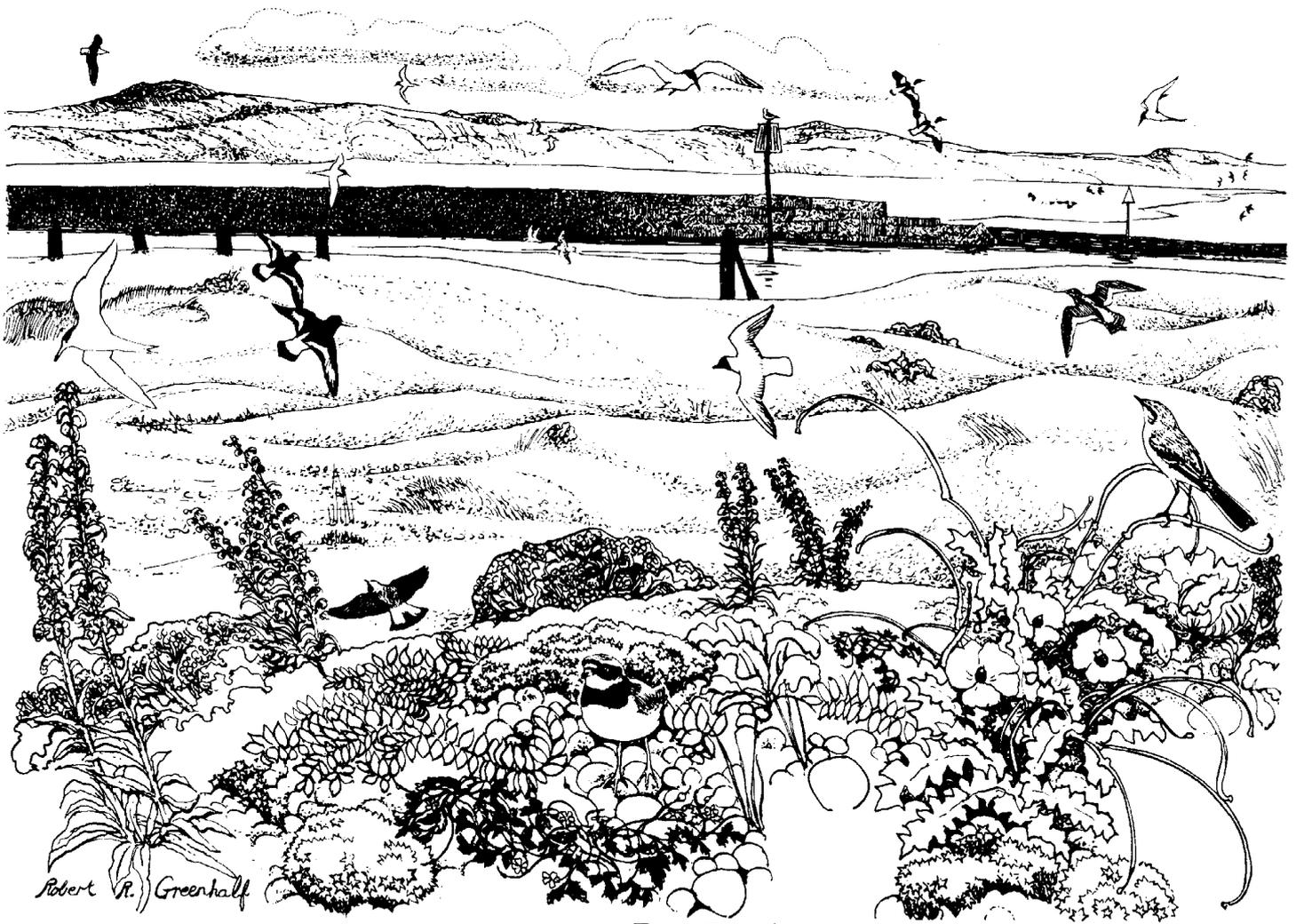


# Educational Visits

to Rye Harbour Discovery Centre & Nature Reserve



Information for teachers



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**Rye Harbour Nature Reserve** is managed by Sussex Wildlife Trust for its special habitats and wildlife. It is an internationally important wildlife site designated as a Special Protection area and Special Area of Conservation by the European Union. It also has the national designation of a Site of Special Scientific Interest and a Local Nature Reserve, in addition to the international designation as a Ramsar site.

Habitats to explore include 2 miles of shingle beach with a sandy shore at low tide, muddy saltmarshes, grassland, reedbeds and wetlands; all with a wealth of wildlife to discover and learn about.

There are five bird watching hides (all with some wheelchair access) to enable a closer look at the birdlife, plus a 'discovery area', exclusively for educational use, with log circle seating and habitat piles for learning more about our special plants and animals. We have equipment for studying birds, invertebrates, pond and marine life, and experienced staff are available to lead educational visits to the reserve or Camber Castle for you.

Self-led visits are welcome to the nature reserve at any time; however we would appreciate if you let us know you are coming as it can avoid group clashes using the facilities.

### **Programmes of study**

There are many subjects that can be studied on the Nature Reserve including Science, Geography, History, Art, English and Mathematics. Visits are appropriate for Key stages 1-4 and A-level groups.

Available activities include:

- Birdwatching
- Minibeast hunting in different habitats
- Beachcombing and exploration of a shoreline
- Investigating coasts
- Pond dipping
- Camber Castle visits
- Forest School and Wild Beach activities
- General guided walks
- Introductory talks

For a tailor-made session specific to your group requirements, please contact the Communities and Wildlife Officer to discuss. We will provide any resources needed for activities led by a member of our staff.

### **Facilities**

We are excited to open our new Discovery Centre that has a dedicated classroom space, toilets, café and exhibition area. Booked schools can have access to the classroom in inclement weather or for further study, plus use of the classroom toilets.

As part of our *Discover Rye Harbour* project we are expanding our education and our community engagement programmes to include self-guided trails and interpretation around the site, and we can offer worksheets for you to complete on a self-led visit.

### **How to get here**

Rye Harbour Nature Reserve is situated two miles south of Rye, East Sussex. The main entrance is in the village of Rye Harbour near the public car park and Martello Tower. High vehicles such as coaches can not enter the car park and will need to find other local parking; please contact us for more details. The nature reserve can also be accessed from Brede Lock near Rye (for Camber Castle) or the village of Winchelsea Beach.

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