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Holburn Moss

Access/entrances:

The main entrance to the reserve is via the St. Cuthbert's Cave car park in Holburn Grange (NU051351). A wide grass track (more than 2m wide) leads uphill for 400m to a 5-bar gate and stile, where an 'Access Land' sign indicates the entrance to the reserve.

A second access point is to the east of Holburn village, via a metal 5-bar gate which gives access along a public bridleway (NU046361) into the reserve.

A number of other entrances are available to the reserve: at NU059350 there is a 5-bar gate and stile from St. Cuthbert's Cave; at NU060353 there is a 5-bar gate on St. Cuthbert's Way, which enters the south east corner of the reserve; at NU057360 a 5-bar gate at the end of a rough track gives access from the peat workings to the east; and at NU047365 a 5-bar gate gives access from the public bridleway running around the western edge of the reserve.

Terrain:

The terrain is varied throughout the reserve. Along the public bridleway, which runs through the southern edge from Holburn to St. Cuthbert's Cave, the ground is generally level enough to allow access, although can be wet. The permissive footpath leading over Greenshaw Hill is narrow and rocky over the summit, wider but often boggy on the lower slopes. Off the footpaths, the terrain is a very rough mix of heather and boulders.

Paths:

A network of public footpaths and bridleways run around the edge of the reserve, including the route from Holburn Village and Holburn Grange to St. Cuthbert's Cave, and a section of St. Cuthbert's Way. These paths vary in width and can be very wet and boggy in places.

Facilities:

None



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