

Access land on North Walney allows you to explore, on foot, a patchwork landscape of sand dunes, dune heath, and shingle. Most of North Walney is designated as a National Nature Reserve. The map on this board shows nearby access land.

North Walney

The range of habitats on North Walney supports a wide array of specialist plant and animal species including the Walney Geranium, a plant which grows nowhere else in the world.

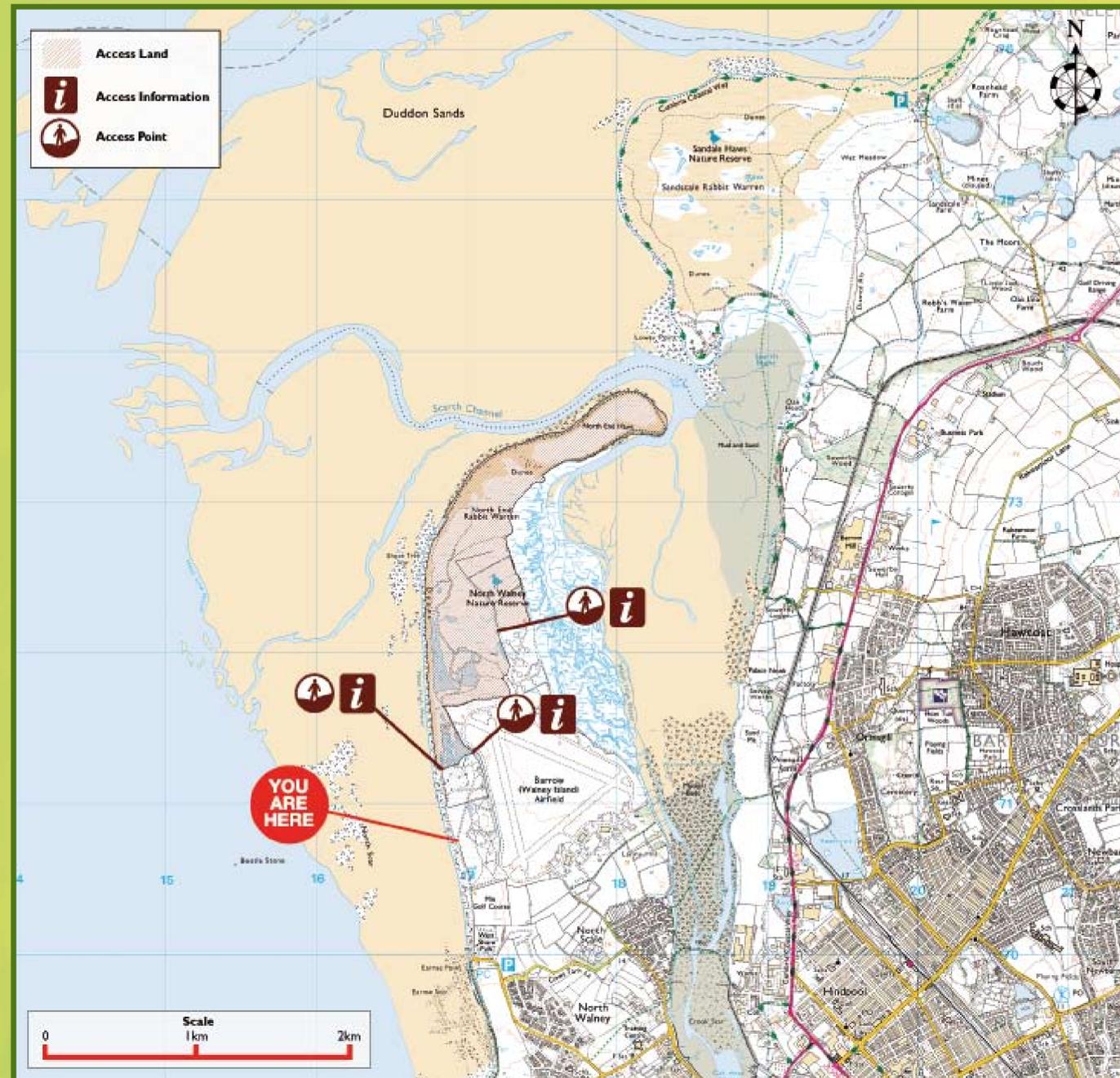


The numerous freshwater ponds are relics of the gravel extraction industry which continued here until the early 1970's. They now provide a valuable habitat for the rare and protected Natterjack toad, which is now found in only 40 sites in Britain.

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.



Visit
www.english-nature.org.uk
to find out more



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
- Do not light or cause fires
- Keep dogs under close control
- 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 the access land on North Walney, but remember that the area is privately owned and of international importance for wildlife. There is no new right to ride a cycle or horse, camp, drive vehicles, use a metal detector, use boats, collect stones, plants or wood, light or cause fires. 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. Heather and other vegetation can be rough to walk over. The area also contains ponds and pools, some of which can be deep.

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 open access country.
- Access land is shown on new series OS Explorer maps.