

Snipe Haven & Goldfinch Meadows

Explore and discover some very special wildlife in a local haven for nature.



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Information for visitors:

Explore the area on your own or follow the walking route shown with orange arrows, this will take about 10 minutes.

This is a natural environment for everyone to enjoy. Please take care not to disturb the wildlife and stay safe when exploring the area.

Be careful not to stray too far from the footpath. Goldfinch Meadows has some wetland habitats and ponds hidden behind the vegetation.

Plan ahead and be prepared. There are currently no facilities (toilets or refreshments) available at Goldfinch Meadows.

The meadows are a wetland area therefore paths may be muddy after rain so please wear appropriate footwear and check local weather conditions before visiting.

Don't forget...



Keep to the path and do not disturb any plants or wildlife.

Dogs must be kept under control at all times. Please remove and dispose of any waste.



Please ensure you take home any litter with you.



Scan the QR code for the latest on what's going on at Protos and an update on which birds and flowers you can see.



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Goldfinch Meadows

Set to the west of Protos, the footpaths through Goldfinch Meadows allow people to enjoy an area rich in native trees and an array of flowers, butterflies and birds.

A large constructed pond with wetland fringes gives the perfect environment for water-dwelling wildlife.

Habitat management in Goldfinch Meadows is carried out to encourage and ensure the long-term establishment of a diverse range of species of important conservation value.



Snipe Haven

Snipe Haven, also part of Protos, is an extensive area entirely dedicated to nature, with habitats created particularly for water voles, and wading birds. To help protect these species, Snipe Haven is not open to the public.

At times of the year, grazing cattle will provide a natural way to keep the wildflower and grasses at a level suitable for feeding birds.

Regular monitoring of the wildlife in Snipe Haven informs management of the vegetation and the waterbodies including scrapes and ditches.



How to find us

Goldfinch Meadows is situated on the edge of Ince village, only a 13 minute stroll away.

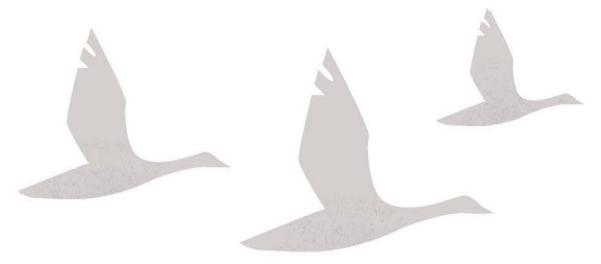
The national cycle route runs through the heart of Goldfinch Meadows, making it an ideal place to stop and rest or explore, whilst on your adventures.



Discover & explore at
Snipe Haven & Goldfinch Meadows

Look out for the information panels, placed throughout the meadows, with fascinating wildlife facts for all ages.

The species you see will depend on the time of day and season so there is always something new to discover.



Autumn
 Summer visitors such as the Goldfinch start to leave for warmer places while ducks, wading birds and starlings flock to the wetland to feed. Barn owls can be seen hunting at dawn and dusk.

Summer
 Swift can be seen flying through the air and Wren can be heard singing as we welcome the warmer weather. Hoverflies and butterflies enjoy the wildflowers and keep an eye out for bats after sunset.



Marsh Lane
 To Ince Village

Choose your adventure, each path leads back to the main route and takes approximately the same amount of time

Winter
 As the cold weather sets in, most insect life disappears. Waterfowl such as Mallard, Teal and Pink-footed Geese find a haven here.

Spring
 Water voles start breeding and flowers including Birdsfoot trefoil and Ragged robin come to life bringing colour to the edges of ditches in Snipe Haven and Goldfinch Meadows.

Grinsome Road

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-  Walking Route (10 minutes)
-  National Cycle Network Route 5

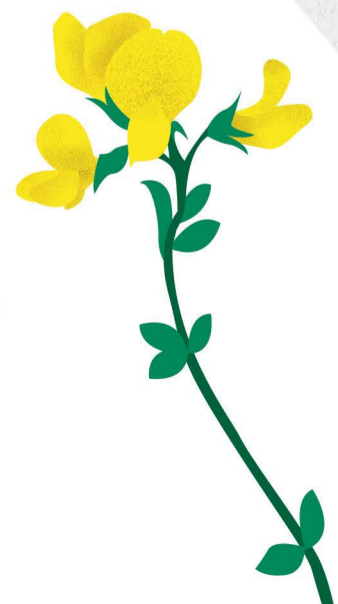


Wetlands are fantastic places to spot a huge variety of birds. Here are some top tips for spotting birds at Snipe Haven:

Look high and low!
 You may see birds flying through the skies or wading across the wetlands.

Listen out!
 Each different species has their own song and you can often hear the difference between them.

Zoom in!
 You can see birds with the naked eye but a pair of binoculars will help you pick out identifying features.



Mersey Estuary

Manchester Ship Canal

Wading Bird Scrapes

The Pond

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Frodsham Wind Farm