

Pittington Way Railway Path

What is special?

The Pittington Railway Path is a typical disused railway line - its straight paths belying the fact that train tracks once lay here.

It now forms part of a green corridor which runs between Low Pittington and Hetton-le-Hole, passing close to Hetton Lyons Country Park, which is managed by Sunderland City Council. This section also forms part of the 153 mile Walney to Wear cycle route (www.cyclew2w.info) between Barrow-in-Furness and Sunderland.

The route is lined with many trees with a variety of birds darting between the branches. Listen for the call of yellowhammer, wren and bullfinch. Between the silver birch and rosehip are a scattering of wildflowers such as stitchwort, dead nettle, knapweed and meadow cranesbill. A marshy area north of the line near Field House Farm contains moisture loving plants such as cuckoo flower and rush. You should also see ducks and moorhen in the vicinity. The views are of open fields of cereal which sway hypnotically in the wind and over to the villages of Rainton and Moorsley.

Durham County Council's ownership ends at the squeeze gate but the route continues to Hetton-le-Hole. Following the blue cycle signs all the way to Sunderland.

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Total length: 0.9 miles (1.4km)

Grid Reference for main access points:

southwestern end:

NZ 325 451

northeastern end:

NZ 334 462

Map: OS Explorer 308

Directions:

Approximately 4 miles east of Durham City

Nearest postcode for GPS purposes is DH5 9RG

Take A690 to Rainton Gate, just south of West Rainton.

At Rainton Gate crossroads turn southeast onto Pittington Road and follow the road for just over half a mile.

Take first left onto Moorsley Road. The entrance to the Railway Path is 130 metres on the left between two houses. It is marked by a blue fingerpost.

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Parking:

No car park. Rough lay-by on road after the entrance

Public transport:

Number 65 (Go North East) to Moorsley Road

Dogs:

Allowed under control. Please clean up after your dog

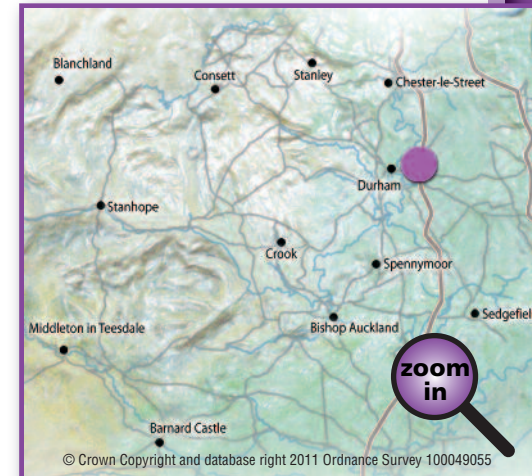
Designation:

Railway Path, UK Woodland Assurance Scheme certified

Suitable for:

Walkers, cyclists, horse-riders, wheelchair users

Habitats: woodland, scrub, hedgerow



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Accessibility Statement

This linear walk rises gently towards Low Moorsley.

The walk is almost flat along its entire length.

The path is mainly a hardened surface with stone greater than 20mm.

The path width is 2.5 metres. There are no seats.



