

# West Park Local Nature Reserve

## Route 11 - 30 Minutes / 1 Mile

A rich variety of wildlife and woodlands can be found on this short walk in a modern park.

### About the route

Positioned in the Faverdale area, this modern parkland provides a varied and attractive walking route. Surrounded by gentle hills that can be climbed to gain a better view of the neighbouring countryside, this walk takes in trees, shrubs, a wildflower meadow and ponds.

A play park and bike track are also located in the park, providing fun for younger family members.

The park which is of Site Nature Conservation Importance has also received national recognition and won numerous awards.

### Walking instructions

Start just off West Auckland Way behind Alderman Leach School.

You can also access from Richmond Close, George Stephenson Drive and Edward Pease Way.

**1** Simply follow the highlighted path or detour around any of the many paths.

### Things to see

Whilst exploring, look for the specially commissioned stone artwork: Hilltop Trinity Stones and the poetry.

During the summer months, the park also attracts a variety of moths, butterflies (Common Blue, Sulphur Yellow Brimstone), dragonflies and birds.

Around the ponds there are dipping platforms where you can catch a glimpse of fish, ducks and maybe even a Water Vole near West Beck.



### Health & safety

Wear appropriate clothing and footwear for the weather.

Be careful near ponds and keep children away from the edge.

### This route links to

- Cocker Beck (Route 10) via Black Path 7.
- Branksome.
- Brinkburn Local Nature Reserve (Route 12).
- This walk is close to bus routes 19 & 1/1B/X1.