



# Winter time on the Humber

Your guide to enjoying East Yorkshire's wildlife and wild places this season



## Skies, sand and scarfs!

Only one day to spend on the Humber? Wrap up warm, fill your lungs with fresh air and step into an alternative winter wonderland.

### Where to go...



#### Yorkshire Wildlife Trust Spurn National Nature Reserve

A landscape completely unlike anywhere else in Yorkshire – and its wide open skies are even more atmospheric during the winter months. **HU12 OUH**



Grey seal



### What to do...

Look out for grey seals!



#### Seasonal spectacle

Look out for whirling flocks of winter waders and birds of prey looming in the skies above.



#### Hop aboard

Spurn safari tours of the reserve take place all year round – including stunning lighthouse views. 🚗



#### Get toasty!

Warm up with hot chocolate and tasty treats at the Discovery Centre cafe. Epic vistas from the sofas too!



## Estuary Expedition!

Make a weekend of it! On your way to or from Spurn, hop between wildlife reserves and enjoy scenic Humber views.

### What to do...



#### Yorkshire Wildlife Trust Kilnsea Wetlands

Arrive just before high tide on a winter's day when you'll see waders flying overhead and coming in to roost. **(Just 5 mins drive from Spurn, HU12 OUB)**



#### Yorkshire Wildlife Trust Paull Holme Strays

During the winter months, thousands of waders descend on the mudflats and saltmarshes of this reserve to feed and roost. **HU12 8AX**



#### Yorkshire Wildlife Trust North Cave Wetlands

Just minutes from the A63 to Hull, this former quarry is a winter wildfowl wonder – all viewable from several accessible hides and platforms. **HU15 2LY**

Check out the [ywt.org.uk](http://ywt.org.uk) for special events throughout the winter.



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## Winged Winter Wonderland

As it gets colder, the wildlife activity on the Humber heats up. Make the most of seeing 'mega flocks' all wrapped with local charm.

### A short drive away...



#### Withernsea Wander

Both charming and a little eccentric, enjoy promenade strolls and more lighthouse lookouts in this coastal town with a Hollywood connection!



#### Delve into 'The Deep'

Hull's award winning aquarium complete with sharks, rays and penguins. Journey from tropical lagoons to the depths of the ocean.

HU9 1TU £



#### Visit Little Switzerland

The white chalk cliffs of Humber Bridge Country Park resemble miniature snow covered alps! Guided trails and impressive estuary views await.

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### Day trip adventures...

#### Head to Hornsea

Head north and enjoy the coastal road to Hornsea Mere – Yorkshire's largest freshwater lake and mecca for wintering wildfowl.

(1hr drive from Spurn, HU11 5RJ) £

Hornsea itself has a long golden beach, pretty town centre and marks the eastern end of the Trans Pennine Trail.



Pack a flask and binoculars, ready to settle into the hide.



Look out for whooper swans and goldeneyes as well as the scarcer smew or black-necked grebe.



Hat, scarves and gloves ready – a stroll around the lake is a delight whatever the season.



#### Homeward bound along the Humber

From one corner of the Yorkshire Nature Triangle to another, RSPB Blacktoft Sands is located right at the other end of the Humber Estuary from Spurn. Seasonal spectacles will complete your adventure! (1hr 30mins drive from Spurn, DN14 8HR)



Pack a picnic and fill up the flask. With six viewing hides and a network of walking trails, there's plenty to enjoy.



Watch marsh harriers, merlins and occasional hen harriers gathering to roost; look out on the lagoons for over wintering wildfowl.



Keep your eyes peeled for barn owls often seen hunting in front of the hides.

For further information and more ideas [yorkshirenaturetriangle.org.uk](http://yorkshirenaturetriangle.org.uk)



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