

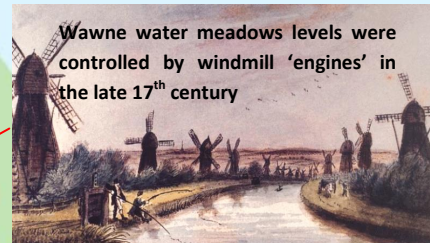
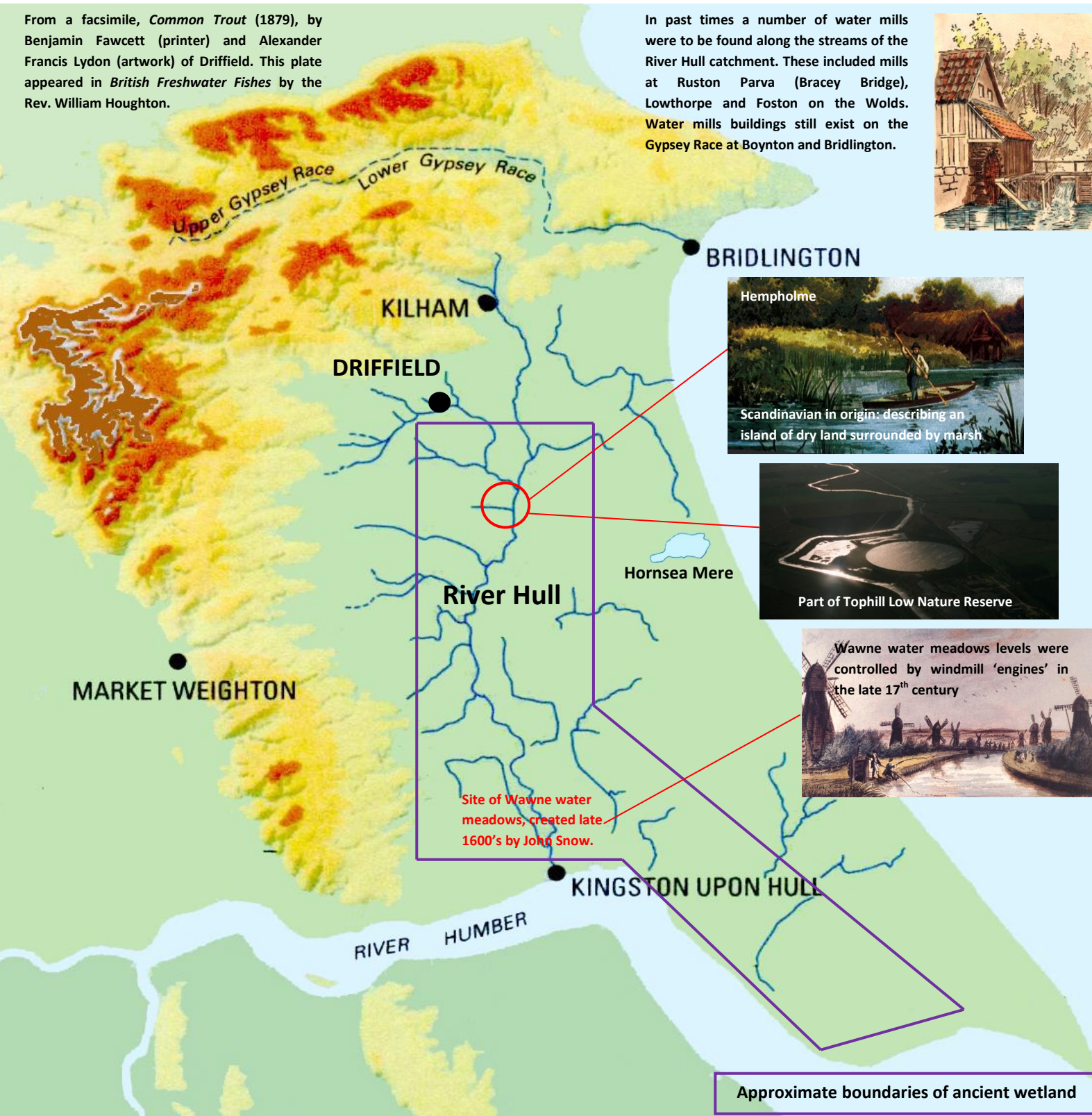


# The River Hull Catchment



From a facsimile, *Common Trout* (1879), by Benjamin Fawcett (printer) and Alexander Francis Lydon (artwork) of Driffield. This plate appeared in *British Freshwater Fishes* by the Rev. William Houghton.

In past times a number of water mills were to be found along the streams of the River Hull catchment. These included mills at Ruston Parva (Bracey Bridge), Lowthorpe and Foston on the Wolds. Water mills buildings still exist on the Gypsey Race at Boynton and Bridlington.



Site of Wawne water meadows, created late 1600's by John Snow.

The Chalk Wolds of East Yorkshire are the source of spring fed streams, or becks, that make up the River Hull catchment, forming perhaps the most northerly region of European chalk streams. These chalk streams provide important corridors for wildlife and the major water courses are designated SSSI's. Separate to the River Hull system is the Gypsey Race, the most northerly winterbourne chalk stream in the East Riding of Yorkshire. Pre-history, the Gypsey Race possibly linked to the River Hull system at Kilham but its course may have been later blocked by glacier action. It now discharges into the North Sea at Bridlington Harbour.