

Malton Picnic Area

What is special?

The wooded riverside path follows the River Browney for a short distance and is an ideal place to spot birds such as kingfisher, dipper, tree creeper and great spotted woodpecker.

The wildflower meadow is bursting with colour during spring and summer and attracts a variety of butterflies.

There is an area of wet woodland, a rare habitat listed on the national Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP). The woodland trees include crack willow, alder and pussy willow whilst the ground underneath is covered with reed canary grass.

Noctule bats have a roost within the woodland. They are one of the largest British bat species and are one of the first to emerge on an evening.

The site is close to Malton Nature Reserve (managed by Durham Wildlife Trust).

Accessibility statement

A 0.5 mile (800 metre) circular route which is suitable for walkers, visitors with disabilities and those with pushchairs. It is at least 2.3 metres wide, has a well compacted, sealed surface and is generally flat. The riverside path has picnic tables and seats at regular intervals. You can join the Lanchester Valley Railway Path, a linear route that runs between Broompark, near Durham and Consett. The Railway Path is 3 metres wide, fairly level and well surfaced.



Kingfisher



Dipper



Great Spotted Woodpecker



Pussy Willow

Area: 14 acres (5.7 hectares)

Total length of Easy Access route: 0.5 miles (800 metres)

Grid Reference: NZ 178 464

Map:

Ordnance Survey Explorer 307

Directions:

7 miles northwest of Durham City centre. Site is located off the A691

Durham to Consett road, approximately

1 mile east of Lanchester. It is signposted from the main road. Nearest postcode DH7 0TH

Parking: Two car parks. The lower car park has two disabled parking bays. Horse boxes can be parked in the upper car park

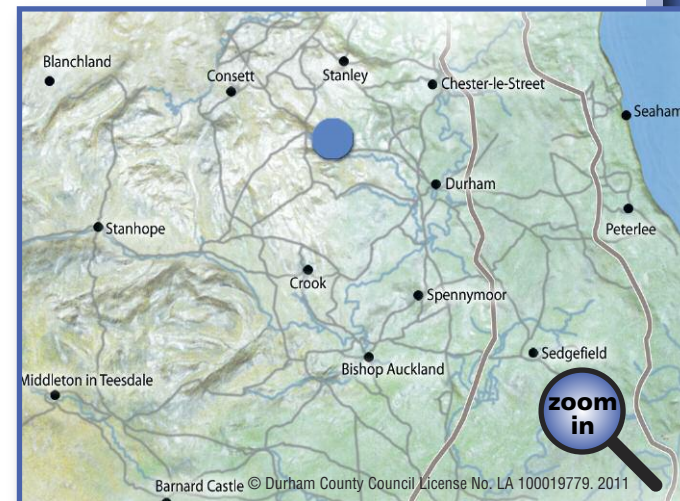
Public transport: Number 15 (Go North East). Bus stops with drop kerbs and tactile paving, is at junction with A691. It is 250 metres to the picnic area down a sloping road with no footway

Dogs: Allowed under control. Please clean up after your dog

Designation: Picnic site, UK Woodland Assurance Scheme certified

Suitable for: The route shown is only to be used by walkers, wheelchair users and those with pushchairs. Cyclists and horse-riders are welcome to use the Railway Path

