

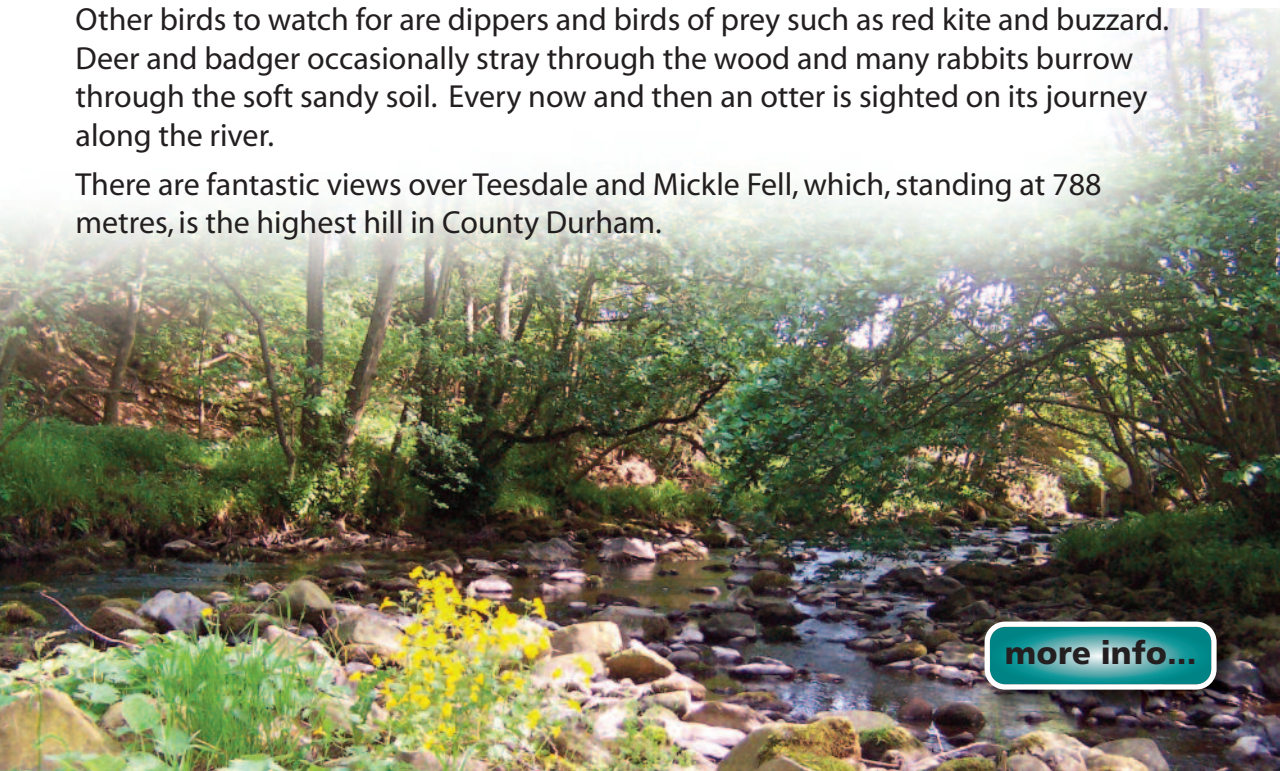
# Eggesburn Wood

## What is special?

This woodland came into Durham County Council ownership when the sand and gravel quarry closed in the mid 1960s. Since that time the trees have seeded into the quarry and we now have mixed broadleaved woodland.

Eggleston Burn runs along the western edge beside the old sand quarry. In the summer sand martins nest in the cliff face and can be seen from the bottom path. Other birds to watch for are dippers and birds of prey such as red kite and buzzard. Deer and badger occasionally stray through the wood and many rabbits burrow through the soft sandy soil. Every now and then an otter is sighted on its journey along the river.

There are fantastic views over Teesdale and Mickle Fell, which, standing at 788 metres, is the highest hill in County Durham.



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**Area:** 12 acres (5 hectares)

**Grid Reference:** NY 989 239

**Map:** Ordnance Survey Explorer OL31

### Directions:

29 miles southwest of Durham City centre.  
1 mile west of Eggleston on the B6282, between Eggleston and Middleton-in-Teesdale. The entrance is next to Eggesburn bridge. Nearest postcode for GPS purposes DL12 0BD

### Parking:

There is limited parking at the site entrance. Please do not block the gate. No disabled parking bays.

### Public Transport:

Number 95, 96 (Arriva) to Eggleston

### Dogs:

Allowed under control. During bird nesting season (March to August) dogs must be kept on a lead. Please clean up after your dog.