Bullfinch



Meadow cranesbill



Yellowhammer



Cuckoo flower



Wren



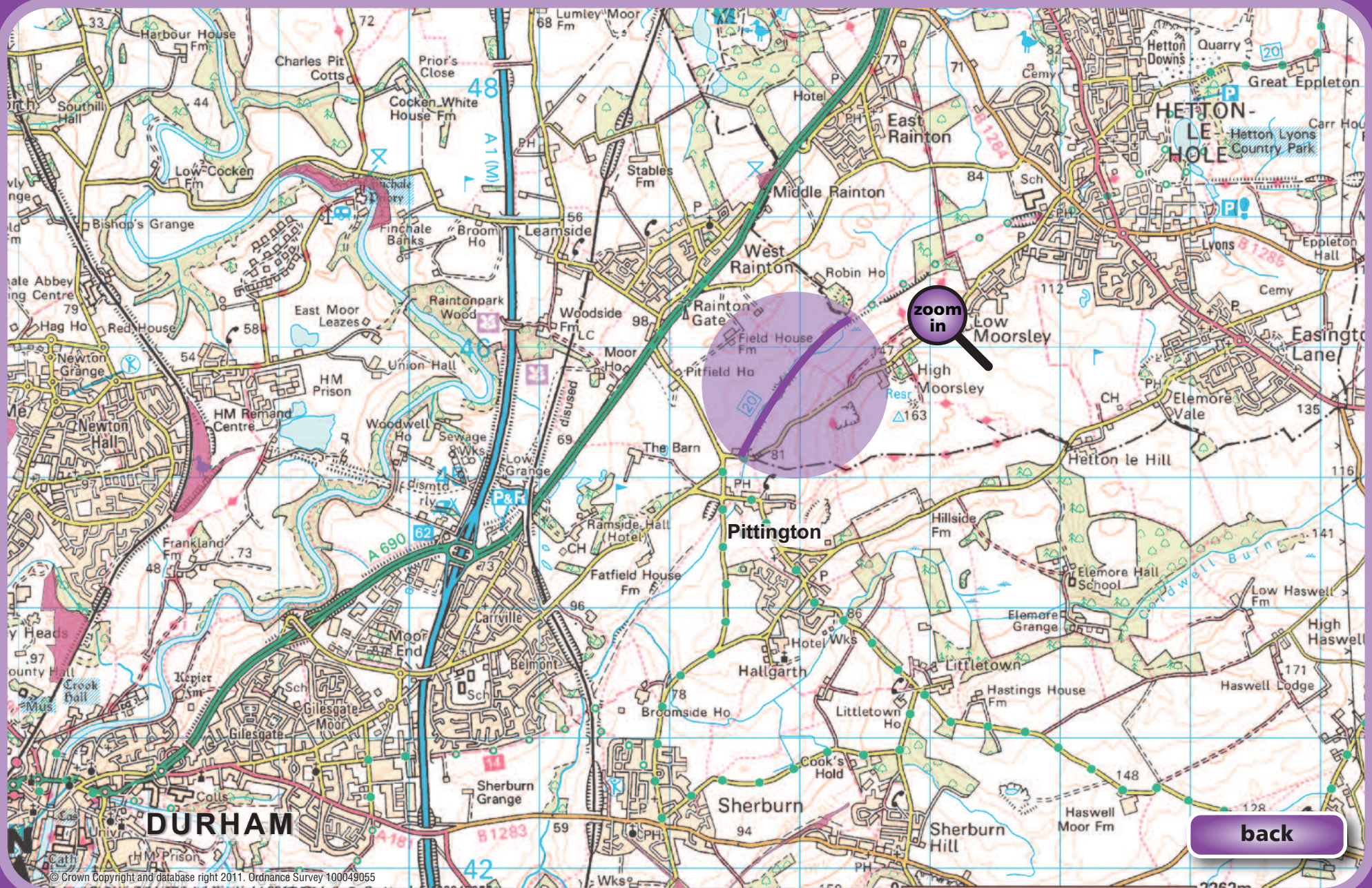
Stitchwort



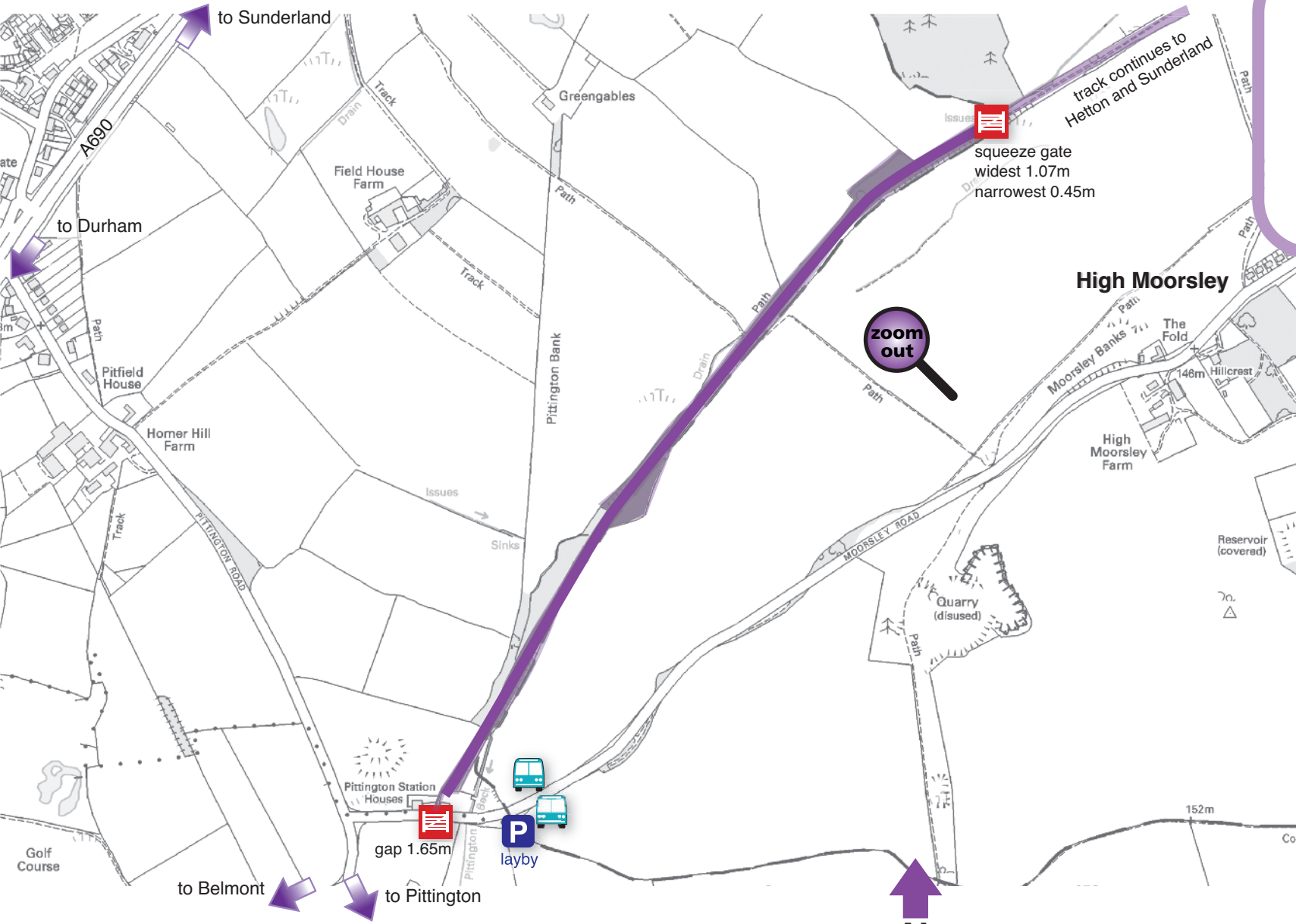
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