Habitats: Woodland, riverside, wildflower meadow



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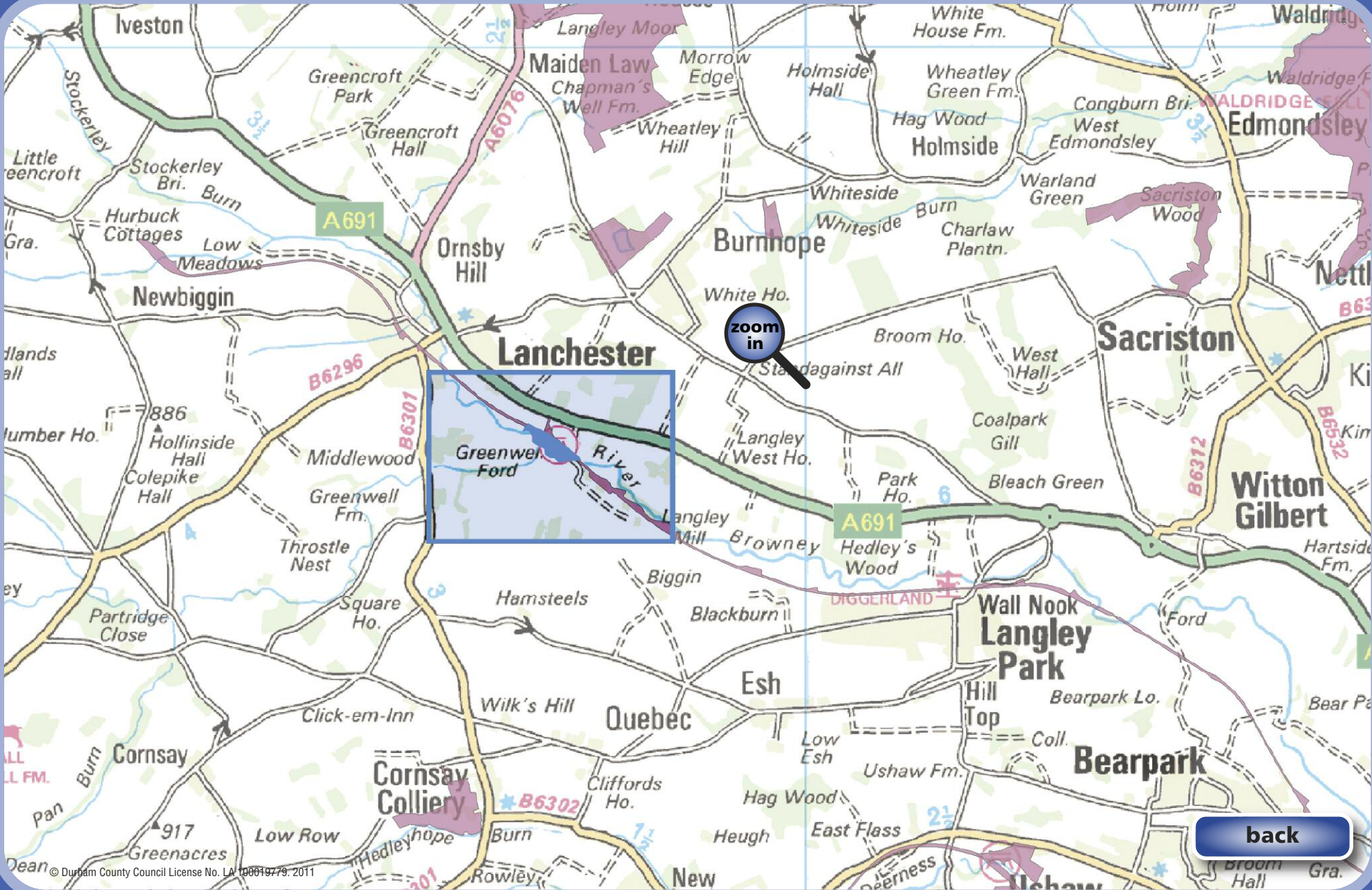
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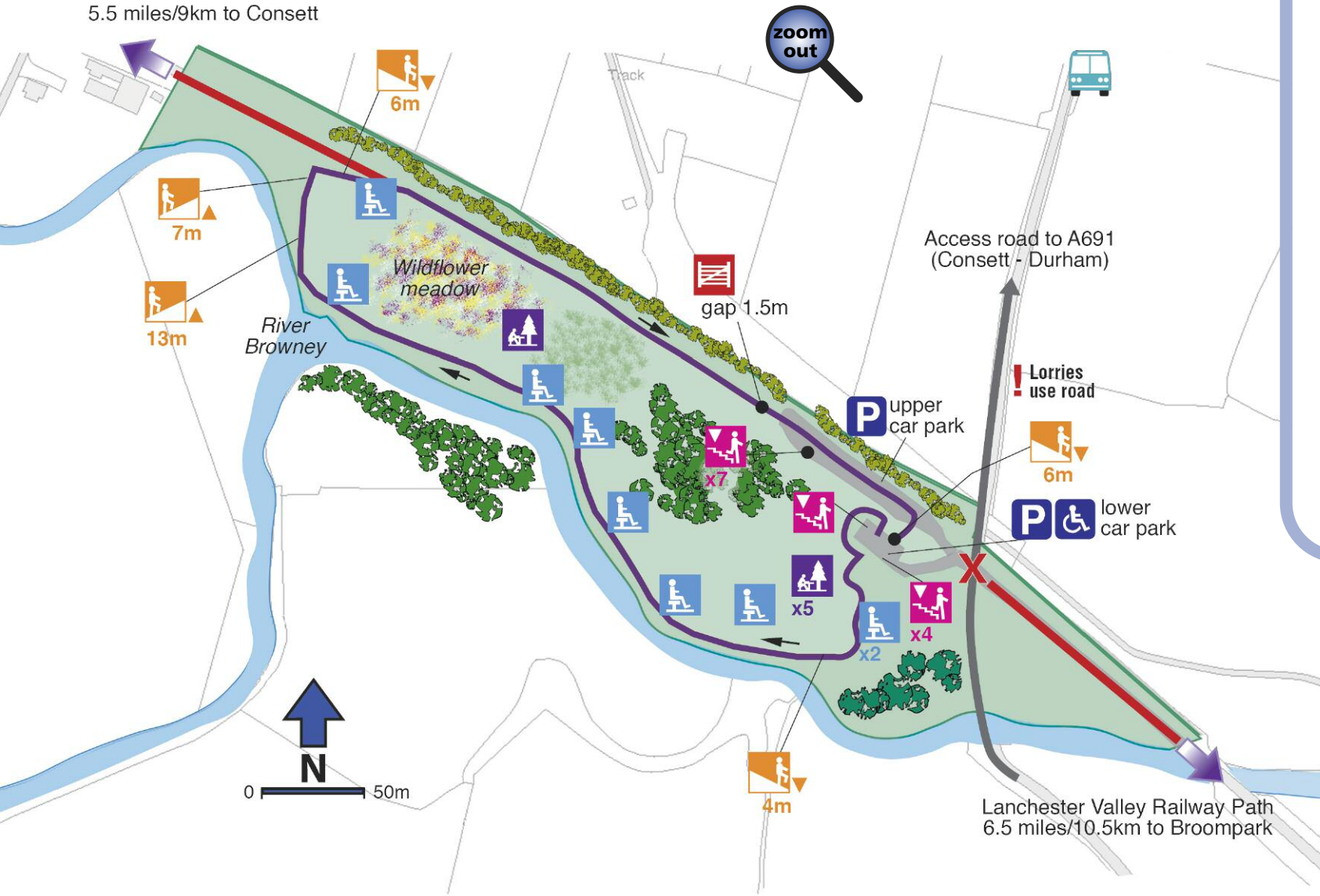
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Lanchester Valley Railway Path
 1 mile/1.6km to Lanchester
 5.5 miles/9km to Consett



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-  Picnic Area
-  Seat
-  Steps Down
-  Gate
-  Medium Slope Up 1:20-1:10
-  Medium Slope Down 1:20-1:10
-  Parking
-  Disabled Parking
-  Bus Stop
-  Road/Tarmac
-  Hard Sealed Surface
-  Hard Unsealed Surface
-  Direction of Travel

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