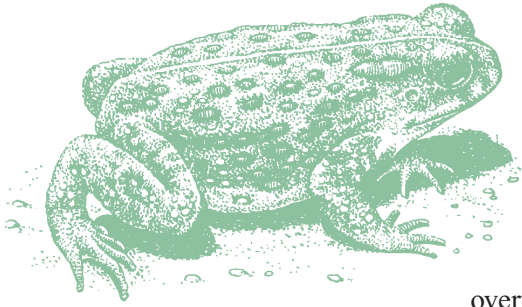


# Winterton Dunes National Nature Reserve

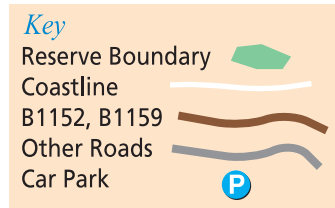


natterjack toad

Winterton Dunes, which is 108 ha in size, is an extensive dune system situated on the east coast of Norfolk to the north of Winterton-on-Sea. The NNR is part of the Winterton-Horsey Dunes SSSI and is privately owned but managed by English Nature.

The site is unusual in that it shows greater ecological similarities to the dune systems of the Baltic in supporting acidic plant communities, than the geographically closer dunes within

the North Norfolk Coast SSSI where the sand is calcareous. The site supports well-developed areas of dune heath, 'slacks' and dune grassland which grade into grazing marsh and birch woodland. A wide range of both breeding and overwintering birds occurs, including little terns on the foreshore, while the areas of scrub attract passage migrants. Natterjack toads breed in shallow pools behind the main dune ridge.



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## Fact File

### LOCATION

TG495205, 1 km north of Winterton-on-Sea. Landranger 134.

### HABITATS

Sand dunes, dune heath, dune 'slacks', dune grassland, beach.

### SPECIES

Dune flora, raptors, nightjar, natterjack toads, breeding and overwintering birds.

### ACCESS

Via public footpath.

### CAR PARKING

Beach car park at Winterton village to the south of the reserve.



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### Management

Grazing by rabbits maintains the open dune heath, while invasive rhododendron and birch scrub are removed.