

So, how many did you spot?  
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Graceful swan hiding in the reeds



Can you tick these off your list?  
Energetic Greylag geese on a trip across the reservoir



Delicate cabbage white butterfly on ragwort

Did you spot anything else, maybe even those MAMMALS on the cycle route?

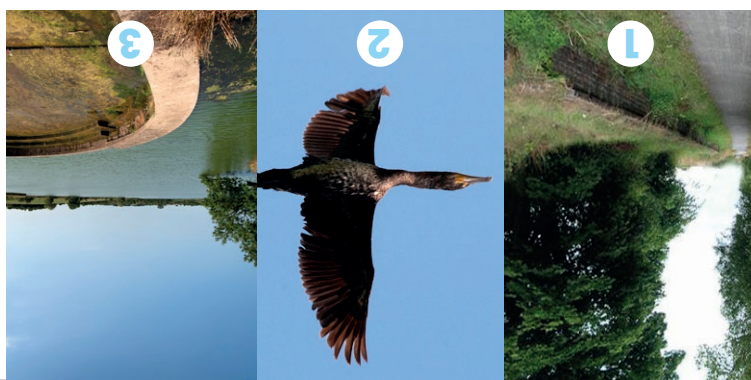
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- Birds**  
**Insects**  
**Flowers**  
**Animals**

Tick the boxes along the way to keep a record of all of the wonderful things you have seen at Hurworth Burn Reservoir.

# Wow, what will you discover?

- 1 The remains of Hurworth Burn Railway Station on either side of the current cycle route. It was a railway station on the Castle Eden branch of the North Eastern Railway (NER) from 1880 to 1931.
- 2 An array of wetland birds such as the Cormorant, a large and conspicuous waterbird. The Cormorant has an almost primitive appearance with its long neck making it appear reptilian.
- 3 The Dams at the end of the reservoir. Hurworth Burn was dammed in the 1870s to provide water to the steam-powered boilers of Hartlepool's famous ship-building industry.

## Keep an eye out for...



## DISCOVER BRIGHTWATER

Discover Brightwater is the new name for the area around the River Skerne, in canny County Durham which stretches from the Trimdons in the north, to South Park in Darlington and from Sedgfield in the east to Locomotion in Shildon in the west.

Brightwater isn't a new name, but a rediscovery of an old Viking word. 'Skir' is the Norse word meaning 'bright' so translating our Viking ancestors' name for the river gives us Brightwater.

Discover Brightwater is a landscape partnership project which has been funded by all those lovely people who play the lottery.

## Discovering Hurworth Burn Reservoir

Distance: 1.7 Miles  
Postcode: TS28 5NN (nearest)  
Grid Ref: NZ 40993 33242

### What to expect from the walk:

A trail along some surfaced and grassy paths, through farmlands, encountering some steep inclines; muddy conditions in bad weather. Expect to use stiles, kissing gates, a narrow footbridge, and a section along a road with no pavement.

### Important information

- There is very limited parking in the car park.
- Don't forget to take drinks and snacks as there are no places to buy refreshments on the route.
- Allow 45 - 90 minutes for this walk.
- Keep dogs on a lead at all times.



This is one in a series of walks to help you Discover Brightwater.



If you enjoyed this walk, visit our website to see all the other walks, find out where you can pick up a printed copy, or download a copy to print at home.

### Be Social

Tell us all about your walk on our social media channels. Share your photos so everyone can see what a wonderful area it is and they can Discover Brightwater just like you.



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# HURWORTH BURN RESERVOIR

YOUR FREE ADVENTURE GUIDE & MAP







# DISCOVER BRIGHTWATER

RESTORE, REVEAL & CELEBRATE  
LIFE AROUND THE RIVER SKERNE

**1 START** ...from the car park, walk up the small set of steps to the left and along the track, following it left to the remains of Hurworth Burn station platform. Walk down onto National Cycle Route No. 1 (NCN 1), turn right and to the left you will see Hurworth Burn reservoir, an artificial reservoir and a site of importance for wetland birds in the area.

**2** To avoid the steps, walk through the barrier ahead and in 140m turn left onto NCN 1 and walk for 100m to reach the remains of the station.

**3** Retrace your steps back along the path, keeping the reservoir on your left and you will come to open areas over the next several hundred metres where you can observe bird species on either side throughout the year.

**4** Carry on along the surfaced path, bearing left along a footpath.

**5** Turn left, over a stile and down a slope to a gate in the hedgerow on your right.

**6** Walk along the farm track bounded by a hedgerow on either side for 280m, where it bears left then cross a footbridge in 150m before rejoining another farm track.

**7** This track bears sharply left then right onto a long straight section to a gate in 500m joining Hurworth Burn Road.

*This section of the walk is along a road that has no pavement and sharp, blind bends. Please take every care.*

**8** Turn left onto Hurworth Burn Road, crossing a narrow road bridge over the River Skerne towards the disused railway bridge.

**9** A short distance after this bridge, the entrance to the car park is on your left, on the opposite side of the road.

**That's great, you've completed the Hurworth Burn Reservoir Walk!**



## Hurworth Burn Reservoir

River Skerne

Black Hurworth

### KEY

Walking Route

Other footpaths to explore

Road

National Cycle Route No. 1



Pike Whin Moor

**Take care on sections 7, 8 & 9.** They're along a road that has no pavement.

See if you can spot any MAMILS, those middle aged men in lycra speeding down the cycle route.

Can you find out what type of trees these are?

Remember to **take snacks and water** as there are no places to buy refreshments on the route.



Please always follow the Countryside Code

