



WOOLSTON EYES No.4 BED ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS

No.4 bed at Woolston Eyes is one of four such beds, created by the Manchester Ship Canal Co. (MSCCo) for the depositing of dredgings from the Ship Canal. The whole of the bed is **strictly private** and access to the non-operational part of the site is by permit only.

For over forty years the Woolston Eyes Conservation Group (WECG) has been managing No.3 bed and part of No.4 bed (known as the Loop) for the benefit of birds and other wildlife. As a result of this all the deposit grounds are now collectively registered as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and as such, are legally protected from disturbance or damage.

In 2019 WECG, in collaboration with partners from MSCCo, RSPB, Natural England (NE) and the Carbon Landscape, raised £650,000 to create a large new wetland nature reserve on No.4 bed. Construction is now complete and the wetland is already attracting significant numbers of birds, many of which are vulnerable to disturbance.

It is a requirement of the MSCCo that access will be via the existing permit system, which is operated by WECG – see reverse of this leaflet for how you can obtain a permit and other helpful information.

The map in this leaflet shows the route for permit holders, which provides excellent views over the new wetland, as well as access to a small hide over-looking the Loop. From the Canal track to the Loop Hide is roughly 1.5 miles and it is a pleasant walk, with plenty to see, though the path can be muddy in wet weather. The path continues to the Platform but please note this path is heavily rutted and in wet weather can be flooded. Please take extra care on this section; wellington boots are advised in wet conditions.

FURTHER INFORMATION

We hope that people will assist us in keeping the wetland safe for its wildlife by adhering to a few basic rules.

1. Please keep to the path marked on the map and do not go on to the wetland bunds.
2. Please keep all dogs on leads.
3. Please follow any instructions given to you by an accredited warden.
4. Please carry your permit with you when visiting and be prepared to show it to an accredited warden on request.

Permit Applications: please visit our website at www.woolstoneyes.com for details of the application process.

General Queries: will also be answered via the above website, or via our Facebook page at [The Woolston Eyes Nature Reserve | Facebook](#)

Both sites also contain large amounts of information about the Reserve, its history and its wildlife.

We would encourage you to get a permit and come and see the wonderful variety of birds (over 250 species recorded so far) and other wildlife on Nos.3 and 4 beds.

The Woolston Eyes Conservation Group



Path to Loop Hide and Platform.
Please do not climb on or walk along the new bunds