

Code of Practice for the Hickling Broad refuges

- 1 Avoid refuge areas if at all possible.
- 2 If a refuge area needs to be entered, navigate refuge areas with care trying to avoid disturbing any wintering birds.
- 3 If a refuge area needs to be entered, use only electric outboards or oars within these areas. Do not use petrol outboards within refuge areas.
- 4 Go quietly, be seen but not heard.

Angling Permits

Horsey Mere

Permits are available for Horsey Staithe from the Bailiff, The Old Farmhouse, Horsey, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, NR29 4EF. Further information can be found at the National Trust Horsey Staithe car park

Pre-book winter angling permits for Horsey Mere subject to conditions. Application forms available from www.thurnefisheries.co.uk to be sent to Buxton Property Management, Speedwell House, Lingwood, Norwich, NR13 4ET.

Martham Broad North

For further information on fishing permits contact the warden or write to 'Martham Fishing permits', Norfolk Wildlife Trust, Bewick House, 22 Thorpe Road, Norwich NR1 1RY

For more information please contact:

Broads Authority

2 Guilders way, Norwich NR3 1UB
or:

Natural England

2 Guilders way, Norwich NR3 1UB



Working together to reduce disturbance to winter waterfowl

An initiative of the Upper Thurne Working Group

This leaflet explains why certain parts of the Upper Thurne broads have been identified as winter waterfowl refuge areas. The aim is to reduce disturbance to winter waterfowl through the management of the water space during this sensitive period. Your co-operation is being sought in making these refuge areas effective.



The Upper Thurne broads have long been recognised as an internationally important area for waterfowl. Large flocks spend the winter on the open water where they feed and roost. It is important that these birds receive as little disturbance as possible.

Disturbance has long been recognised a significant factor affecting waterfowl populations in the Upper Thurne. Hence the need for winter refuge zones covering a proportion of the water space. You will see from the maps that the refuge areas are managed in slightly different ways, to minimise the impact on human users but at the same time provide effective waterfowl refuges.

The refuge areas and their winter management regime are identified on the map (overleaf). It is our hope that all users will help to make these waterfowl refuges a success. They will only be effective, however, if they receive widespread understanding and support from all recreational users.

The proposals have been developed by Natural England, Broads Authority, Norfolk Wildlife Trust, National Trust, the Horsey Estate and the Upper Thurne Working Group (a group representing boating, windsurfing, angling and conservation interests).

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Refuge areas



Grid North

Hickling Broad and Heigham Sound refuges at Ling's Mill, Pleasure Island, Heigham Corner and Duck Broad are marked using yellow buoys. Code of Practice in operation throughout November to March inclusive in all four Hickling refuges. In addition Ling's Mill refuge not in operation during the Sunday race days in November and the end of March. See back of leaflet for Code of Practice.

Horsey Mere closed to angling by boat from November to February inclusive, except for limited winter permit trial. See back of leaflet for information about permits and angling at the Staithe.

Martham North Broad closed to all craft throughout the year. Limited angling three days a week **by appointment only** during October – March inclusive. **Martham South Broad** closed to all craft throughout the year.

