

The Barton & Barrow Claypits **HERITAGE TRAIL**



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The Pioneer Pit is on the southern side of Pasture Road North. At the western side is the Jubilee fishing syndicate covering an area of 1.68 ha. The rest of Pioneer Pit is managed by Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust and covers an area of 4 ha and has an average depth of about a metre. Water flows into the Neck from the Pioneer Pit via a culvert under Pasture Road North.

The Pioneer Pit is likely fed by springs as it holds clear freshwater and has low nitrate and chloride concentrations. Its water quality is good, but reedbeds are extensive. It may also feed the Tile Yard which, in turn, flows into Hoe Hill through a connection in its north-eastern corner. The Pioneer Pit has rich wetland and aquatic flora. It is surrounded by hawthorn scrub with some willow and mature ash.

Mute swan, little grebe and reed and sedge warblers breed here. There are also lots of dragonflies.

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