

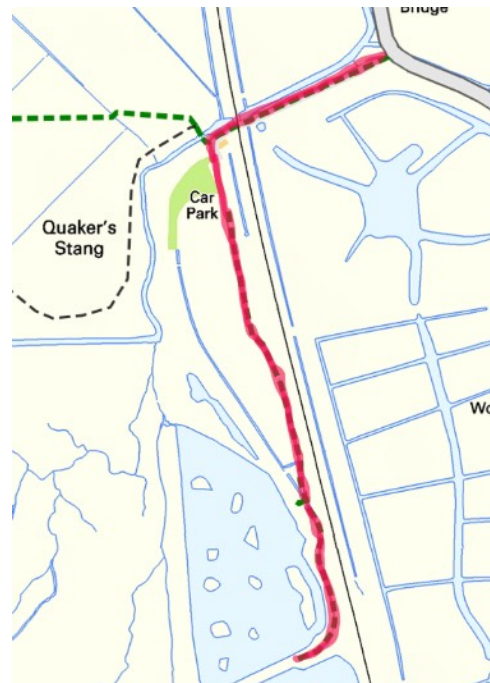
Leighton Moss Marsh Hides SD4773

Recorder: Peter Tilley

Leighton Moss was farmed for hundreds of years. Great efforts were made to drain the land to make it more productive. Every time sooner or later the dykes and embankments, pumps and sluices failed and the land reverted to marsh and open water.

In 1981 the RSPB bought 141 acres of saltmarsh to add to their reserve. Two large pools were dredged and over time a car park and a path to two hides were put in. The first Eric Morecambe hide was opened in 1986.

The whole area is managed by sluices and dykes which control the water levels. The area monitored by this survey is the narrow strip of land along the track from the road bridge to the car park and then on to Eric Morcambe Hide shown in red. Once again only things that can be seen without leaving the footpath or hides are to be monitored.



Path by Allan Hide



Pool by railway bridge



Path from car park. The field on the right was ploughed and sowed with a bird seed mix about 10 years ago but has since reverted to rushes



Track from car park to road. The track is regularly resurfaced.

A real mixture of habitats. So far we have 98 species listed by our recorders.

species listed in 2023 and 2024

Taxa	Common Name	2023	2024	taxa	common name	2023	2024
Alisma plantago-aquatica	Common Water-plantain		2024A K	Leucanthemum vulgare	Ox-eye daisy		2024
Alliaria petiolata	Garlic Mustard		2024A K	Lythrum salicaria	Purple Loosestrife		2024

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Allium scorodoprasum	Sand Leek	2023 AK		Medicago lupulina	Black Medick		2024
Allium ursinum	Wild garlic		2024	Myosotis arvensis	Field forget-me-not	2023	2024
Alnus glutinosa	Alder		2024	Odontites vernus	Red Bartsia		2024
Anthoxanthum odoratum	Sweet vernal grass		2024	Oenanthe crocata	Hemlock waterdropwort	2023	2024
Anthriscus sylvestris	Cow Parsley	2023	2024	Phleum pratense	Timothy		2024
Arctium minus	Lesser Burdock		2024	Phragmites australis	Common Reed	2023	2024
Arrhenatherum elatus	False oat grass	2023	2024	Plantago lanceolata	Ribwort Plantain	2023	2024
Arum maculatum	Lords and Ladies		2024	Plantago major	Greater Plantain		2024
Asplenium adiantum-nigrum	Black Spleenwort	2023 AK	2024	Poa annua	Annual meadow grass	2023	2024
Asplenium scolopendrium	Harts tongue fern		2024	Poa pratensis	Smooth meadowgrass		2024
Asplenium trichomanes	Maidenhair spleenwort		2024	Poa trivialis	Rough meadow grass		2024
Bellis perennis	Daisy		2024	Polypodium vulgare	Common polypody		2024
Berula erecta	Water Parsnip		2024	Potentilla anserina	Silverweed	2023	2024
Betula pendula	Silver Birch		2024	Prunus spinosa	Blackthorn		2024
Brassica rapa	Field mustard	2023	2024	Ranunculus acris	Meadow buttercup	2023	2024
Bromus sterilis	Barren brome		2024	Raphanus raphanistrum	Wild Radish		2024
Cardamine pratensis	Cuckoo flower	2023	2024	Rosa canina	Dog rose		2024
Carex otrubae	False fox sedge		2024	Rubus fruticosus	Bramble	2023	2024
Carex pendula	Pendulous Sedge		2024	Rumex acetosa	Common sorrel	2023	
Centaurea nigra	Black Knapweed		2024	Rumex crispus	Curled dock	2023	2024
Cerastium fontanum	Common chickweed		2024	Salix fragilis	Crack Willow	2023	2024
Circaea lutetiana	Broad leaved enchanters nightshade		2024	Sambucus nigra	Elder	2023	2024
Cirsium arvense	Field Thistle		2024	Saxifragia tridactylites	Rue leafed saxifrage		2024
Cirsium palustre	Spear Thistle	2023	2024	Senecio jacobaea	Ragwort		2024
Cirsium palustre	Marsh Thistle		2024A K	Smyrnum olusatrum	Alexanders		2024
Convolvulus arvensis	Field Bindweed	2023	2024	Solanum dulcamara	Bittersweet		2024
Corylus avellana	Hazel		2024	Sonchus arvensis	Perennial Sowthistle	2023	2024
Crataegus monogyna	Hawthorn	2023	2024	Sonchus asper	Prickly Sowthistle	2023	2024

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Cruciata laevipes	Crosswort		2024	Sparganium erectum	Branched Bur Reed		2024A K
Dactylis glomerata	Cock'sfoot		2024	Stachys palustris	Marsh Woundwort		2024
Dryopteris felix-mas	Common male fern		2024	Stachys sylvatica	Hedge Woundwort		2024
Epilobium hirsutum	Great Willowherb	2023	2024	Stellaria media	Common chickweed		2024
Eupatorium cannabinum	Hemp Agrimony		2024	Taraxacum palustria	Marsh Dandelion		2024
Filipendula ulmaria	Meadowsweet	2023	2024	Taraxacum vulgare	Dandelion		2024
Galeopsis Tetrahit	Common Hempnettle	2023		Thalictrum flavum	Common meadow rue	2023	2024
Galium aparine	Cleavers	2023	2024	Tomilis japonica	Hedge Parsley		2024
Geranium lucidum	Shining Cranesbill		2024	Trifolium pratense	Red Clover	2023	2024
Geranium pratense	meadow cranesbill	2023	2024	Trifolium repens	White Clover	2023	2024
Geranium robertianum	Herb Robert		2024	Trills japonica	Hedge Parsley		2024
Hedera helix	Ivy		2024	Tussilago farfara	Coltsfoot	2023	
Heracleum sphondylium	Hogweed	2023	2024	Typha latifolia	Bulrush		2024
Hippuris vulgaris	Marestail	2023	2024	Ulex europeaus	Gorse		2024
Holcus lanatus	Yorkshire fog		2024	Urtica dioica	Stinging nettle	2023	2024
Impatiens glanddulfifera	Himalayan balsam		2024	Valeriana locusta	Corn salad		2024
Iris pseudacorus	Yellow Flag	2023	2024	Vicia cracca	Tufted vetch		2024
Juncus effusus	Soft Rush		2024	Vicia sativa	Common vetch	2023	2024
Lapsana communis	Nipplewort	2023					
Lathrymus pratensis	Meadow vetchling		2024				