

Raisby Way Railway Path and Local Nature Reserve

What is special?

This Railway Path is bordered by mature hedgerow which provides a good habitat for birds and butterflies. In total, 22 species of butterfly have been recorded along its length including the comma, clouded yellow, white letter hairstreak and dingy skipper.

Scrub, an essential source of food and shelter for wildlife, borders the line but is cut back on a regular basis. This helps to maintain the balance between scrub and open areas of valuable flower-rich Magnesian Limestone grassland. The alder and pine trees at the eastern end of the site provide food for numerous birds including siskin and red poll.

A series of well-preserved lime kilns can be seen close to the western end of the line with a thick curtain of cotoneaster hanging from it. Kestrels have been sighted making their nests in the lime kilns. Peregrine falcons, sparrowhawks and stoat also hunt here.

Adjacent to the Raisby Way is Trimdon Grange Quarry Local Nature Reserve. This is an abandoned limestone quarry managed by Durham Wildlife Trust. The deserted mediaeval village of Garmondsway is to the southwest of the line. It can be accessed using Public Rights of Way.



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Area: 30 acres (12 hectares)

Total Length: 1.6 miles (2.6km)

Grid Reference:

NZ 363 353

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer 305

Directions:

7.5 miles southeast of Durham City centre.

From Coxhoe, take A177 eastbound and follow B1278 signposts to Trimdon Village.

Turn left at the crossroads and left again after the garage. The start of the Railway Path is located 900

metres along the lane on the left. Nearest postcode is TS29 6NP

Site can also be accessed using Public Rights of Way at:

Kelloe Bank: GR NZ 353 349

Garmondsway: GR NZ 345 349

Parking: Limited to the road verge at the access point, please do not block the gate. No disabled parking bays

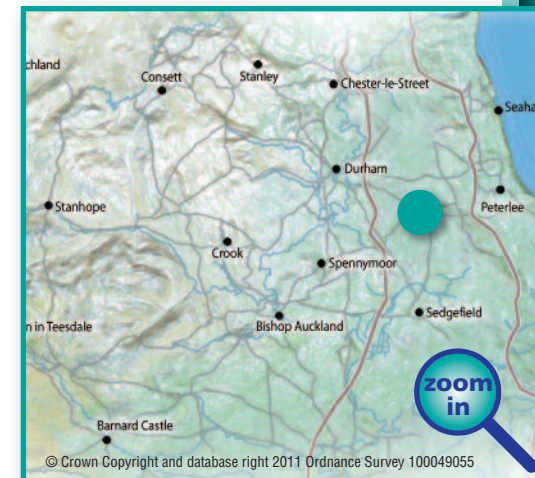
Public transport: Numbers 33, 55, 213, 214 (Arriva) to Trimdon Grange, Grange Terrace or St Alban's Church, then walk along path

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

Designation: Railway Path, Local Nature Reserve, UK Woodland Assurance Scheme certified, Local Wildlife Site, part of the site is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)

Suitable for: Walkers, cyclists, horse-riders, wheelchair users

Habitats: Grassland, scrub, hedgerow



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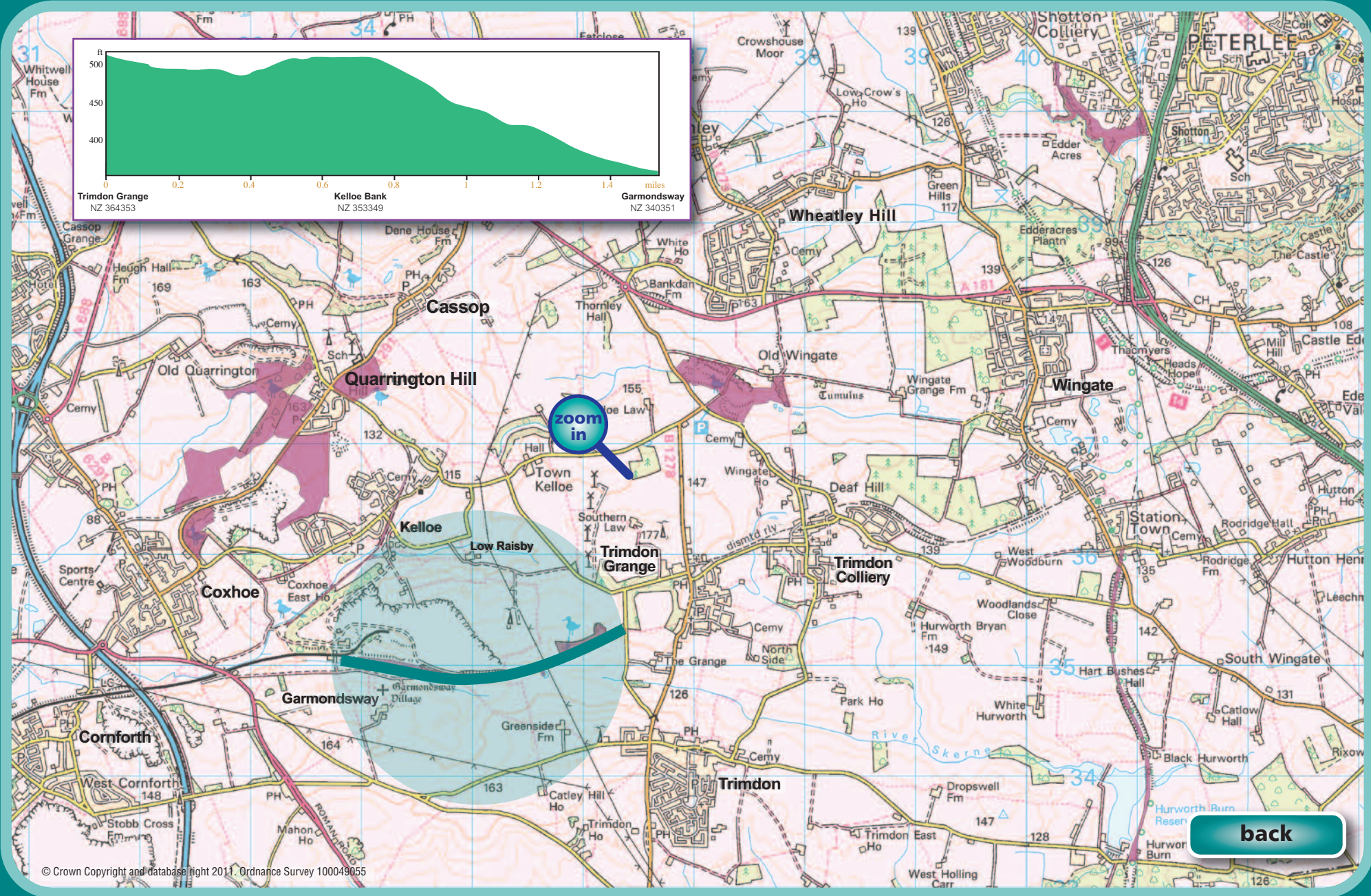
Accessibility Statement

