Welcome to Catcott

Our Catcott Reserve is comprised of an amazing wetland mosaic of traditional hay meadows, wet woodland and wet grazing marsh and fen, which encourages a range of species to feed, breed and nest all year round, and it has become internationally renowned for its biodiversity. Part of the reserve, Catcott Lows, is one of the best points on the Atlantic Waderway, as years of arable farming have caused the ground to shrink over half a metre in depth. If you visit at different times of year, you will notice that the water level changes, transforming the landscape. In the winter, the reserve floods naturally and attracts an array of wintering birds, however as the seasons change and the water levels lower, the winter visitors leave and the spring visitors take their place.

What to do at Catcott

• Lights, camera, action! Take in the scent of Bog Myrtle and film. Have fun getting through the wet and boggy pond tops.
• Find your inner explorer. Peer into the Pitts at Catcott and discover hidden creatures. Slow Worms and Grass Snakes can be found warming themselves while under our reptile mats, which look like carpet tiles under our reptile mats, but they're not. Please only look at these creatures and carefully replace the mats.
• Take it all in at the tucked away Tower Hide. Explore the reserve in full, and look out for the beautifully spontaneous open-air show. This amazing plant has a 360 degree view of the reedbeds and species-rich meadows, and is a great place to spot an Otter or see the flash of a Hobby. Notice that the water level changes, transforming the landscape.
• Take sturdy boots, and if it's been summer bring a sun hat, sun cream, plenty of water and keep in the shade. Take a raincoat no matter what the time going, but please take away all your refuse.
• Bring along your dogs. This reserve is a mecca for wintering birds and is internationally renowned for being a great place for bird watching. For more information please visit www.somersetwildlife.org/
• Bring binoculars and a bird guide to when you are in a hide. Only one bird at a time please.
• If you lift a tile up, please don’t take your fish or eggs.
• Take in the stunning reedbeds at eye-level on the hunt for its next meal.
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