Thames Wallingford to Goring CTA (Conservation Target Area)
The floodplain of the Thames between Wallingford and Goring.

Joint Character Area: Thames and Avon Vales

Landscape type: River Meadowlands

Geology: Alluvium

Topography: Flat riverside land.

Area of CTA: 183 hectares

Biodiversity:
- Fen, swamp and reedbed. South Stoke Marsh. A very important site for birds and invertebrates and the largest area of wetland along the Thames in Oxfordshire. There is also extensive swamp habitat at Cholsey Marsh.
- Wet Woodland: A number of small areas of wet woodland, some on islands in the Thames, that support populations of Lodden lily.
- Wet grassland. There are a few wet meadow sites including Cholsey Marsh and fields near Wallingford.

Access: Thames path, Cholsey Marsh Nature Reserve

Archaeology:

Oxfordshire Biodiversity Action Plan Targets associated with this CTA:

1. Lowland fen, reedbed (and swamp) – management¹.
2. Wet woodland - management.
3. Floodplain grazing marsh – management (and there may be potential to extend the area).

¹ “Management” implies both maintaining the quantity, and maintaining and improving the quality of existing BAP habitat and incorporates the following target definitions: “Maintaining extent” and “Achieving Condition”.
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