The path consists of bare earth with some large stones and loose materials. Some patches can get muddy and difficult to negotiate in wet conditions. The path width varies between 1.2 to 2.6 metres. Fencing at the western end restricts the path width to 55cm. The route is gently undulating and only those gradients which are particularly steep are marked.



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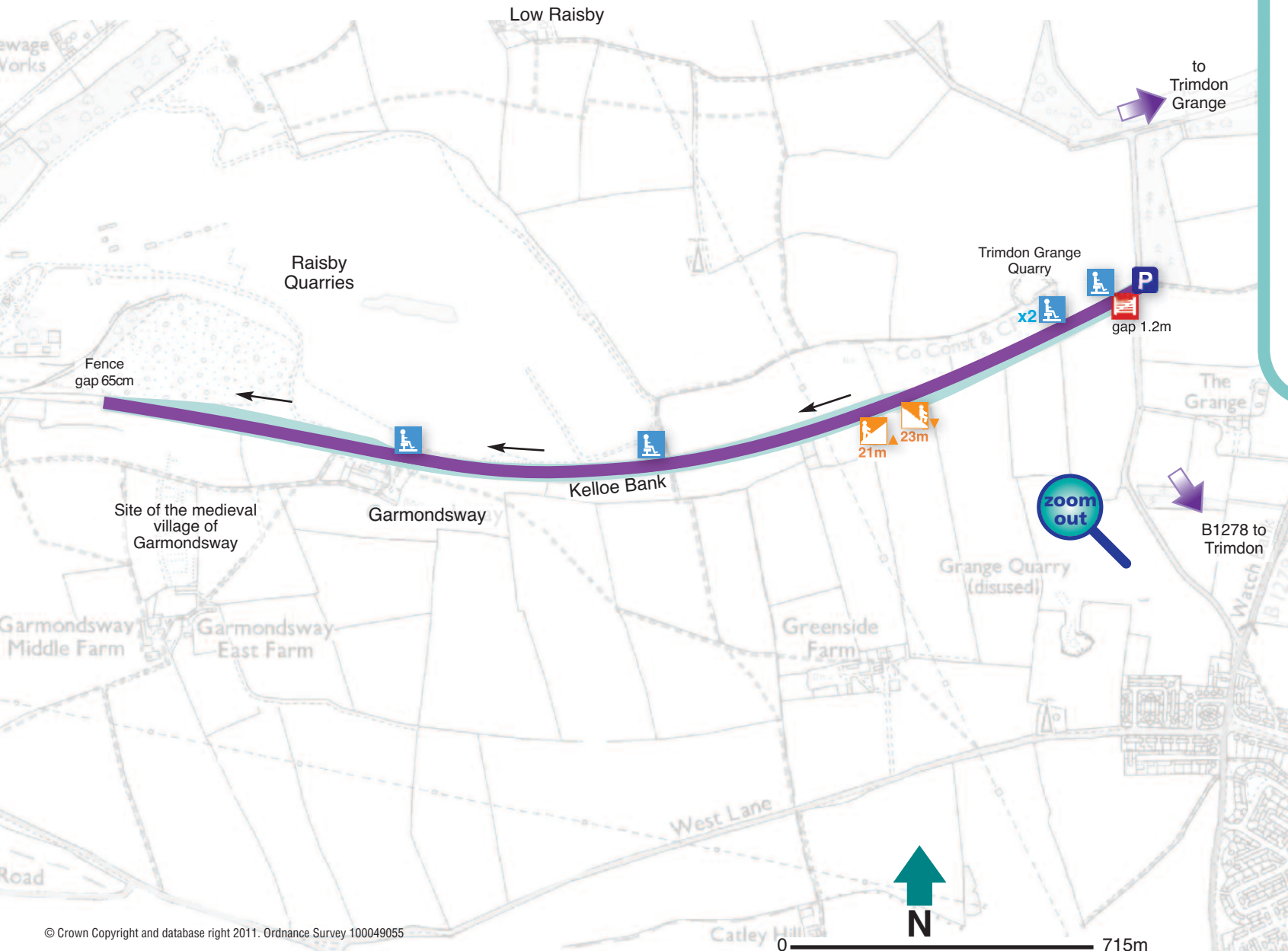
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