

Naze Geology

The Naze is so much more than striking seascapes and landscapes, it is a unique coastal landscape of outstanding geological and biological importance

Most geological sites are either too specialist or too subtle to be easily understood, the Naze is one of the exceptions. Fossilised sharks teeth, shells and wood are found daily on the beach. Fossil discoveries from here shaped the global understanding of bird evolution and the cliffs are designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest accordingly.

The Naze is a site where coastal change is clearly seen and easily understood. This is a huge issue for Essex and its coastal communities and the challenge is easily grasped at the Naze. The soft crumbling cliffs are actively eroding through a combination of rotational slumping and wave action.



Insects of the Naze

A great place to find insects, these creatures often go unnoticed or dismissed as 'creepy crawlies,' but they are vital for all wildlife - fuelling food chains in the countryside, being eaten by birds, small mammals, reptiles and amphibians.



The Reed Warbler builds its nest between two reeds

Naze Wildlife

The Naze is a place where wildlife thrives, from obscure insects living in the soft cliffs to the familiar barn owl hunting over the grassland, The Naze is an excellent site to explore the natural world. It is home to a small number of locally and nationally rare plants and is an important site for migrating birds to rest and feed.

The Naze is the perfect place to get an introduction to marine wildlife, such as harbour porpoise out to sea, and creatures exposed by retreating tides.

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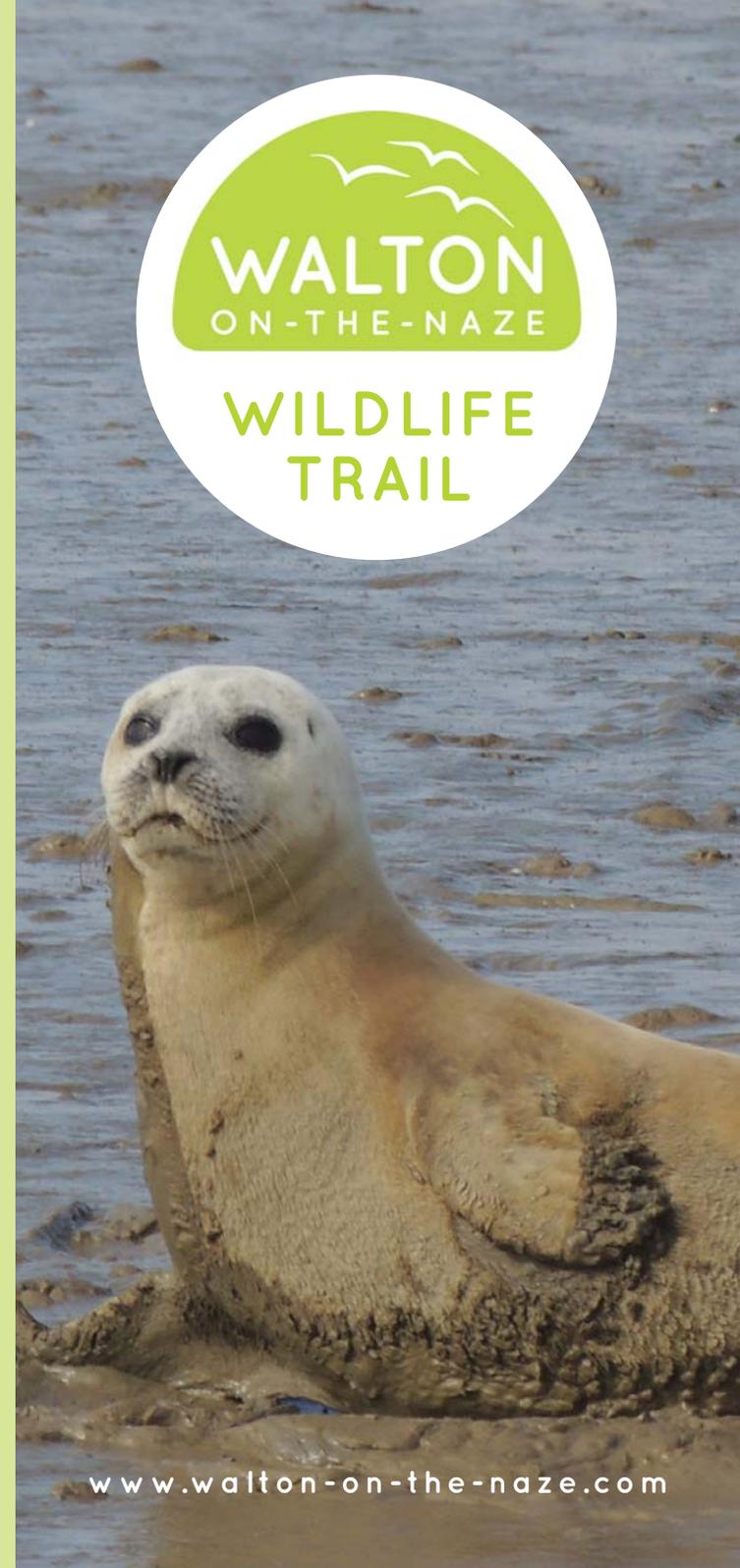
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