A Devon Wildlife Trust Local Group supports Halsdon nature reserve with a programme of winter lectures, summer events and work parties.

Part of Halsdon nature reserve's woodland was generously donated by Mr Patrick Furse.



Discover Halsdon



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Protecting Wildlife for the Future

Through woodland to water

Bluebells thrive under Halsdon's woodland canopy.
(Photo - Kevin New)

The River Torridge runs through the nature reserve - look out for the sudden blue flash of a kingfisher.
(Photo - Terry Longley)

Devon Wildlife Trust's Halsdon nature reserve provides the perfect place to see wildlife on a walk through oak woodland to the River Torridge and its surrounding water meadows.

Halsdon's network of tracks tells of a past in which its woodland was exploited for timber. Today the nature reserve displays wonderful flowers in spring, beautiful fungi in autumn and is a nest site for many woodland birds.

- 1 The ruins here are of a Victorian corn mill which supplied the nearby village of Dolton. This structure is now unsafe.
- 2 In spring, bluebells produce a blue haze beneath the woodland's green canopy.
- 3 Halsdon's riverside meadows are kept as a quiet place for otters and other wildlife.
- 4 This is known as 'Top of the World'. It offers views to distant Dartmoor.
- 5 Halsdon's hide is the place from which to see wildlife and learn more about the nature reserve's history.
- 6 The southern car park is located in an old quarry, one of many mineral workings in this part of Devon. A grant from Defra's Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund has funded extensive access and habitat work on the nature reserve.

Allow 1 ½ hours to walk round this reserve.



Key

- Site Boundary
- Road
- Easy access track 900m
- 3km. 1 hour circular walk
- 5.5km. 1 ¾ hour circular walk
- 1.5km. ½ hour circular walk
- 2.5km. 1 hour circular walk
- River
- Woodland
- Viewpoint
- Parking
- Information point
- Bench
- Wildlife hide

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Scale

Scarlet waxcap
(Photo - Kevin New)

