

Get wild at Falstone

This walk takes you through varied countryside and a range of habitats – hedgerows along the old railway, pasture with mature trees and a lovely stretch of the River North Tyne.



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Above: Next stop along the line. The Border Counties Railway ran from Hexham through Kielder and into Scotland. Plashetts Station, seen here c.1925, is now under the reservoir.

In May the trees and hedges along the old railway and lining the river banks are heavy with blossom. These early flowers provide food for delicate butterflies like the small tortoiseshell (right).

Horse chestnut © M Byron, butterfly Creative Commons



Dipper © North East Wildlife



Look out for dippers on the Hawkhope Burn and the North Tyne.

How to get there

The walk starts from the car park next to The Old School Tearoom.

OS grid ref NY 723 874

Postcode for sat navs: NE48 1AA



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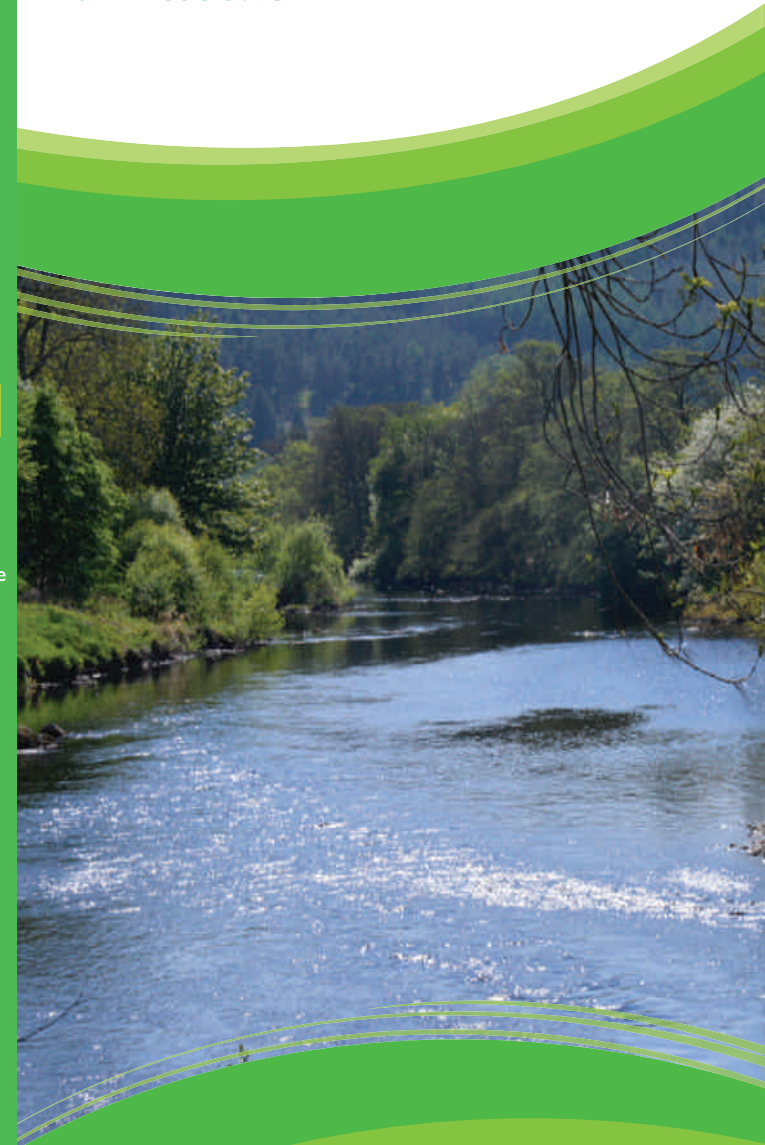
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2¼ miles / 3.75 km



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The route is mainly on quiet roads and surfaced tracks. The section along the river can be rough and muddy in places.

Turn left out of the car park and walk to the road junction. Turn left and head uphill. Go under the railway arch and then immediately left.

After 100m bear left to follow a track signed 'Reivers Cycle Way 10' (this is the old Border Counties Railway). Go through a field gate and continue along the track for $\frac{3}{4}$ mile where it joins a forest road. Keep left here, then go over a river bridge, then left down the track to Hawkhope Farm.

Pass through the gate and continue along the rough road through open pasture and over a small bridge. Go through another gate and keep on this quiet road towards the village.

After a playground and tennis court, where the road bends sharp left, take the gravel path on the right signed 'Riverside Walk & The Stell'. Continue through a wicket gate to an open area of riverside and Stell sculpture – a chance for a sit down!

Continue along the grassy path, through another wicket gate towards the road bridge. Turn left in front of it, following the path along the edge of the fields parallel with the road. When the path leaves the fields, look out for traffic as you follow the short stretch of road back to the car park.

Look for cuckoo flower on the banks of the North Tyne from April, so-named because it starts flowering around the same time as the first cuckoo is heard. It is an important nectar plant for butterflies such as the orange-tip.



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