

# Walking information and safety



## Bishop Auckland Bellburn Wood



For a more detailed map, please see Ordnance Survey Explorer 305 (Bishop Auckland, Spennymoor, Newton Aycliffe, Sedgfield & Crook).

- Take care when others are around and be aware of their needs.
- Before crossing roads always stop, look listen and think.
- Use safe crossing places correctly if they are available.
- Always walk on the pavement.

- Where there are no pavements, however, you should always walk on the side of the road on which the traffic is coming towards you.
- Keep to the public paths across farmland.
- Leave gates and property as you find them.
- Take extra care in areas with poor visibility.



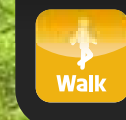
- At night, or in dark conditions, wear bright or reflective clothing.
- Keep dogs under close control when cyclists or horse riders are nearby.
- If you have a dog with you please clean up after it and take waste to the nearest bin.
- Take your litter home.



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# Bellburn Wood

120 Minutes/4.7 Miles

A delightful, moderate to hard circular walk taking in Binchester Plantation and Bellburn Woods, with the opportunity to visit Binchester Roman Fort.

This walk is not suitable for wheelchair users or pushchairs.

**1** Starting at the Town Hall on the market square, turn right and head towards the Merry Monk pub.

**2** Before the pub, turn left and head down Wear Chare Road, passing the housing on your right towards the river. Turn right along the riverside path and head towards the bridge.

**3** Cross over the bridge and follow the road along the river. As the river bends to the left, look for the footpath sign on the right into Binchester Plantation. If you wish to extend your walk and visit Binchester Roman Fort, continue along the road and take the first turning to the right (check opening times and entry price on the notice board). If you don't want to visit the Fort, head up the steps through the plantation and

exit over the stile into the field.

**4** At the top of the ridge, follow the right hand field boundary to pass over a stile into another field. Continue along the right hand field boundary, following the fence right and downhill. You will have Vinovium Cottage in sight ahead of you. Cross this stile and footbridge and continue for about 20m in the direction of the cottage.

**5** After a short distance, enter Bellburn Woods over the stile, turning right to follow a footpath which crosses Bell Burn in several places via a mix of stepping stones and bridges. There are several options of cross paths, all of which head roughly in the same direction.

**6** Once at the Stone railway bridge, exit Bellburn

Woods and take the steps up to or the path to the right, heading along the disused railway track for about a mile. (Seating at various positions along railway track)

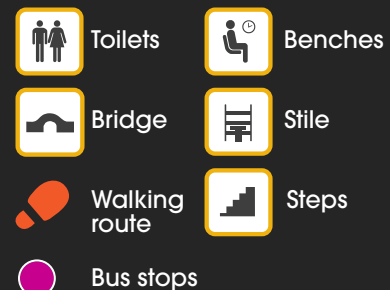
**7** Continue along the track until you reach a wall on your right enclosing Auckland Park Golf Course. Turn right and continue to follow the wall to the right through the field and pass across the Golf Course entrance. Continue to follow the wall.

**8** Pass over the stile at the end of the wall and head left. Cross over another stile, taking the steps down onto Durham Road.

**9** Follow the road to the right and head back towards the market square and Town Hall.

## Your Route

### Key



### Points of interest

Bishop Auckland Town Hall.  
Auckland Castle.  
Binchester Roman Fort.  
Vinovium Cottage.  
Bellburn Woods.  
Auckland Park.

