

EXPLORE THE ESTUARY



PEBBLEBED HEATHS
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Visit the new viewing platforms (in any order) to learn more about the Otter Estuary, the newest part of the Pebblebed Heaths National Nature Reserve.

LIME KILN

Mud may seem dull but it is full of life, packed with tiny creatures which in turn become a vital food source for a wide range of birds.

How many worms can be found in a cubic metre of mud?

What is the name of Europe's largest wading bird?

RIVER OTTER

You are standing on an earth embankment built to keep the river from flooding the fields.

When was it built?

Historically the river was deeper and wider which allowed vessels to navigate up river.

Which place could boats reach?

Which bird makes a call like a piglet squealing??

BIG MARSH

Brent Geese visit estuaries in winter to avoid the harsh winter conditions of the arctic. Here they feed before returning to their breeding grounds to mate, lay eggs and raise their young.

Where do Brent Geese nest and how far do they fly to get here?

What could you (or your dog) do to help the birds feeding here?

THE ISLAND

This is a totally new viewpoint on a new footpath across a former landfill tip, which has been protected from erosion and planted with 13,000 trees.

What shelters in the submerged roots of reedbeds and feeds on plants, insects and larvae?

Take a look through a porthole, write down what you can see...

LITTLE MARSH

Sections of the embankment path near here have been lowered to floodplain level. If the river overtops after heavy rainfall, the embankment no longer traps the floodwater and it can drain down through the new creeks and out with the falling tide.

What else was removed nearby to allow the Budleigh Brook to connect naturally with the river floodplain?

CAR PARK VIEWPOINT

Use the guide to measure your wingspan.

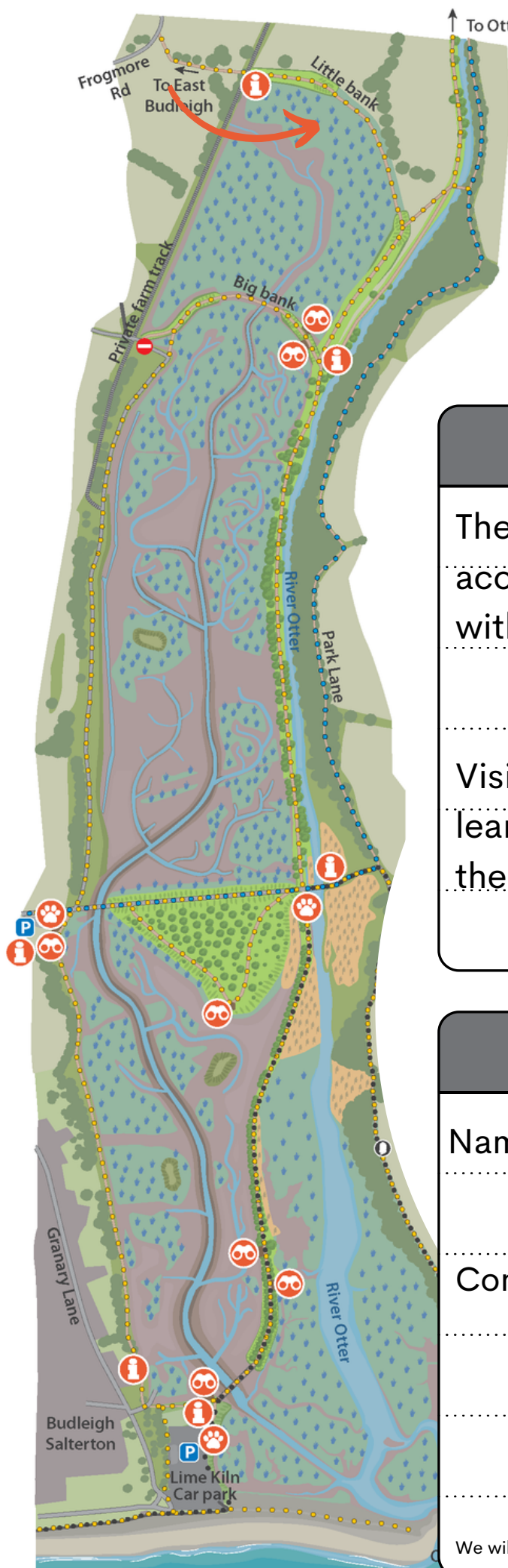
If you were a bird, what would you be?




Drop completed answer sheets back to one of the PHCT team on site Fri/Sat/Sun (or Budleigh Information Centre/East Budleigh Shop) by Monday 19 Feb You'll be entered into a draw for chance to win a wetland themed prize.



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FIND YOUR WAY...

The **viewing platforms** are easily accessible and marked on the map with this symbol. 

Visit each to listen, take a look and learn more about the site ...as you find the answers to all the questions!

ENTER PRIZE DRAW.

Name(s):

Contact phone number/email:

We will only contact you if you have won the draw, not for anything else.