



# Spring highlights

**Brimstones** are among the first butterflies to appear on warm days in early spring.

*Steve Day / WWT*



**Coots** are quarrelsome waterbirds that nest in overhanging branches at the water's edge.

*Dave & Tina Townend*

Look out for pairs of **great crested grebes** performing complex courting rituals in March.

*Dave & Tina Townend*



**Mute swans** are present all year, but look out for their cygnets between March and June.

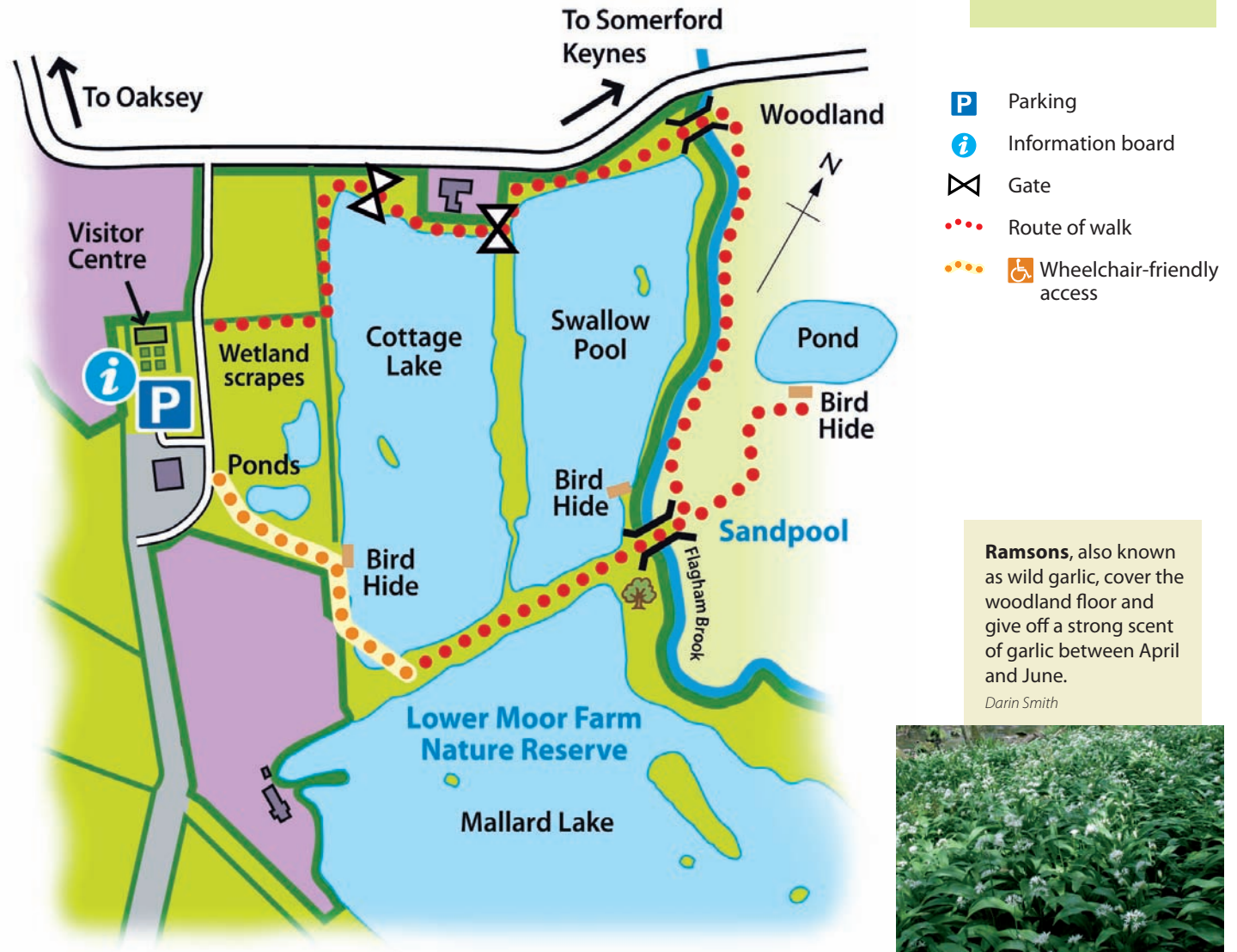
*Mike Roberts*



Grass snakes can be up to 1m in length and enjoy basking in the sun.

Don't worry, they aren't venomous and will disappear before you even know they are there!

*Darin Smith*



**Ramsons**, also known as wild garlic, cover the woodland floor and give off a strong scent of garlic between April and June.

*Darin Smith*

