

Access Land on the Drigg Coast

Access land on the Drigg Coast SSSI allows you to explore, on foot, one of England's rare and special landscapes formed by windblown sand from the nearby beach. The map on this board shows nearby access land.

The Drigg Coast

Drigg Coast is the most extensive sand dune system in Cumbria. As well as both fixed and mobile dunes, there are dune slacks, vegetated shingle, fixed dune grasslands and large areas of dune heath and salt marsh.

This range of habitats makes the area particularly important for its plant and bird life. It is also home to the rare and protected natterjack toad, supporting one of England's largest breeding colonies

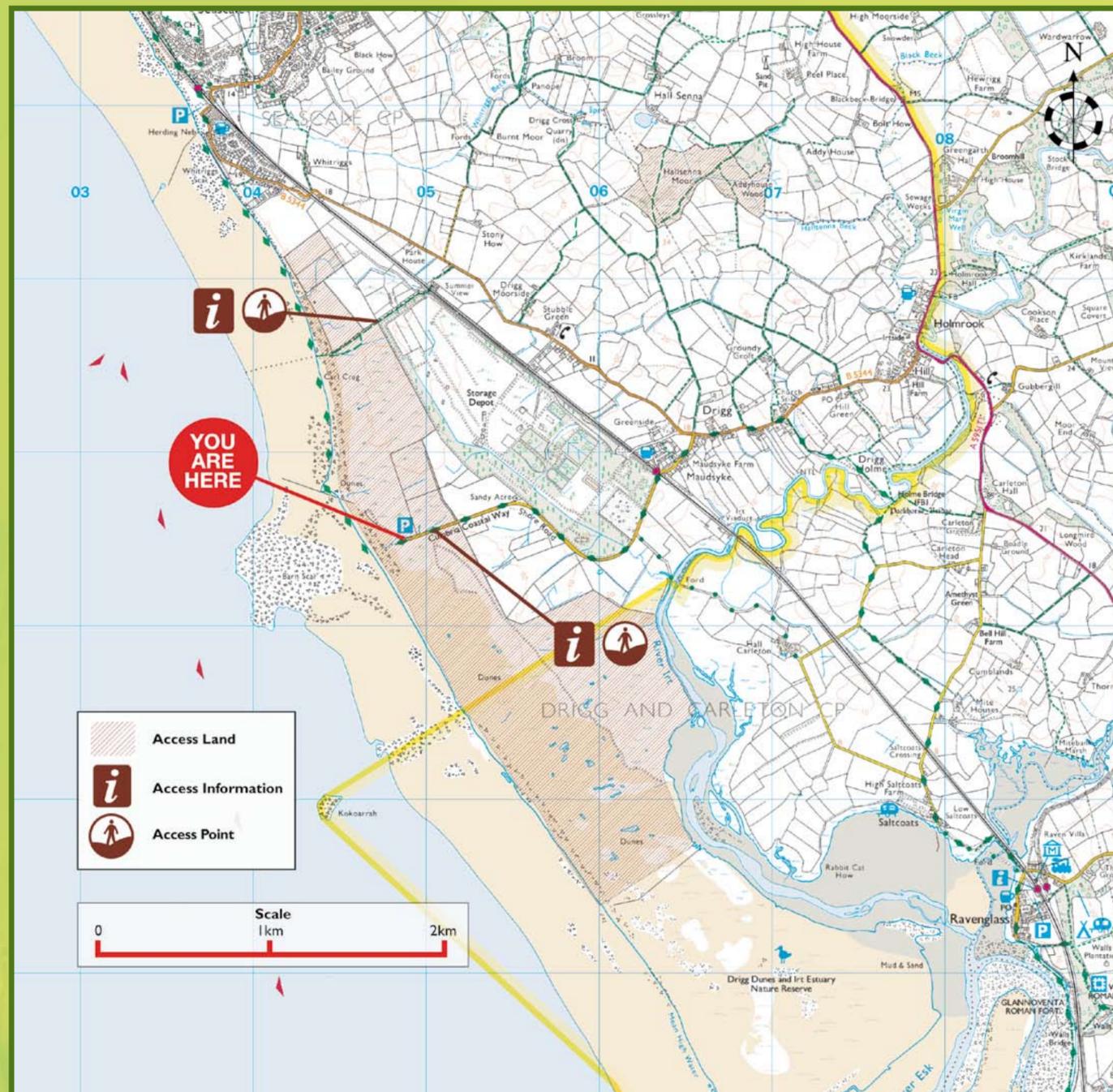


The fragmented low fore dunes grade into marram grass dominated mobile dunes where notable species include sea-holly, sea bindweed, and blue fleabane.

Further inland, dune heath occurs where heather and lichen have established upon the thin dry soils which cover the sand. This nationally rare habitat becomes a riot of colour in July and August when the heather flowers



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-  When you see this symbol it shows that land may be open for public access on foot. Access rights for other activities may also exist
-  This symbol shows there are no public access rights beyond the point where it is displayed
-  The right of access on foot also applies to wheelchair users. Where reasonably possible gates have been provided to allow access although please note that open country is often very rough terrain

For further information contact Cumbria County Council on 01228 601052

The Countryside Code

Respect ... Protect ... Enjoy

- Be safe – plan ahead and follow any signs
- Keep dogs under close control
- Do not light or cause fires
- Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Consider other people



With rights... ...come responsibilities

You are welcome to explore access land on the Drigg Coast but remember that the area is privately owned, internationally important for wildlife and a place of work for people. Please exercise your rights responsibly.

- Please use the Public Rights of Way Network or other signposted routes to get to access land – look out for the access symbol
- Be careful. Access land can be rough to walk over. Keep your eyes open for hidden holes and other hazards

Dogs in the countryside

On access land:

- Keep your dog on a fixed short lead between 1 March and 31 July. This is to protect ground nesting birds from disturbance
- Local restrictions may include a ban on dogs
- Note that dog restrictions do not apply to guide or hearing dogs

On Rights of Way:

- Dogs must be kept under close control, preferably on a fixed short lead

Plan ahead

Avoid disappointment by getting the latest information. Your rights to access open country can be restricted while work is carried out, and for safety or nature conservation reasons.

- Follow local signs and advice - any restrictions will be posted at access points
- Visit www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk or call the Open Access Helpline on 0845 100 3298 for up-to-date information on any restrictions
- Restrictions can be short or long term
- Public Rights of Way are not affected by restrictions to access open country
- Access land is shown on new series OS Explorer maps