

Cocker Beck Local Nature Reserve

Route 10 - 45 Minutes / 1.7 Miles

A winding walk exploring woodland and riverside habitats.

About the route

The Cocker Beck walk is situated between the Mowden, Cockerton and Branksome estates of Darlington.

It is a flat route which is easily accessible, of reasonable distance and pleasant to walk around.

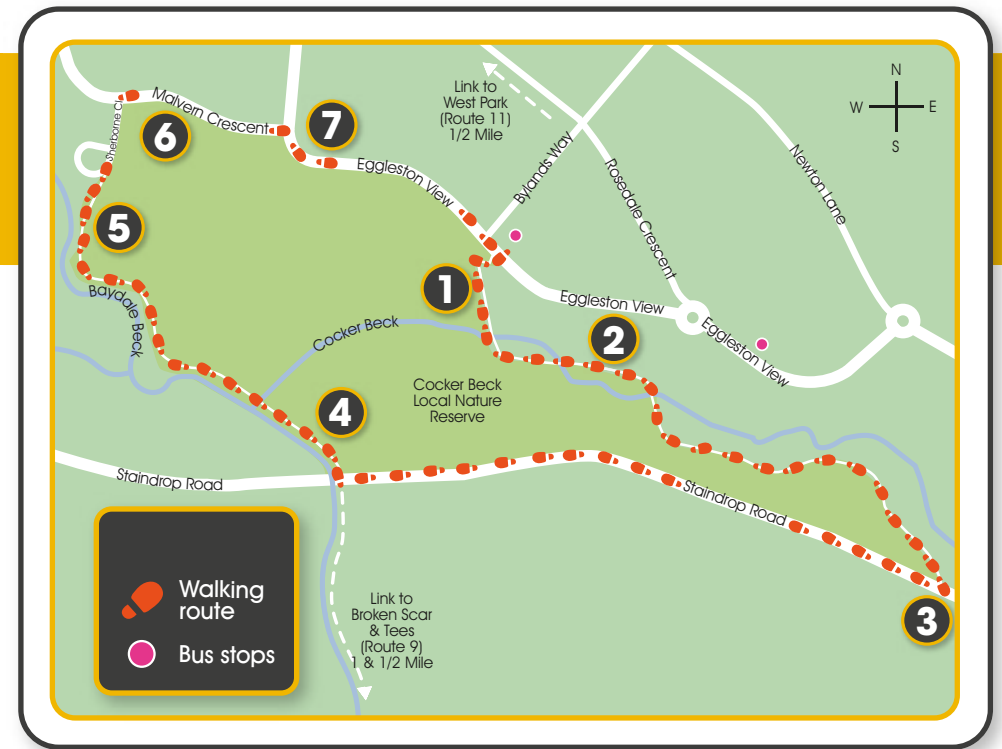
The area consists of structured paths that follow the becks. Surrounded by grassland and wildflower meadows, it is a haven to the local wildlife, especially butterflies.

Walking instructions

Start at the zig-zag path on Eggleston View opposite Bylands Way. You can also access from Staindrop Road, Sherborne Close & Malvern Crescent.

- 1 Follow the path, cross the footbridge and follow the path to the left.
- 2 Cross another footbridge and then follow the path to the right, crossing a third footbridge.
- 3 Cross Staindrop Road and turn right, follow the path onto Mowden Bridge, cross the road back to the north side and take the signed footpath ahead.

- 4 Follow the path along Baydale Beck to meet with the open field on the right.
- 5 Take the path across the field to Sherborne Close.
- 6 Turn right onto Malvern Crescent.
- 7 Turn right onto Eggleston View and arrive back at the start.



Health & safety

Always wear appropriate clothing and footwear for the weather.

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

Things to see

Along the banks of this beck, in the grasslands and long grass meadows, you may spot some flowering plants such as, Common Knapweed, Yellow Rattle and Cuckoo Flower.

Within these grasslands there is also a variety of wildlife such as: Kingfishers, Banded Demoiselle Dragonflies, Blue Tailed Damselfly, Orange Tip Caterpillars and Cinnabar Moth.

This route links to

- West Park (Route 11).
- Broken Scar & Tees (Route 9).
- This walk is close to bus route 2.

