


Southmoor

A coastal grassland reserve providing grazing for wintering wildfowl.



Habitat Type	Coastal grassland
Size of Reserve	10 hectares / 25 acres
Special Features	SSSI 
OS Map Number	197
Grid Reference	SU 710 051
Nearest Town	Havant
Nearest Rail Station	Bedhampton
Tourist Information	Havant 02392 480 024 Portsmouth 02392 826 722
Best Time to Visit	Winter - shorebirds Spring / Autumn - migrants Spring / Summer - plants and insects

HOW TO GET THERE

Follow signs off A27 Havant Road roundabout for Broadmarsh into Harts Farm Way. Continue to mini roundabout, turn right and continue to end of Southmoor Lane. Southmoor Wildlife Reserve is to the east of the lane and north of the sea wall. There is also access from the east or west along the Solent Way/ Langstone Harbour Walk. Access Footpaths across the north side from Southmoor Lane and along sea wall.

ACCESS

This site has open access all year round. Footpaths can be followed across the North side of the reserve from Southmoor Lane and along the sea wall.

SITE DESCRIPTION

Southmoor is part SSSI and part old playing fields now being restored to coastal grassland through grazing by cattle. An area of flower-rich wet grassland is particularly valuable to wildlife.

WILDLIFE

The western area of the reserve is well used by common grassland butterflies in the summer including Meadow Brown and Small Skipper. This area also has breeding Skylarks. Dense hedges are home to a variety of birds including Lesser Whitethroat and Blackcap. In the northern part of the reserve, Southern Marsh Orchids and Ragged Robin can be found.

NEARBY SITES OF INTEREST

Farlington Marshes Wildlife Reserve

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A flower-rich grazing marsh of international importance for the wildfowl that it supports.

Southmoor Hill gives views over Langstone Harbour and Budds Farm Pools.

West Hayling Local Nature Reserve