

# Winter

# in the Yorkshire Wolds

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



# Rambles, red kites and R&R

Only just one day to spend in the Wolds? On a crisp winter's day, wrap up warm and get ready to ramble!

# Where to go...

Head to the picturesque villages of Thixendale or Settrington for circular walks which step on to the Wolds Way National Trail. nationaltrail.co.uk



#### Flamborough Settrington Bridlington • Wharram Percy Thixendale Driffield ( Millington Woods Pocklington **Tophill Low** Nature Reserve York and Market Weighton Lower Derwent Valley Beverley • North Cave Wetlands and Spurn

#### What to do...

Binoculars ready... Red kites roost in the Wolds over the winter – look up, they might just swoop overhead! Spot winter flocks of redwing and fieldfare too.

Wolds of art! Robert Fuller is one of the UK's foremost wildlife artists. Head to his gallery and studio in pretty Thixendale. robertfuller.com

Taste of Yorkshire Cosy pubs, real ale and local produce are also on the menu in each village to complete a truly wild day out! visithullandeastyorkshire.com



# Star Species

Extend your trip and make a weekend of it! Adopt a slower pace and include the following over the course of two days...

#### What to do...

**Tophill Low Nature Reserve** See over 50 different species from a cosy hide complete with log burner and hot drinks counter (10 miles from Driffield, YO25 9RH). (2)



#### Gaze and wonder

On a clear night, wrap up warm and head outside to enjoy some dark sky gazing. Enjoy the peace and tranquillity that a Wolds escape brings.

Into the woods today... Millington Woods near Pocklington, are the most botanically rich woodlands in East Yorkshire. Perfect every season! Enjoy circular walks and cosy pubs. YO42 1TZ



# **Wolds Winter Retreat**

Further enjoy the wonder of the Wolds this season and explore historic towns and peaceful countryside that rolls away to the sea.

# A short drive away...

Minster marvels A trip to Yorkshire wouldn't be complete without a visit to the historic centres of Beverley and York especially around Christmas time.

**Perfect Pocklington** From canal-side walks to the grandeur of Burnby Hall Gardens, this market town at the foot of the Wolds is a delight.

**Lower Derwent Valley** As the meadows flood across this National Nature Reserve, the magic starts to happen! A must for brilliant displays of wintering birds. YO19 6AS

# Day trip adventures...

# **Spurn National Nature Reserve**

Journey to Yorkshire's 'Land's End'. This unique landscape with its wide open skies, is even more atmospheric during the winter months. (1 hr 30mins drive from Driffield, HU12 0UH)

Using the Discovery Centre at Yorkshire Wildlife Trust's Spurn National Nature Reserve as a base, you can pack so much wild adventure into one day...



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



Wrap up warm, fill your lungs with fresh air and enjoy the views on foot or aboard a Spurn Safari. 🖲



Warm up with hot chocolate and tasty treats at the Discovery Centre cafe.





#### Head to the coast...

Bracing walks and crashing waves are always in store on the Yorkshire coast. Get ready to blow the cobwebs away and look out for owls day or night.

Start your day in the village of Flamborough for an exhilarating clifftop hike or beachcombing stroll. (40 mins drive from Driffield)

Visit YWT Living Seas Centre for news of the latest wildlife sightings maybe add one or two yourself! **YO15 1AE** 

At RSPB Bempton Cliffs look out for short-eared owls hunting in the fields and gannets from late January... **YO15 1JF** 

Head into Bridlington for fish and chips fresh, salty air and a sea view make them extra tasty!

For further information and more ideas ywt.org.uk/wild-guides











