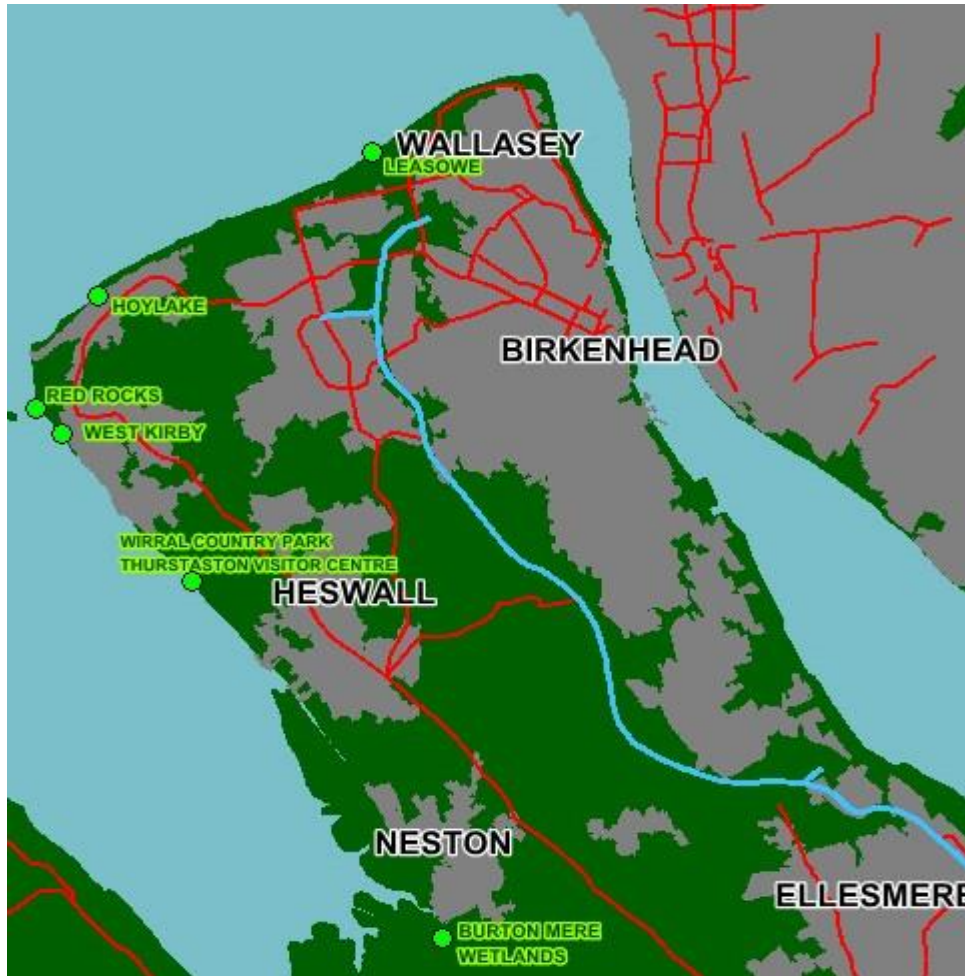




WIRRAL WADER FESTIVAL Sat 1st and Sun 2nd October 2016

Join us for the UK's second wader festival!



Where: Thurstaston Visitor Centre

Time: 10am – 4pm Saturday and Sunday

Parking: Wirral Country Park, Thurstaston CH61 0HN

Where: West Kirby and Red Rocks Nature Reserve

Time: 11am – 2pm Saturday, 11.30am – 2.30pm Sunday

Parking: Dee Lane and along the Promenade (South Parade), West Kirby (CH48 0QG) and Stanley Road, Hoylake (CH47 1HZ)

Where: Hoylake

Time: 11am – 1pm Saturday, 11.30am – 1.30pm Sunday

Parking: Hoylake Promenade, (North Parade) (CH47 3AL)

