

County: Humberside

Site Name: Haxey Turbary

Status: Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) notified under Section 28 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981

Local Planning Authority: Boothferry Borough Council

National Grid Reference: SE 748018 and 754017

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 112 **1:10,000:** SE 70 SW, SE

Area: 14.4 (ha) 35.6 (ac)

First Notified: 1951*

Date of Revision: 1985

Description:

Like the complementary site at Epworth, this is a relict bog which was formerly extensively dug for peat. It is now largely colonised by birch woodland with a ground flora of bracken *Pteridium aquilinum*, *Dryopteris* ferns and honeysuckle *Lonicera periclymenum*.

Areas of open wet heathland have been retained within the reserve by management. These are dominated by purple moor-grass *Molinia caerulea*, with cross-leaved heath *Erica tetralix*, while in the depressions which mark the sites of old peat cuttings, there are patches of *Sphagnum* mosses.

The site is particularly valued for the occurrence of saw-sedge *Cladium mariscus* and royal fern *Osmunda regalis*. Other fen species include common reed *Phragmites australis* and yellow loosestrife *Lysimachia vulgaris*.

Breeding bird species include grasshopper warbler and nightingale.

Other Information:

1. During the 1985 revision, the area has been extended.
2. Part of the site is managed as a nature reserve by the Lincolnshire and South Humberside Trust for Nature Conservation.

* Under Section 23 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act, 1949.