

Bringing Back Burdon Moor: A Heathland Re-creation Project

Lowland heaths once covered most of England but in the last 200 years 80% of these have been lost. The habitat is so scarce that in Tyne and Wear only an area the size of 3 football pitches remains. Gateshead Council has a long term vision to create a lowland heath at Burdon Moor to develop a special place for people and nature.

The Trail
You can start the waymarked trail from either Watergate Forest Park or Kibblesworth Environment Centre. The route is an easy walk along the Bowes and Tanfield Railway Paths. It is mostly flat but it can be muddy in places, so please where appropriate footwear. To get the most from your walk you should use this leaflet in conjunction with Ordnance Survey Explorer maps 308 and 316. Bus routes can return you to your starting point via Gateshead Interchange.

The Artist
Jim Bond, an artist from Yorkshire, was chosen to create the Waymarkers. Working in metal, Jim produced the waymarkers featuring silhouettes of some of the most common plants seen along the route. Metal blocks showing local wildlife were designed by local school children and added to each marker. Rubbings can be taken from these blocks.

The Schools
Jim worked with 4 local primary schools – Lobley Hill, Marley Hill, Kibblesworth and Washingwell. A class from each school visited the route and then worked with Jim to draw images of wildlife they had seen onto clay tiles. Jim picked the six best designs from each school, cast them in gunmetal and attached them to each waymarker.

For Further Information on....

- Burdon Moor contact 0191 4333443
- Watergate Forest Park contact 0191 4604696
- Kibblesworth Environment Centre contact 0191 4111375
- Great North Forest contact 0191 4606200
- Public Transport contact Traveline 0870 6082608

Bringing Back Burdon Moor Artistic Waymarked Trail



Wander through woods, meadows and heathland between Watergate Forest Park and Kibblesworth Environment Centre past Burdon Moor.

Follow a 7 mile trail and look out for a wide range of birds and animals, intriguing sculptures and waymarkers. Collect wildlife rubbings along the way.

Insects
Butterflies like small heath and common blue may be seen. Other insects will include dragonflies, grasshoppers and solitary bees.

Plants
Heathlands are made up of low and slow growing evergreen shrubs, notably heathers (ling). Look out for other shrubs like gorse and brom. In the future we may see species like harebell, knapweed, heath bedstraw, heath milkwort and tormentil. The gorse scrub will support yellowhammer, linnet and you may see short-eared owls hunting during the day over the heathlands.

Birds
Look out for farmland birds like skylark and lapwing. Redshank, Curlew, Lapwing.

Trees
Trees planted include silver birch and Scots pine.

Ponds
Look out for curlew, lapwing, redshank, snipe and grey heron on the many new ponds created.

Art
A local group, the Kibblesworth Kavers, produced the two totem poles. Three boulders were decorated with ceramic plants and animals inspired by the work of local people.

Flora: Ling, Wavy hairgrass, Small heath butterfly.

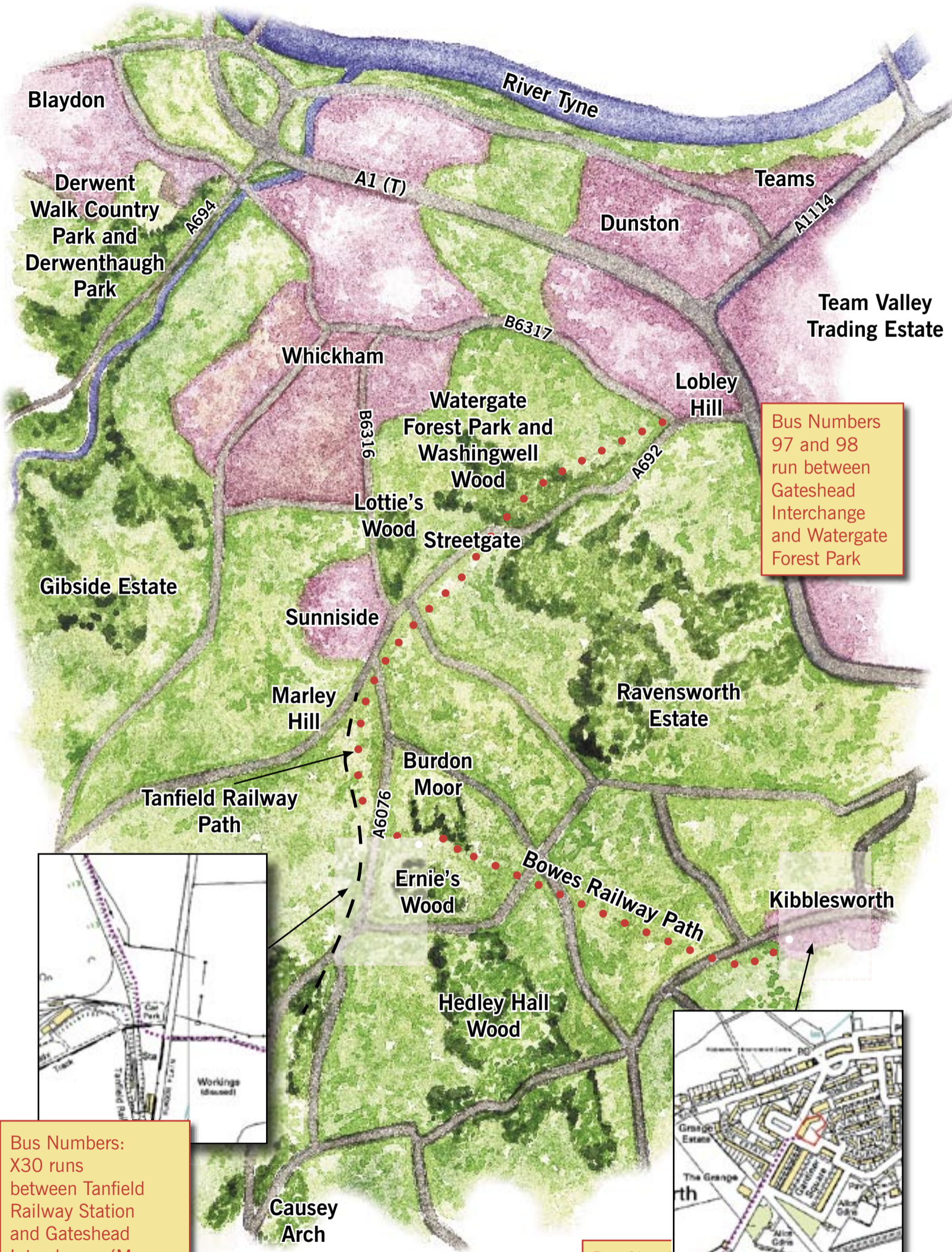
Fauna: Heron, Snipe, Redshank, Curlew, Lapwing, Gorse.

