

Coatham Dunes

The sandy beach from South Gare to Saltburn was so long and flat in the 1920's that several attempts at the world speed record were held here. The large dunes have built up more recently...and yes, there once was a rabbit warren at Warrenby.

^(N) Kidney vetch: an extraordinary sight...so many yellow flowers stretching into the distance, but only on the second dune in from the beach. Late June

^(G) Garden parsley: greeny-yellow flowers scattered across the dunes. July/August

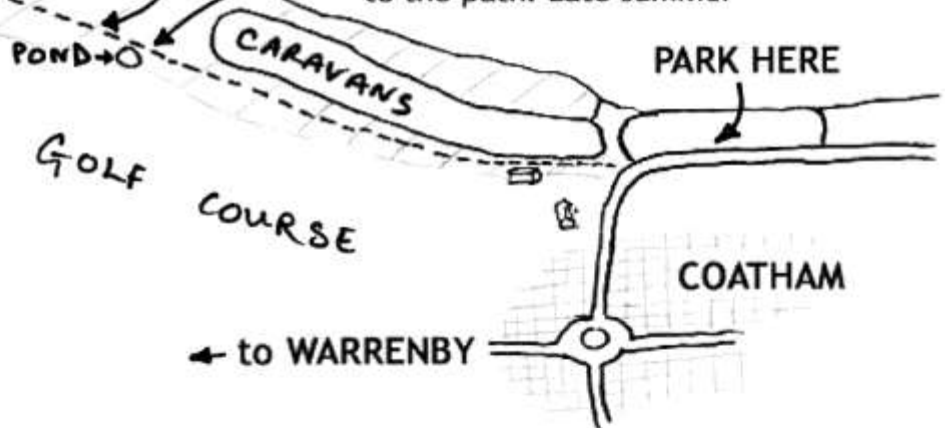
^(A) Hoary cress: foamy-white honey-scented flowers with just a hint of cabbage. July

^(A) Chicory: sky-blue, a few next to the path. Late summer

^(N) Northern marsh-orchid: deep purple spikes scattered all along the damp grassland between the dunes and golf course & then towards South Gare in their hundreds. June
 You should also be able to find the little umbrella leaves of marsh pennywort growing nearby.

^(A) Sainfoin: just a few plants of this very attractive pink pea-flowered species growing in the grass next to the path. You can't miss it when it's flowering.

- ^(N) Native
- ^(A) Alien - naturalized
- ^(G) Garden escape



Finding your Way: From the car park, take the path which runs between the caravan park and the golf course; at the start it is a proper track and then becomes a well-trodden grassy path. Sand dunes all look pretty much the same, but the pond is easy to find (it is a little way off the path) and then look out for the big gap in the sand dunes when you can see through to the sea (which always takes ages to get to, but is not that far really) to orientate yourself.

