

The Barton & Barrow Claypits **HERITAGE TRAIL**



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Barton & Barrow Claypits' Habitat

The Barton and Barrow claypits were dug to access clay to make bricks and tiles and cement. Today, the claypits form a series of water bodies. These are right next to the saltmarsh and the intertidal mudflats on the south bank of the Humber Estuary.

The habitat provided by the abandoned claypits supports several rare birds. These include bittern, willow tits, water rail, bearded tits and garganey.

In the past, five species of reed-dependent wainscot moth were found on the site alongside other specialist reedbed insects including the rare ground beetle, *Dromius longiceps*.

The claypit reedbeds are essential to the survival of many species and to the claypits' water quality. The reedbeds also assist in the prevention of erosion. The Barton and Barrow claypits are an example of how an industrial landscape can, over time, provide valuable wildlife habitat.

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