

Maidendale Local Nature Reserve

Route 6 - 30 Minutes / 1 Mile

A gentle stroll around the ponds, through grassland and wetland habitats.

About the route

Walk around the wildlife enriched Maidendale Local Nature Reserve on paths through grassland and small wetland habitats.

Situated on the edge of Firth Moor near to Cummins engine plant.

This walk is flat with structured footpaths, boardwalks and disabled access points, making it an easy, gentle walk.

There are fishing platforms located around two ponds containing Carp, Bream and Roach, and a small pond with a dipping platform.

Walking instructions

Start on Salters Lane (near Cummins engine plant).

1 Walk down the lane towards the gate entrance of the nature reserve.

2 Enter the gate and walk along the path, passing the Maidendale Rock.

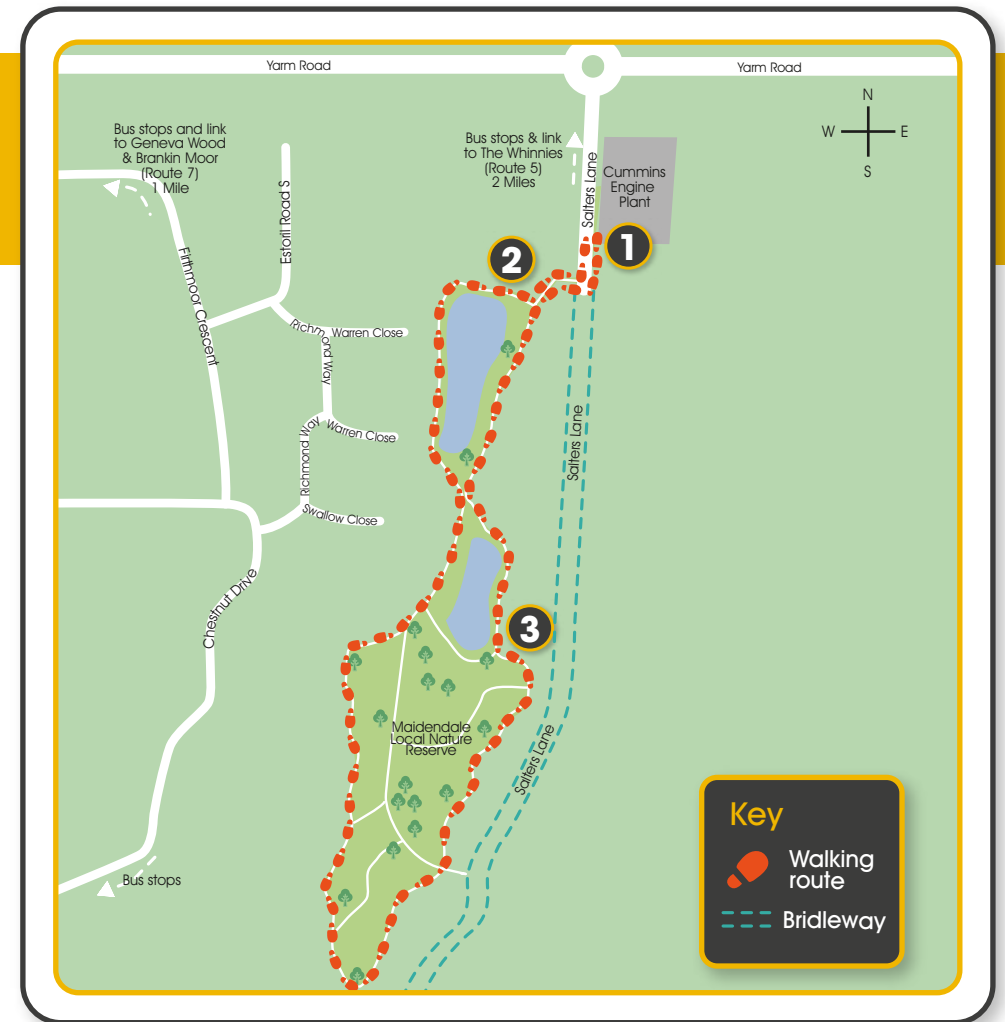
3 Continue on the paths around the perimeter of the nature reserve until you return to the start.

Things to see

Forty resident birds and ample wildlife, can be spotted on this walk.

Look out for House Sparrow, Reed Bunting, Kestrel, Warbler (in the spring), Pigmy Shrew, Long Tailed Field Mice and Great Crested Newts.

You may also see the Pipistrel Bats hunting over the ponds at the end of the day.



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

- The Whinnies Local Nature Reserve & Middleton St George Water Park (Route 5) via Morton Park.
- Geneva Wood & Brankin Moor Local Nature Reserve (Route 7) via Firthmoor.
- This walk is close to bus routes 12/12A & 13.