A WORKING FARM and NATURE RESERVE

Cattle and sheep grazed pasture and hay meadow make up part of one of England’s largest organic farms. Please keep dogs on a lead at all times as this is a working farm.

STAGSKE MEADOWS

Here we combine traditional hay meadow management with a network of small wetlands. Lapwing, curlew, snipe and redshank all nest here. View from near to the cattle pens or from Stagske Cottages.

MOORLAND TRAILS - AND BIRDS OF PREY

The longer trail takes you onto the moorland. Kestrel and buzzard are common, but watch out for peregrine, merlin, short-eared owl and if you are very lucky, hen harrier.

BRUTHWAIT WOODLAND

Black grouse need a rich habitat. Woodland is one aspect - tree buds provide winter food and woodland edge gives cover. Heather, berries, cotton grass, undisturbed feeding areas, and insect-rich habitat for chicks are all needed. Black grouse can be seen to symbolise diversity - a place with black grouse is a place with room for wildlife.

STAGSKE MEADOWS

A viewpoint allows you to watch the Tarn without disturbing the birds. Autumn and winter are especially good for seeing a range of wildfowl.

STAGSKE COTTAGES

Here you can take a break on your walk at the Interpretation Point and learn about the history and management of the reserve. Vehicle access to this point is restricted to pre-arranged visits, to keep the peace and quiet for your enjoyment.