

NORTHAMPTON WASHLANDS

The start of the Upper Nene Valley Gravel Pits Special Protection Area
Important access information



The Upper Nene Valley Gravel Pits is of international importance for 20,000 over-wintering birds, and its populations of gadwall, golden plover and bittern, with over 2000 golden plover visiting the site. In 2011 it gained international recognition through designation as a Special Protection Area (SPA) under the EU Birds Directive. Northampton Washlands is one of the most important sites supporting more birds than any other in the SPA.



UPPER NENE VALLEY GRAVEL PITS SPECIAL PROTECTION AREA:

This is an internationally important site for birds

To prevent disturbance to birds and sheep please

- Stay on the path at the top of the bank
- Do not enter the basin
- Keep dogs on leads at all times

Birds of Northampton Washlands



Wigeon



Pochard



Lapwing



Tufted Duck



Great Crested Grebe



Coot



Mute Swan



Golden Plover

Natural England is here to conserve and enhance the natural environment, for its intrinsic value, the wellbeing and enjoyment of people and the economic prosperity that it brings.

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