



Marsh fritillary butterfly



Map of Dunsdon



- Key**
- Nature reserve boundary
 - Meadow
 - Woodland/hedges
 - Boardwalk
 - Walking route
 - Public footpath
 - Roads
 - Bridge
 - Viewpoints



Dunsdon is Devon's Coronation Meadow – a mark of its importance to the nation's natural heritage. Find out more at www.coronationmeadows.org.uk

The Bude Canal was fully opened in 1823 but closed in 1891. Herons now hunt along it, while a walking trail links the nature reserve to Devon Wildlife Trust's Vealand Farm nature reserve.



This nature reserve has been supported by Viridor Credits Environmental Company with funding via the Landfill Community Fund.

Step back in time and explore a traditional landscape with wildflower meadows, high hedges, trees and the remains of an old canal

Heron

How to get to Dunsdon nature reserve

From Holsworthy take the A3072 towards Bude. After 2½ miles turn right on to a minor road signed 'Pancrasweek'. Continue on this road, passing Pancrasweek church for 1 mile until reaching a T-junction. Turn right (signed 'Lana, Bradworthy') continue for ¾ mile to reach entrance track and car park to nature reserve on your left.

Wildlife to watch for

Dunsdon is one of the last survivors of a traditional landscape called Culm. Its mix of boggy grasslands bordered by hedges and woodland avoided the drainage, ploughing and chemical fertilizers which changed the face of the countryside during the 1900s.

Dunsdon continues to support rare Culm species such as the lesser butterfly orchid and the marsh fritillary butterfly, along with birds such as barn owls and tree pipsits.

This is a large nature reserve and will take 2 hours+ to explore. It can be wet and uneven underfoot. A shorter walk along a level boardwalk to a wildflower meadow is also available.



Lesser butterfly orchid

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