

Red Hall / Great Burdon Loop

Route 3 - 45 Minutes / 1.6 Miles

A scenic route along the Skerne, crossing fields and stiles.

About the route

This walk ventures along the bridal paths, through fields and along a small part of the river Skerne between the Red Hall and Great Burdon estates.

The route is more adventurous and not suitable for all, as it has no structured paths, stiles to climb and can be muddy at times.

This is a scenic route with a rural feel on the urban fringe of Darlington.

Walking instructions

Suggested start is the green area behind Hickstead Court off Coombe Drive. You can also access from Stockton Road in Great Burdon.

- 1 Take the footbridge over the stream and continue along the path keeping the fence to your left.
- 2 At the fence corner, cross the stile and continue ahead, keeping the fence to your right.
- 3 Go through the gate (leave how you found it) and continue straight ahead over the open field and cross the footbridge.

- 4 Cross the narrow footbridge on the right and continue over the next field and turn left onto Riverside Drive.
- 5 Walk along to Stockton Road and turn left to cross Great Burdon Bridge.
- 6 Take the path on your left just after the bridge to follow the Skerne on the obvious track alongside the river.
- 7 Keep the river on your left to reach the footbridge.
- 8 Cross the footbridge and turn left taking the path back to the start.

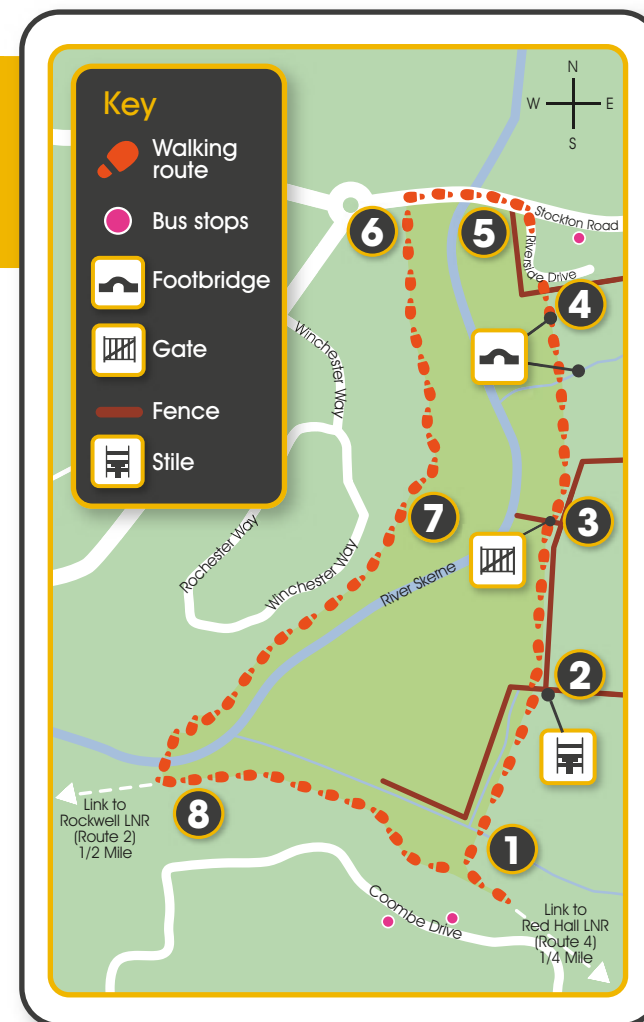


Things to see

The River Skerne has a healthy fish population of Barbel and Dace. There is also a variety of birds to observe and horses in the fields.

Health & safety

Wear appropriate footwear and clothing for the weather. This is on a flood plane so don't go when flooded. Wellies might be beneficial at times. Not suitable for pushchair and wheelchair users. Don't get close to animals, don't approach directly from the front or the rear, make sudden movements or noises to startle them or allow dogs to run free near them. Follow the country code, take your rubbish with you and leave gates as you found them.



This route links to

- Rockwell Nature Reserve (Route 2).
- Red Hall Nature Reserve (Route 4).
- This walk is close to bus routes 11, X66 & 17.