

## Get wild at Bakethin

This short walk takes you to Bakethin Hide via a loop under Kielder Viaduct. The hide was designed and built by Newcastle University architecture students as part of our Art & Architecture programme. Looking out onto Bakethin Reservoir you are guaranteed to see some birdlife at any time of the year.

Photos © M Byron



*Bakethin pond, passed on this walk, is one place where you can get a bit closer to wildlife. This dragonfly nymph has got its eye on an unsuspecting tadpole for a tasty tea!*

*Adders enjoy warming up in the sun on the banks of the old railway. Britain's only venomous snake, they won't do you any harm as long as you leave them well alone.*



Photo © Stuart Pudney



*Take a walk on the wild side! Our special forest clearing, near the osprey bench, has activities to help all of the family explore this environment a little bit differently.*

Photo © M Byron

## How to get there

The walk starts from Bakethin car park or the wildlife hide car park.

OS grid ref NY 631 926 or NY 630 925

Postcode for sat navs: NE48 1HF gets you to the village of Butterhaugh. The turn off to Bakethin is signed before you get to the village (travelling from the south).



## Go wild with the app!

You can follow this walk using the Viewranger app. It includes GPS directions, information and audio clips on what to look out for:

[www.viewranger.com](http://www.viewranger.com)

Make sure you download before you visit.



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KIELDER WILD WALKS

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1½ miles / 2.25 km



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This short walk to our special wildlife hide and back is all on good paths and tracks. Suitable for buggies and wheelchairs.

Start from either Bakethin car park or the wildlife hide car park (limited spaces). Look out for the small detour to our special forest clearing (marked \* on map).

The route is well waymarked with brown 'Wild Walk' plaques (right). You can also download the route using the Viewranger app (see overleaf).

Photo © Graham Farmer



Between April and August you may be lucky enough to see an osprey, either passing through from Kielder Water to nesting sites in the forest, or feeding in Bakethin Reservoir itself.

Photo © North East Wildlife

There are information panels in the two 'pods' that make up the hide. They tell you about some of the birds and other wildlife you might look out for at different times of the year. There is nearly always something to see, whether it's oystercatchers with their chicks on the island or ducks and geese on the water. The 'Forest' pod has a full length window with views of the forest floor, that gives you the chance to spot woodland birds and red squirrels.



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