

# Brinkburn Local Nature Reserve

## Route 12 - 45 Minutes / 1.4 Miles

A short pleasant walk around the tranquil, tree lined Local Nature Reserve.

### About the route

A wet woodland and pond within this small Local Nature Reserve provide a tranquil environment for the route, which is located in the Brinkburn area.

This is an easily accessible, flat, gentle walk around a tree lined path.



### Walking instructions

Start on Faverdale Black Path on West Auckland Road. You can also access from Hartington Way & Honeypot Lane.

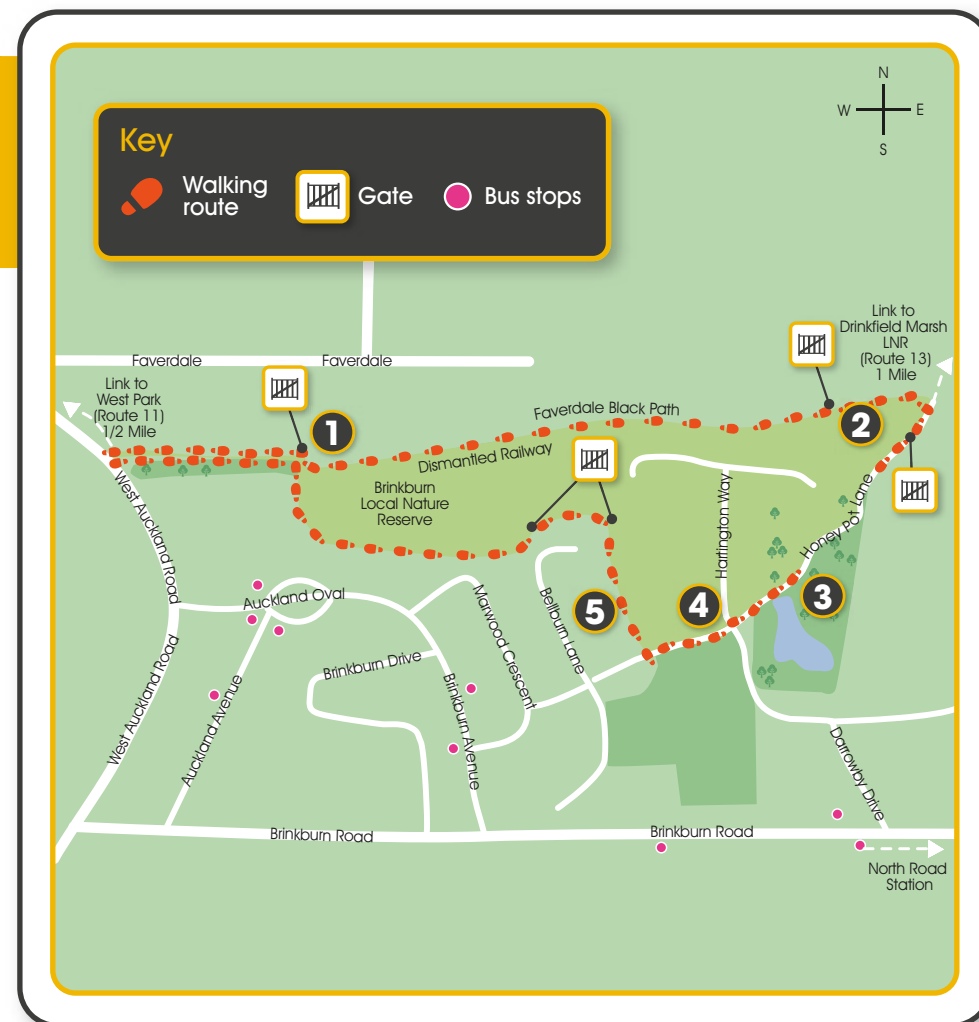
- 1 Walk along the Black Path.
- 2 Turn right just before Honeypot Lane.
- 3 Take the footbridge over the small ponds. Continue to pass the main Brinkburn Pond.
- 4 Cross Hartington Way to the rough track opposite.
- 5 Before Bellburn Lane turn right and follow the track back to the Black Path returning to the start.

### Things to see

The nature reserve is surrounded by trees such as Oak, Ash, Alder and Hazel.

Wildlife includes Great Crested Newts, Bats and Dragonflies which can be seen hovering over the ponds. Look out for water birds such as Coots, Swans and Mallards.

Around the pond there are numerous fishing and viewing platforms which provide an excellent spot to watch the water birds rearing their young in spring. You may also see bird and bat boxes installed in the trees.



### Health & safety

Wear appropriate clothing and footwear for the weather.

Be careful near ponds and keep children away from the edge.

### This route links to

- West Park (Route 11) via Black Path.
- Drinkfield Marsh Local Nature Reserve (Route 13).
- This walk is close to bus route 4 and North Road Railway Station.