

TOP PICKS

Best spots to visit

See the best of our wetland wildlife

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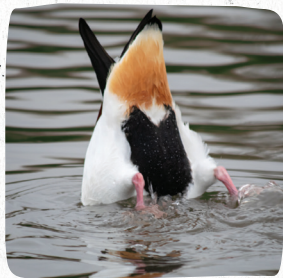
1 Close Encounters

How many different species of birds can you spot on top pond?

Many ducks, geese and swans will tip up and reach under the water for food. Can you spot any birds with their bottoms in the air?

How many different feather colours can you count when looking at the birds?

Which is the smallest bird species and the largest species you can see here?



2 We have Caribbean flamingos here at Llanelli

Look out for them at the Flamingo house.

Spot the grey flamingos; they are young birds.

You can see the birds during good weather; they may be hidden inside on icy or windy days.

There are six species of flamingo in the world, the greater, lesser, Caribbean, Chilean, Andean and James's flamingos.



3 To spot some of our wild birds visit the Observatory

From here you can see a mix of wild ducks, geese, gulls or wading birds depending on the time of the year.

During the spring and summer months, look for our colony of black-headed gulls. They are very noisy as they display, mate and feed young.

Looking out of the large, low windows, what can you see? What is sitting on the water? What is sleeping or preening on the concrete bank close by?



4 Immerse your group in the millennium wetlands

Each season will bring different species;

Spring to summer:

Look out for dragonflies and damselflies on twigs and stems.

Peep through the willow viewing screens.

What can you see or hear?

Listen out for singing reed warblers, blackcaps and chiffchaffs which spend the summer here.



Autumn to winter:

Keep a look out for overwintering ducks such as teal and wigeon, heron's fishing and cormorants drying their wings

5 If you have booked the Pond zone,

this is the place to explore our ponds and discover real and amazing underwater life.

6 To burn off extra energy and get physical,

visit our play areas at Flamingo bay, Explore or Water vole city.



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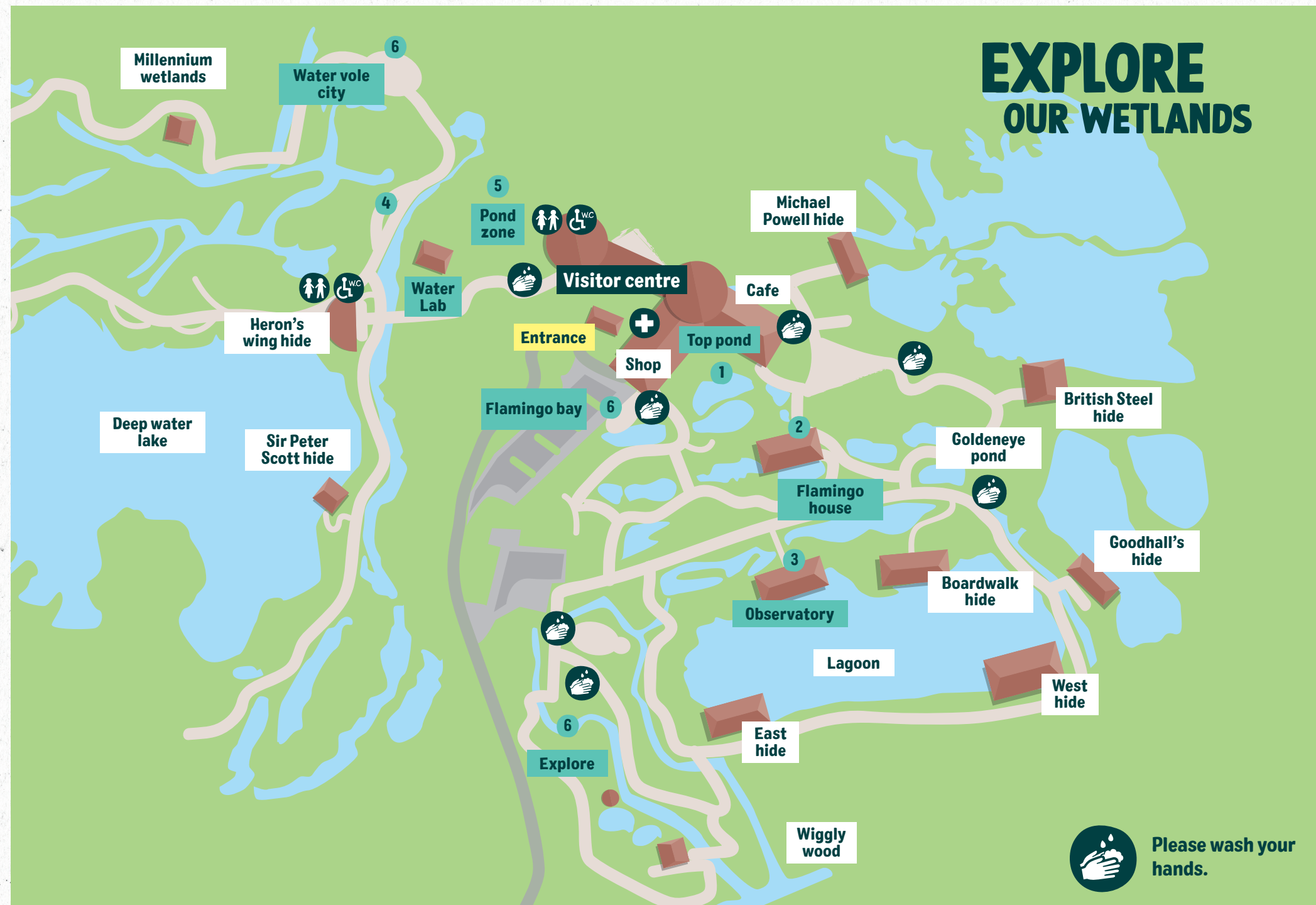
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MAP AND GUIDE

For schools and learning groups



Llanelli
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Answers to questions pupils love to ask

How many birds do you have?

We have 345 birds of 51 species in our collection. And throughout the year thousands of wild ducks, geese, waders and gulls visit Llanelli.

Why is that bird standing on one leg?

It is easier for a bird to stand on one leg than two. During cold weather tucking a leg up helps them to keep warm.

Why are flamingos pink?

Flamingos eat shrimps that contain pink chemicals which turn their feathers pink. They use the colour to display and show off to each other.

What do ducks eat?

They eat a variety of different foods. Some eat plants while others eat small animals such as fish, or insects living at the bottom of a pond.

Why do these geese and swans hiss?

By hissing, geese and swans are telling you that you've gone a little too close for their liking, or that they are protecting their young.

Where have the birds come from?

Our collection of birds have come from all around the world. Our wild birds come both from the local area and further afield. For example, black-headed gulls visit from Poland, wigeon from Iceland and tufted ducks from Russia.