

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. Further information can be found at the National Trust Horsey Staithe car park.

Pre-book limited winter angling permits for Horsey Mere subject to conditions. Contact: The Bailiff, The Old Farmhouse, Horsey, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk NR29 4EF

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 web based information:
www.norfolkanglers.com/Hickling

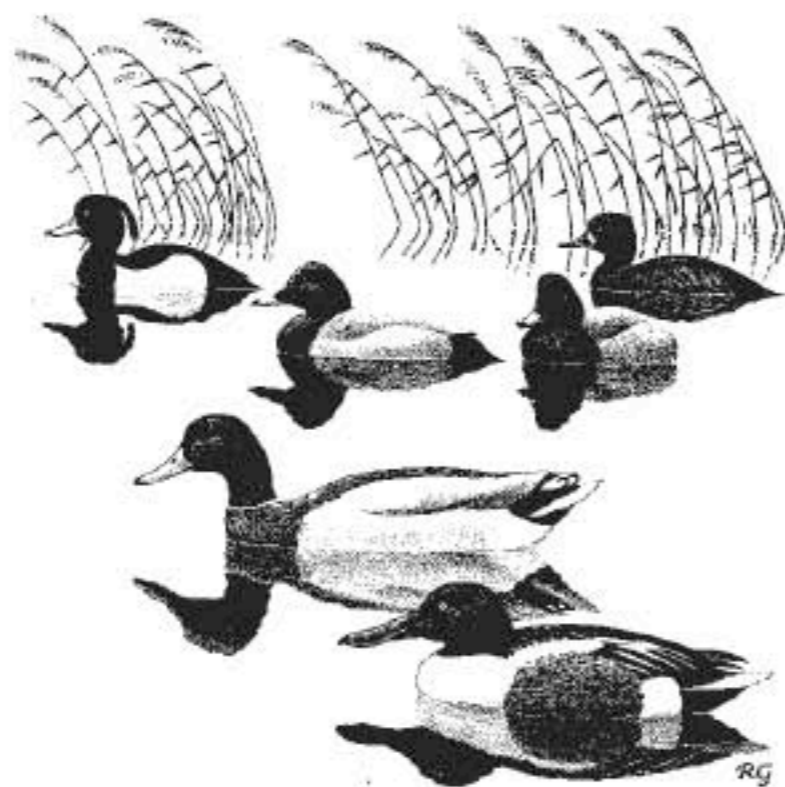
Information pack

Includes the background to the need for refuges, the legislation, operational and enforcement procedures.

Please write for "Upper Thurne Winter Waterfowl Pack" from either:

Broads Authority
18 Colegate, Norwich NR3 1BQ
or:

English Nature
60 Bracondale, Norwich NR1 2BE



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 English Nature, 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



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.

