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Wicken Fen

Vision

Creating a 53 square kilometre
landscape for wildlife and
people in Cambridgeshire

Why do we need the Wicken Fen Vision?

Climate
change



Peat loss and
declining soil health



Biodiversity
in decline



Visitor pressure on
fragile sites



Growing populations
need greenspace



But there are also opportunities...

Only 1.6% of England is covered by fen but it is home to 27% of the UK's rarest species.

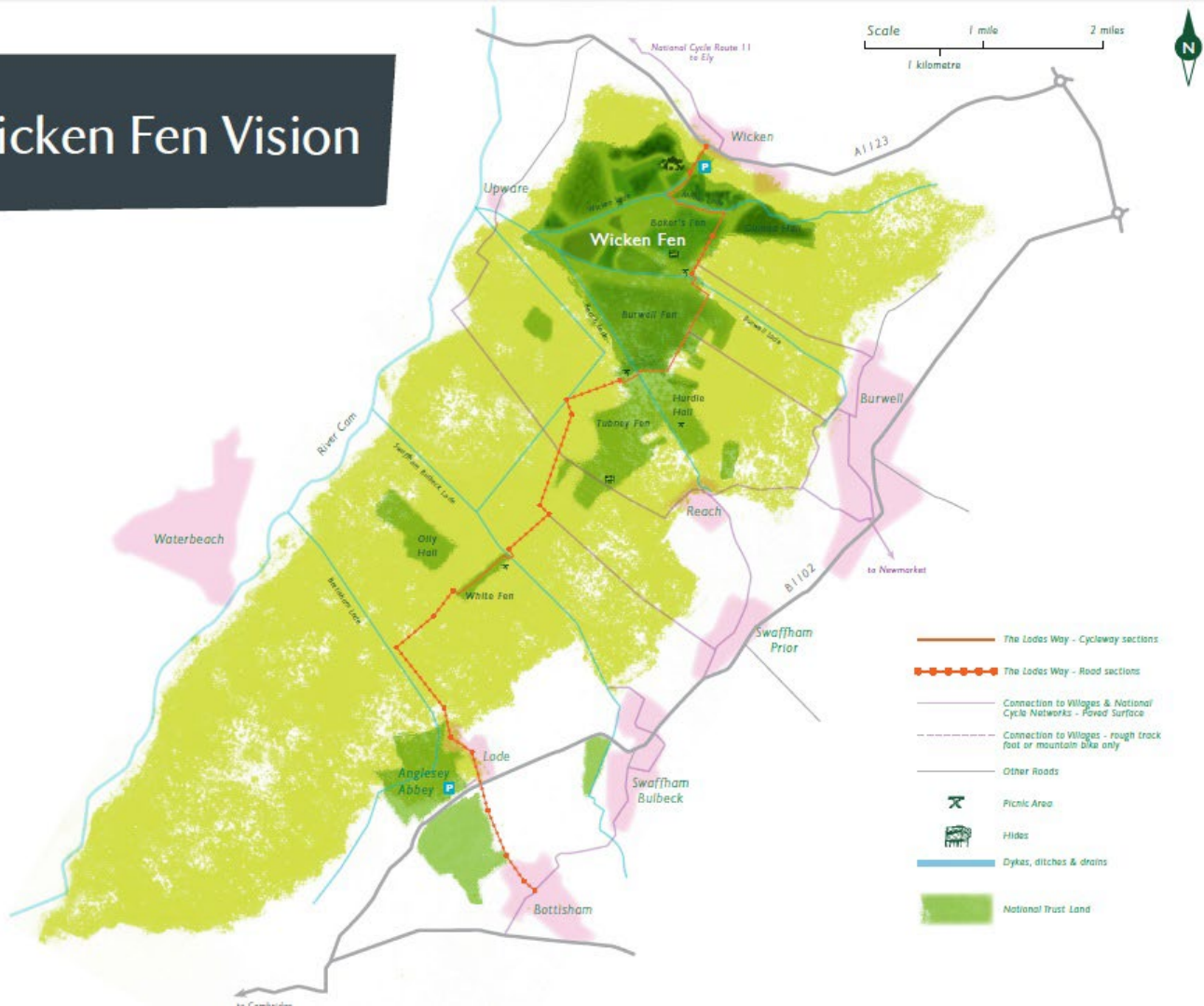
Fens for the Future Partnership

Active partners with a vision to double land managed for nature in Cambridgeshire by 2050.

Natural Cambridgeshire

Local academic, conservation & business community alert to the need for action on our doorstep.

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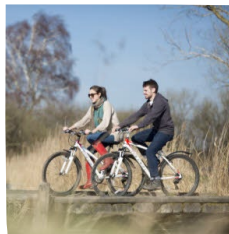
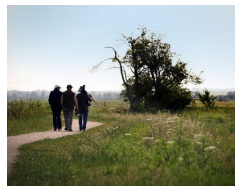
The first 20 years...

Doubled size of nature reserve:
400 Ha new priority habitat.

Species returned: cranes, otters,
water voles, dragonflies, dung
beetles.

48km new and improved access.
Cycle hire, boat trips and
camping.
Over 1 million visitors.

Soil carbon emissions reduced by
80%. Rate of peat loss slowed.



...the future plan

Partnerships with landowners
and tenants to increase space for
nature on their land.

Increase diversity and access,
benefitting local communities.

Monitor, research, learn and
share knowledge.

Support a sustainable economy.

Climate action.

Wicken Fen Nature Reserve

Footprints: community engagement project



- Connect fen edge communities with their local heritage
- Provide activities that move, teach and inspire
- Make new partnerships with local organisations
- Engage local people with the fen landscape around them and encourage them to become part of its story and future
- Engender support for the Wicken Fen Vision

What can you do?

- Include the Vision in parish neighbourhood plans
- Ask about National Trust support in managing land or connecting with others
- Connect with Footprints, our Community Engagement Project
- Speak to us about project opportunities such as Reach 24 or co-farm initiatives
- Attend our Community Liaison Forum
- Use Natural Cambridgeshire's Nature Recovery Toolkit





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Thank you for listening.

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