

The Barton & Barrow Claypits **HERITAGE TRAIL**



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14 Barrow Haven Reedbeds Nature Reserve

The final claypit between Barton Haven and Barrow Haven is the Barrow Haven Reedbeds Nature Reserve. It is on the site of what was Sanderson's brickyard and is now managed by the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust. There are bird hides around the waterbody with excellent views of visiting birds.

Barrow Haven Reedbeds covers an area of 6.3 ha. It is supplied by rainfall and springs. Barrow Haven Reedbeds feeds into the ski club claypit through a pipe in the south-west corner of Barrow Haven. The water level in the Reedbeds is higher than in the ski club pit by about 600 mm after a dry spell. Reedbeds, rough grassland and hawthorn dominated scrub surround the area of open water. Bearded tit breed at the Barrow Haven Reedbeds.

Follow the footpath alongside Barrow Haven to the railway crossing. On your left is Barrow Haven railway station. This is the eastern end of the Barton Haven to Barrow Haven Natural Heritage Trail.

If you would like refreshments, cross the railway line and follow Ferry Road until you come to the Haven Inn. After leaving the Haven Inn, walk in a southerly direction over the Haven Bridge. Take the next right then you have the choice of walking along the footpath to Falklands Walk Estate or back to the ski club via the level crossing.

You can also get a train back to Barton-upon-Humber but make sure you check the train timetable.

Turn around!

To get back to Barton, return along the footpath until you reach the North Lincolnshire and Humberside Sailing Club. Then walk down from the footpath onto the road in front of the sailing club's building. Follow this road to the end of the claypit, where it turns to the left. Continue down the road following the western edge of the claypit until you reach Pasture Road North where the road turns right.

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