Where: Leasowe Lighthouse

Time: 1– 5pm Sunday only

Parking: Leasowe Common car park, just past the Lighthouse (CH46 4TA)

Where: RSPB Burton Mere Wetlands

Time: 9.30am-dusk Saturday and Sunday

Parking: on site CH64 5SF



Wirral Country Park, Thurstaston Visitor Centre

Saturday and Sunday 10am – 4pm

Meet Alan Davies and Ruth Miller of *Birdwatching Trips with The Biggest Twitch*

Live art demonstration by Hazel Thompson

Kids' painting competitions – Ages 10 and under and 11-16. Competitions on both days. First prizes: a pair of Opticron binoculars, other prizes for 2nd and 3rd places. Winning entries from both days will be displayed at the North West Birdwatching Festival at Martin Mere.

Art events at Shore Cottage Studio (located on Thurstaston beach). Drop in sessions to make a wader card Saturday and Sunday. £5 fee.

Second-hand wildlife book sale

- Garrick Books
- Ken Mullins Books (Sunday only)

RSPB Optics and pin badges, and Cheshire Wildlife Trust merchandising for sale

Wave Worn Designs. Jewellery made from sea glass by local jewellery maker

Wader exhibit - from the World Museum Liverpool.

Birdwatching Magazine and Wader Quest stands

Crafting for families including a children's wader trail

Collect the letters and win a prize

A series of talks (40-45mins) – limited numbers, tickets available from reception

- Rachel Taylor BTO (Sat, 2pm)
- Wader Quest (Sat, 3pm)
- Matt Thomas – Arctic Dream (Sun 2pm)
- Alan Davies and Ruth Miller (Sun 3pm TBC)

Creatures in the mud - (Sat and Sun 1pm - 3pm) examining the creatures that live within the mud flats.

Raffle - A great variety of prizes to be won.

Films showing all day in the theatre - (when talks are not taking place).

Low tide wader watches: Sat and Sun. The muddy banks of the Dee are good for waders even at low tide. 2pm Sat and 2.30pm Sun



Wirralwaderfestival.blogspot.co.uk

Facebook: [Wirral.Wader.Festival](https://www.facebook.com/Wirral.Wader.Festival)

www.waderquest.org

www.deeestuary.co.uk

West Kirby / Cheshire Wildlife Trust Red Rocks Reserve

Sat 11am – 1pm, Sun 11.30am – 1.30pm

High tide bird watch with the *Dee Estuary Voluntary Wardens* as they protect wader flocks on the beach. You can also learn more about Red Rocks Nature Reserve from the *Cheshire Wildlife Trust*.

Live wader roost webcam in the Wirral Sailing Centre car park, Dee Lane.
- there will be a chance to watch a live wader webcam with images from Little Eye island.

There will be opportunities to brush up on your SLR/bridge camera skills.

Wildlife walk at Red Rocks with *Cheshire Wildlife Trust* (starting at 1.15pm Saturday and 1.45pm Sunday. Meet at Wirral Sailing Centre car park (CH48 0QG).

Hoylake

Sat 11am – 1pm, Sun 11.30am – 1.30pm

High tide bird watch with the *RSPB, Dee Estuary Voluntary Wardens* and *Wirral Rangers*. Meet at the RNL station. Nine species of wader are regularly seen and it's a chance for you to brush up on your identification skills. If you don't have a telescope there will be some provided.

Sunset walk to Hilbre Island

Sat 4-7pm. Booking essential. £3 fee

Join *Wirral Rangers* and *Cheshire Wildlife Trust* on a magical walk to Hilbre Island. Contact wcp@wirral.gov.uk to book and for meeting details.
(Composting toilet available on the Island, no other facilities).

Leasowe Lighthouse

Sun 1-5pm

Guided tours to the top of the lighthouse. Small fee

RSPB Burton Mere Wetlands

Opening hours 9.30am until dusk.

Free entry both days for non-members with a Wirral Wader Festival sticker.

Sun 3pm Wader Identification Workshop