

## **How to get there -**

The best way to get to the reserve is by public transport:

- The trentbarton V3 bus between Derby and Burton passes the entrance to the reserve- get off at the Willington Road stop and walk down the track to the entrance
- Willington train station is on the line between Derby and Burton. There are hourly services stopping at Willington from both Derby and Burton with Cross Country trains, as well as trains from further afield locations such as Nottingham and Birmingham. There is a 10 minute walk from the station to the reserve.

There is a small public car park in the village of Willington, from which there is a 10-15 minute walk to the reserve. Please use this car park, rather than parking on residential streets.

There is no official parking at the reserve. Please keep the track between the road and entrance to the reserve clear, it is in 24 hour use for access for livestock and neighbouring landowners.

## **Access on the site -**

Enter the new beaver enclosure through the gate at the entrance to the reserve. There is no circular walk around the reserve, but the track takes you to three viewing platforms and one hide- we don't yet know where the beavers will set up their home, so explore the different viewing locations and see what you can spot.

## **Beaver spotting tips -**

Beavers can be very secretive animals, so to increase your chances of being lucky enough to see one try the following tips:

- Listen and watch for signs- beavers can be quite noisy when eating and swimming nearby, and they also change their habitat to suit them, so look for signs of beaver activity and watch these areas closely.
- Bring binoculars- the enclosure is very large to give the beavers plenty of space, so having a pair of binoculars might help you spot them if they are further away.
- Beavers are crepuscular, which means they are most active around dawn and dusk, so try visiting early or late in the day
- Be patient- bring warm clothing and find a comfortable spot to wait quietly. Enjoy the peace and quiet and keep an eye out for the other wildlife that can be found on the reserve. It may take multiple visits to see the beavers.