

# Baybridge Picnic Area

## What is special?

The River Derwent runs alongside this small picnic area. The river used to be the boundary between County Durham and Northumberland. Hundreds of years ago the river changed its course but the boundary stayed the same this is why the picnic site, although north of the river, belongs to Durham County Council.

The sound of the flowing water is very peaceful and this is a nice place to stop and have a picnic. While sitting, look out for dippers and kingfishers by the water and buzzards flying overhead.

Baybridge is an ideal starting point for walking. Within reach are moorland walks, woodland walks through places such as Deborah Wood and Gibraltar, wonderful riverside walks to Carricks picnic area and an Easy Access route to the historic village of Blanchland.

There is an information board here showing the location of nearby Open Access land.



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## Contact the Countryside Service

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**Area:** 1 acre (0.4 hectares)

**Grid Reference:** NY 957 499

**Map:** Ordnance Survey Explorer 307

### Directions:

24 miles northwest of Durham City centre. The site is located near the B6306 near Blanchland. From Blanchland head west for ½ mile. The site is signposted from the road. Nearest postcode DH8 9UB

### Parking:

Car park. No disabled parking bays

### Public transport:

No direct bus service. The nearest bus stop is at Blanchland, Service 773 (Classic) grid reference NZ 960 543

### Dogs:

Allowed under control. Please clean up after your dog

### Designation:

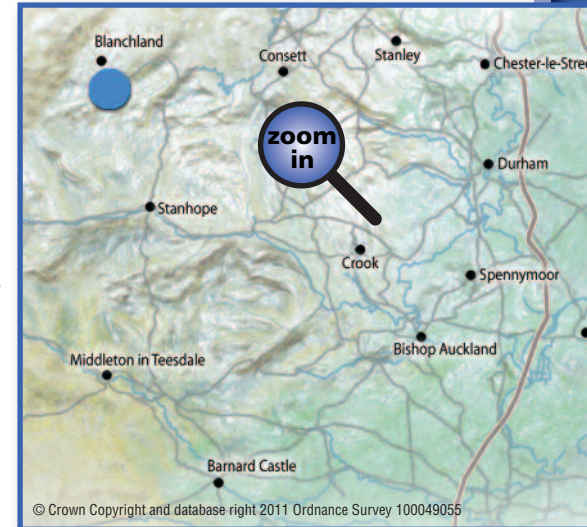
Picnic area, within the North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)

### Suitable for:

Walkers

### Habitats:

Grassland, riverside, scrub



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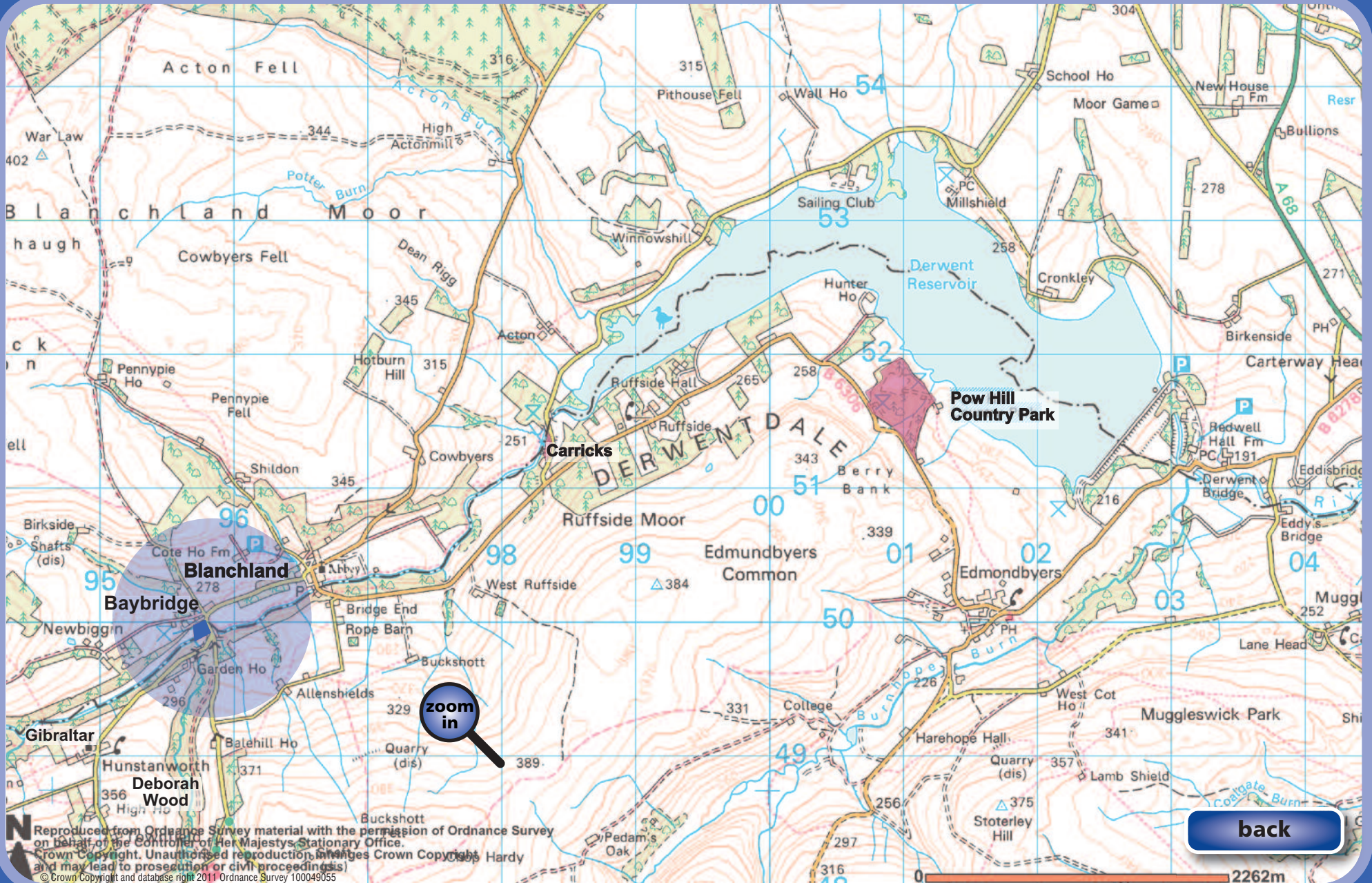
The car park consists of a hard unsealed surface with some large stones and a few pot holes. Areas of grass leading to seats and picnic tables are kept short. There is an unsurfaced path which runs adjacent to the river. It can be accessed via gaps within the wall and steps enable access to the river. There are public toilets in Blanchland.