Map Labels: Burdon Plain, Burdon Moor Site, Path proposed 2004, Tree planting, Pond, Site of former Blackburn Fell Drift Mine, Hedley Hall, Wood, To Sunnyside, To Kibblesworth, Tyne and Wear Trail, A6076, Tanfield Railway Path, Tanfield Railway, Bus Stops, Totem Poles, Ernie's Wood.

Bringing Back Burdon Moor is a Gateshead Council project in partnership with the Great North Forest, The Countryside Agency, Department of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, Northumbrian Water Environmental Trust and Durham Wildlife Trust.

WAYMARKER TRAIL

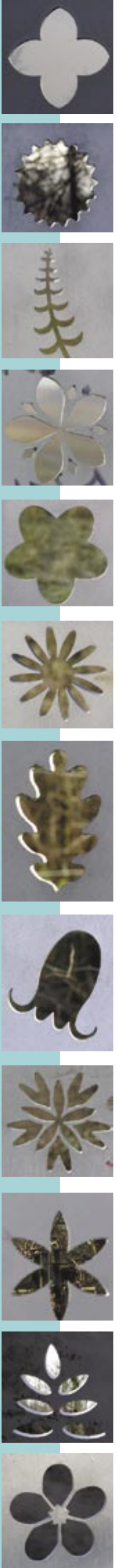
The waymarker trail can be started from either Watergate Forest Park or Kibblesworth Environment Centre. The route is an easy walk along the existing Tanfield and Bowes bridleways. It is mostly flat however it can be muddy in places so please wear appropriate footwear. There are several footpaths joining these paths that can be taken as an alternative to the full waymarked route. An additional sheet is available to make your rubbings. To get the most from your walk it is recommended that you use this leaflet in conjunction with OS Explorer maps 308 & 316. Bus routes can return you to your starting point via Gateshead Interchange (see map for details).



Bus Numbers 97 and 98 run between Gateshead Interchange and Watergate Forest Park

Bus Numbers: X30 runs between Tanfield Railway Station and Gateshead Interchange (Mon-Sat) Sunday service 705 and 770 to Sunnyside then walk along Tanfield Railway Path

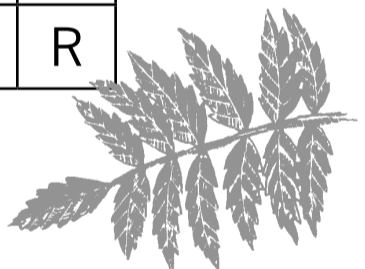
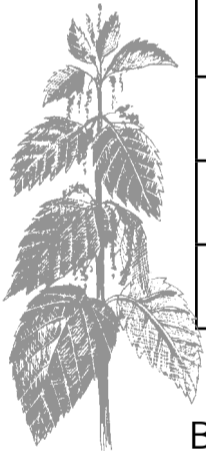
Bus Number 629 runs between Gateshead Interchange and Kibblesworth



Many of the plants below are found along the route, some are in woodlands, others in meadows or by water, and others are found on heathland. See how many you can find in this puzzle and see how many you can see when you are on the Trail:



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BLUEBELL

BELL HEATHER

BUTTERCUP

HOLLY

TORMENTIL

OX-EYE DAISY

ASH

YARROW

HAREBELL

GREATER STITCHWORT

ROSEBAY WILLOWHERB

MARSH MARIGOLD

RAMSONS

RAGWORT

AGRIMONY

OAK

WHITE MELILOT

HAWKWEED

RED CAMPION

BRACKEN

CLOVER

FORGET-ME-NOT

CUCKOO FLOWER

DEAD NETTLE



You can use the other side of this sheet for your rubbings. Place over the squares at the base of the waymarkers. Use crayons or soft pencils.



