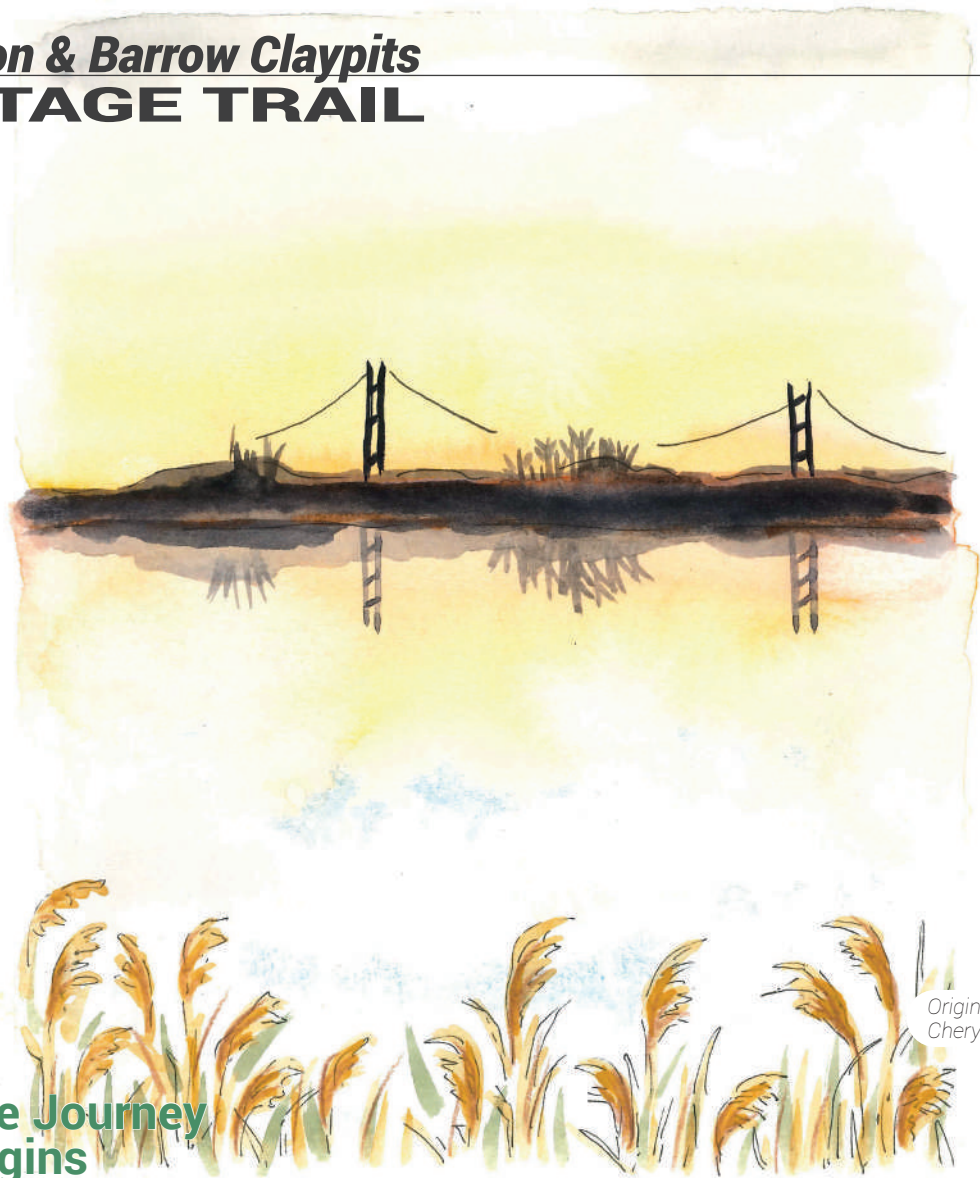


# *The Barton & Barrow Claypits* **HERITAGE TRAIL**



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## **The Journey Begins**

Walk along the footpath onto the top of the flood bank towards Barrow Haven.

Stop at the railings overlooking the Humber Estuary. On your left is the majestic Humber Bridge. When it opened in 1981 it was the largest single-span suspension bridge in the world. To your right are panoramic views of the Humber Estuary and the City of Hull and its ports on the north bank.

As you look along the southern bank of the Humber Estuary, there are vast stretches of mudflats and saltmarsh, where sea club-rush and common reed grow. The mudflats are used by wading birds as feeding grounds. The land to your right between Barton Haven and Barrow Haven is a mosaic of open water, pools, grassland, hedgerows and woodland. This area supports a diverse assemblage of invertebrates including insects, moths and butterflies, and numerous species of birds. Sometimes you will see sheep grazing in the country park.

You are walking along the top of the flood defence which protects the land from flooding. The last significant tidal surge was in December 2013. The flood defences in Barton protected the town, but the flood defence was damaged in places and needed repair. After 100 m you will see a small opening on your right leading down from the flood bank back into the Waters' Edge Country Park. This is an excellent path to take if you want a shorter walk.

As you walk further along the pathway, you will pass hedgerows made up of brambles, hawthorn and blackthorn. You will also pass woodland with many indigenous species of tree including oak, ash, field maple, hawthorn, beech and alder.

See if you can identify the different shrubs in the hedgerows and trees in the woodland.

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