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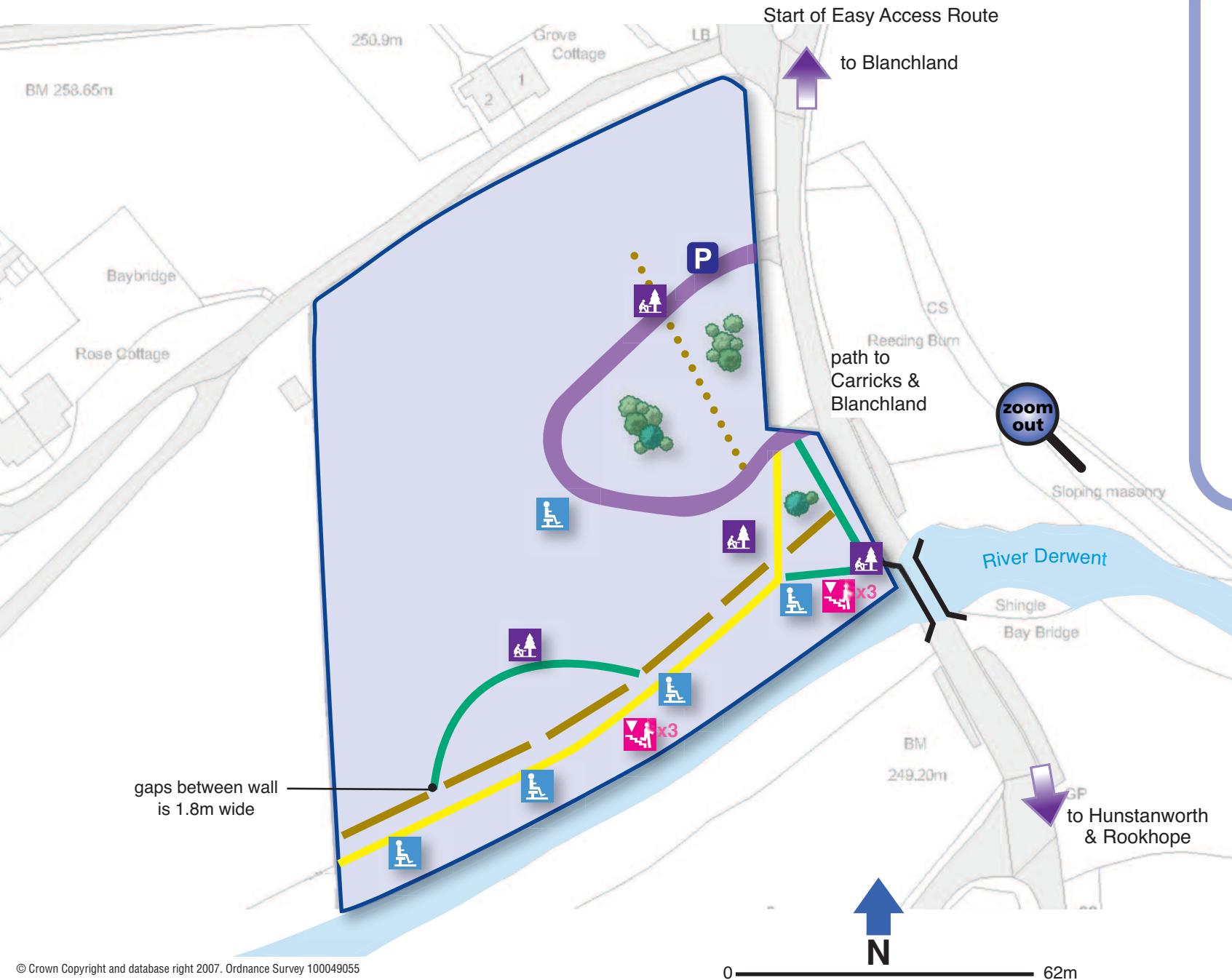
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- Picnic Area
- Seat
- Parking
- Steps Down
- Hard Unsealed Surface
- Bare Earth
- Grass Path
- Fencing
- Wall
- Bridge

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