

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



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## **21** Marshlands Lakeside Nature Retreat

The Marshlands Lakeside Nature retreat was established in 2016, having been dog kennels for many years before. The one-time palisade fencing separating the plot from East Lake in Waters' Edge Country Park was removed and replaced with a hawthorn and blackthorn hedge. This has increased the number of greylag and Canada geese in the area, particularly in the breeding season.

East Lake is a popular spot for many overwintering shovelers. They can be seen paddling around in circles for many hours. This movement creates a vortex to draw up food from the bottom of the lake. Grey heron frequent the area and occasionally white egret and the great white egret also visit. Cetti's warblers are present in the scrub close to the reedbeds.

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