### Designation:

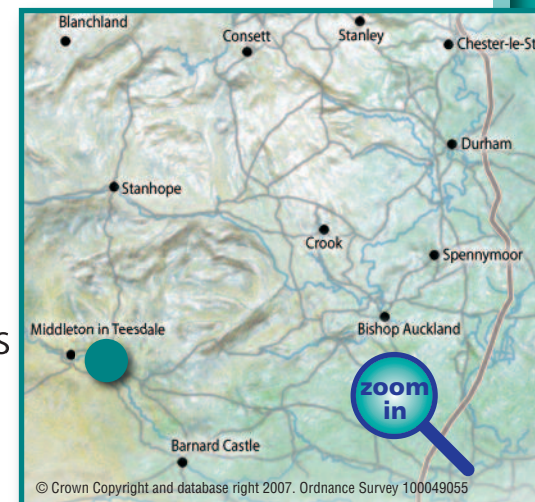
Ancient woodland, UK Woodland Assurance Scheme certified

### Suitable for:

Walkers

### Habitats:

Woodland, sand quarry



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## Accessibility statement

The path is an average of 1.5 metres wide. It consists of bare earth, grass and a short section of unsealed surface with some large stones. Large stones and tree roots are present, particularly on the undulating section to the east of the site. There are various gradients but only those which are particularly steep are marked.



Badger



Sand martin



Red kite



Deer



Dipper



Fungi

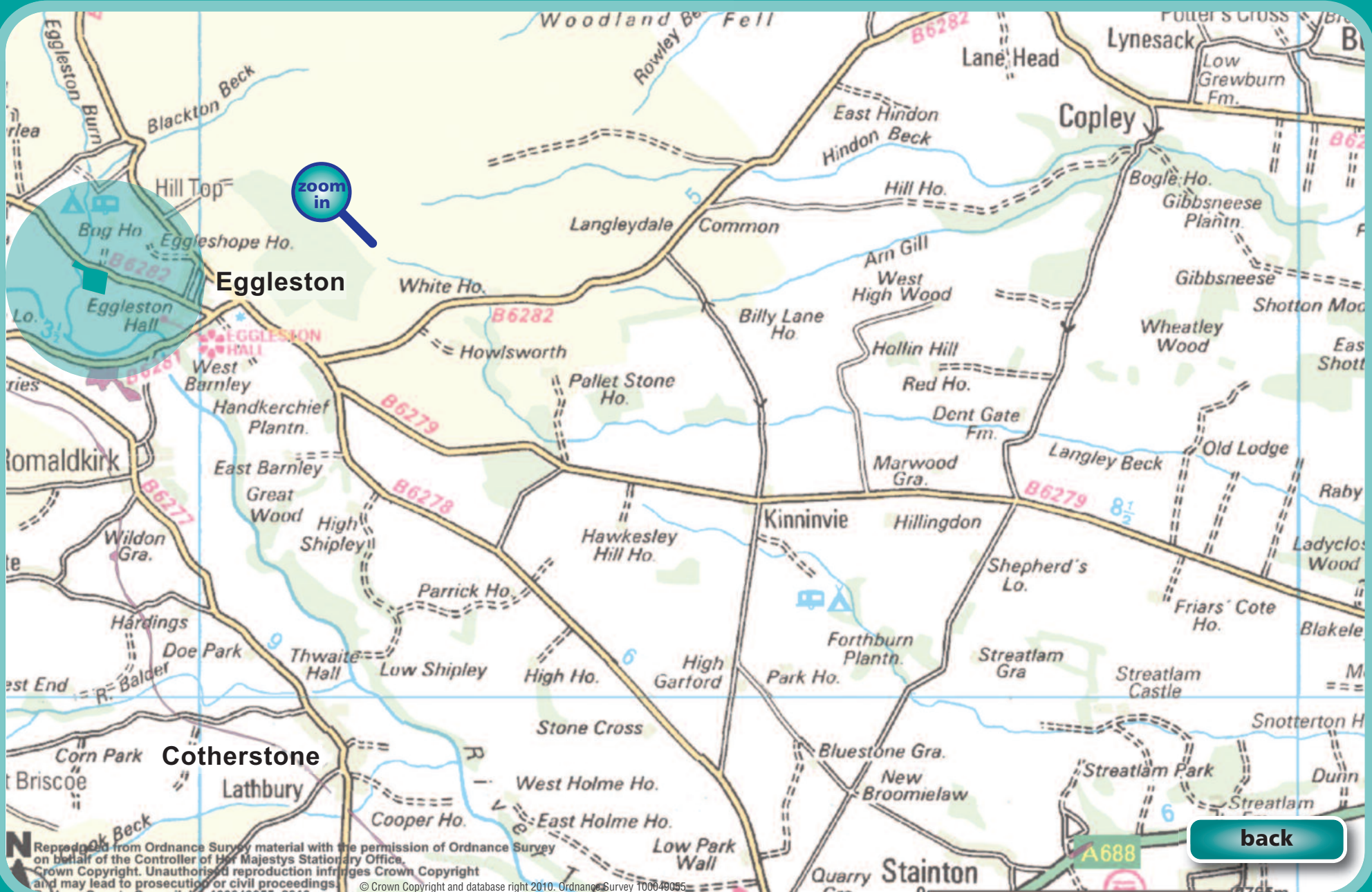


Otter

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## KEY

-  Picnic Table
-  Seat
-  Gate
-  Steep Slope Up 1:10-1:1
-  Medium Slope Up 1:20-1:10
-  Bare Earth
-  Hard Unsealed Surface
-  Grass
-  Fencing
-  Direction of Travel



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