

How to get there

Rackenford and Knowstone Moors are beside the A361 (North Devon link road) approximately 15km west of Tiverton. Entrances at grid reference SS 851 211 and SS 835 219.

By bus/train

For all bus, rail or National Express timetable information call 0870 608 2 608 (open 7am – 9pm daily except Christmas).

By car

Approach the reserve from the A361. You will see the reserve on either side of the road approximately 14.4km from Tiverton. Small parking areas are signposted on either side of the road. Knowstone Inner Moor can be reached by taking the Knowstone turning. Drive past the parking area and over the cattle grid and park on the right by the large gateway at Knowstone Moor Cross, grid reference SS 835 219.

For Rackenford Moor turn off towards Rose Ash, then turn immediately left, driving past the parking area. Carry on up the hill, turning left at Hares Down Cross, grid reference SS 844 206 and carrying along until you pass over the A361. Park on the right near the gateway just beyond this, grid reference SS 851 211, and access the reserve from here.



The Devon Wildlife Trust cares for some 40 nature reserves around the county. Most are open to the public at all times.

Nature reserves aren't just left to nature! To be sure they stay in the best possible condition for all the plants and animals which live there, they are actively 'managed'. This also means that the public can visit them.

To report wildlife sightings, damage or circumstances needing attention, call DWT on 01392 279244.

This nature reserve is one of a national network of over 2,000 reserves cared for by The Wildlife Trusts.

Enjoying your visit

To get the most from your visit without harming the wildlife that 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 DWT about it. We are always very keen to extend our knowledge of our nature reserves and welcome any records.

Be properly dressed

Wear sensible clothing and make sure you have the right footwear. Wellington boots or stout walking boots are strongly advised.

Gates

Please leave all gates as you find them.

Dogs

The moor has unfenced roads and can have cattle and/or ponies grazing. Dogs are welcome but we ask you to keep them on a short lead at all times.

Getting around

You are welcome to wander over the site but it is very wet – it's often better to enjoy the view from the comfort of the road and surfaced paths.

The only access for wheelchairs and pushchairs is from Knowstone Moor Cross.

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.

Telephone, toilets and refreshments

The nearest public toilets, telephone and refreshments are in the parking area on the A361 at Moortown Cross, grid reference SS 829 216.

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

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The largest area of **Culm** grassland left in the world!



Majestic red deer roam the moor. - M. Peadar



Sundews are insect-eating plants - S. Day

Rackenford and Knowstone Moors form an enormous expanse of open moorland where large wild animals roam free. Herds of red deer led by majestic, antlered stags and locally owned cattle wander at will over the unfenced land.

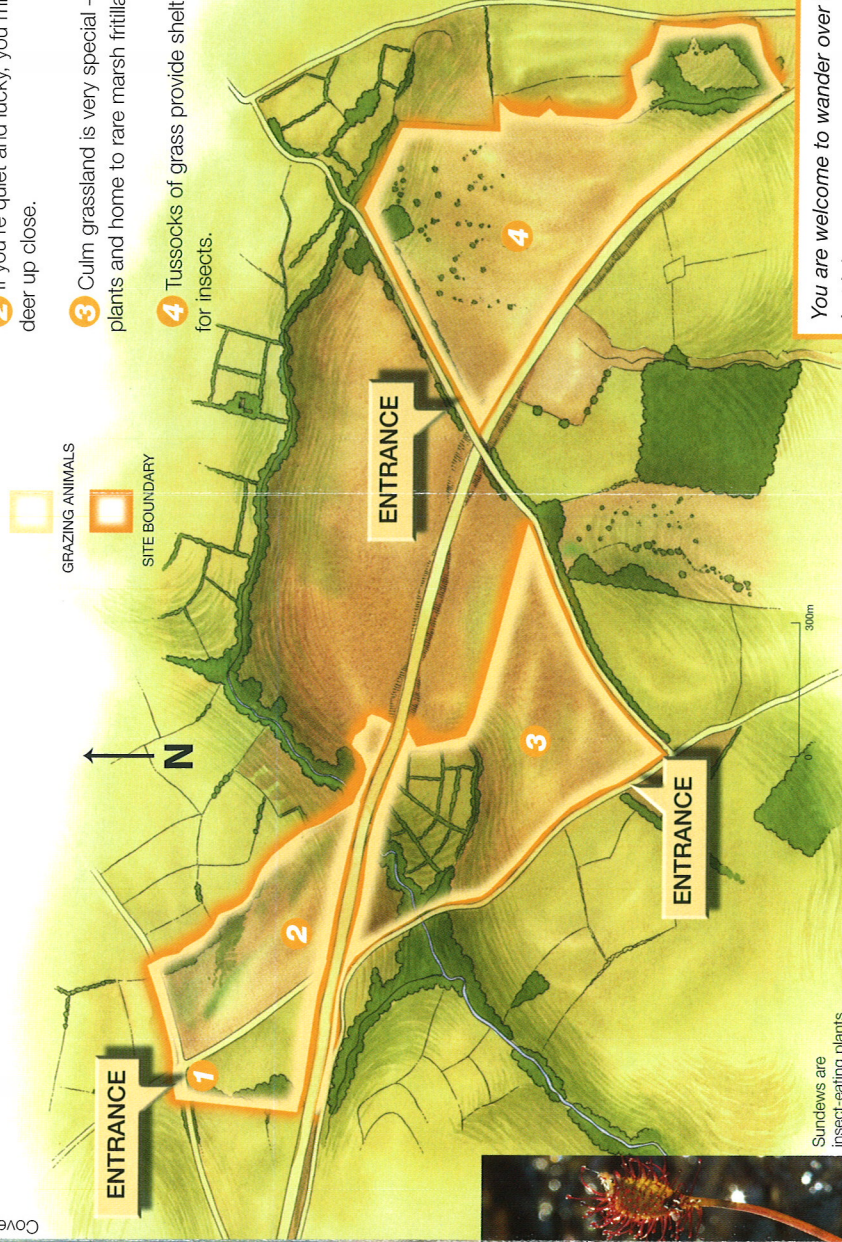
Take a stroll and look out over the moor – you'll see the bog-loving sundew that literally eats insects for breakfast, hear the gabbling song of the skylark and smell the coconut scent of the bright yellow gorse.

Cover photograph - S. Day



Marsh fritillaries are one of Europe's 12 most endangered species

- 1** The surfaced path gives easy access right to the heart of the moor.
- 2** If you're quiet and lucky, you might see a red deer up close.
- 3** Culm grassland is very special – it's rich in plants and home to rare marsh fritillary butterflies.
- 4** Tussocks of grass provide sheltered homes for insects.



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