

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



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## **20** Pasture Wood Fishery

Pasture Wood Fishery is on the site of Barraclough's Brick and Tile Works. There were three updraught kilns as well as drying sheds for bricks and tiles. The brickyard had its own jetty, and the site also had a tramline for transporting clay. Pasture House used to be occupied by the brickyard foreman.

Pasture Wood Fishery (2.9 ha) is composed of three lakes. The narrow Canal Lake borders Waters' Edge Country Park. The Main Lake is to the east of the Canal Lake, and the Neck Lake to the south adjoins the western end of Pioneer Pit.

The water quality of the lakes is good. The average water depth is between 1.8 m–2.0 m and up to 6 m in the Main Lake.

Reedbeds and willow surround the margins of the claypits. An aerator is used in the Neck Lake and Main Lake to help prevent weeds becoming dominant. The Main Lake is very deep and therefore not prone to weeds. Weeds struggle to establish roots below 1.8 m. The surrounding vegetation includes hawthorn scrub, reed and rosebay willowherb on the western margin and in the north-eastern corner. On the south side are poplar, willow, reed, willowherb, hawthorn and ash. There is also a small reed island.

Breeding birds include great crested grebe and Canada geese. The fishery is home to eels, bream, tench and carp.

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