

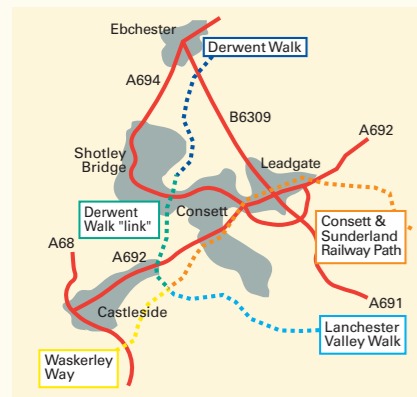
Visitor Centres

Thornley Woodlands Centre - on the A694 near Rowlands Gill. Toilets, parking and information available. Open to the public from 12 noon to 2pm during the week and 12 noon to 5pm at weekends and spring and summer Bank Holidays. Cyclists and horse riders please note - there is pedestrian access only at the Thornley Woodlands Centre.

Swalwell Visitor Centre - at the Swalwell end of the Derwent Walk. Toilets, parking and information are available. There is direct access for cyclists and horse riders to the Derwent Walk and the Derwenthaugh Park multi-user route. Information centre and toilets open daily.

Cycle Way Links From Consett

At Consett the Derwent Walk joins the Consett and Sunderland Railway Path, Waskerley Way and Lanchester Valley Walk at Lydgetts Junction. (See inset map).



Disabled Access and Gateshead Countryside Mobility

The Derwent Walk is wheelchair accessible at Swalwell Visitor Centre and Derwenthaugh Park is wheelchair accessible from Swalwell Visitor Centre and all three car parks along the A694, linking with the Derwent Walk near the Nine Arches Viaduct. A short circular boardwalk gives limited access to the woodland around Thornley Woodlands Centre. Both observation hides are wheelchair accessible. A 'Breakfree' leaflet pack is available free of charge, giving detailed access guidance.

Scooters are available for hire under the Gateshead Countryside Mobility scheme. Scooters are based at the Swalwell Visitor Centre and can be hired on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 10am to 4pm, hire cost £3 for full day & £1.50 for half day. The scheme is only open to members of Gateshead Shopmobility (membership £5 per year). To find out more and to book the scooters telephone Gateshead Shopmobility, 0191 477 9888.

Observation Hides

Thornley Wood - overlooks a bird feeding station. Car park at the Thornley Woodlands Centre.
Far Pasture Ponds and Shibdon Pond - overlook wetland areas. Far Pasture - car park beside the hide. Shibdon Pond - car park at Blaydon Swimming Pool.

All hides are kept locked and keys are available for purchase from the Thornley Woodlands Centre.

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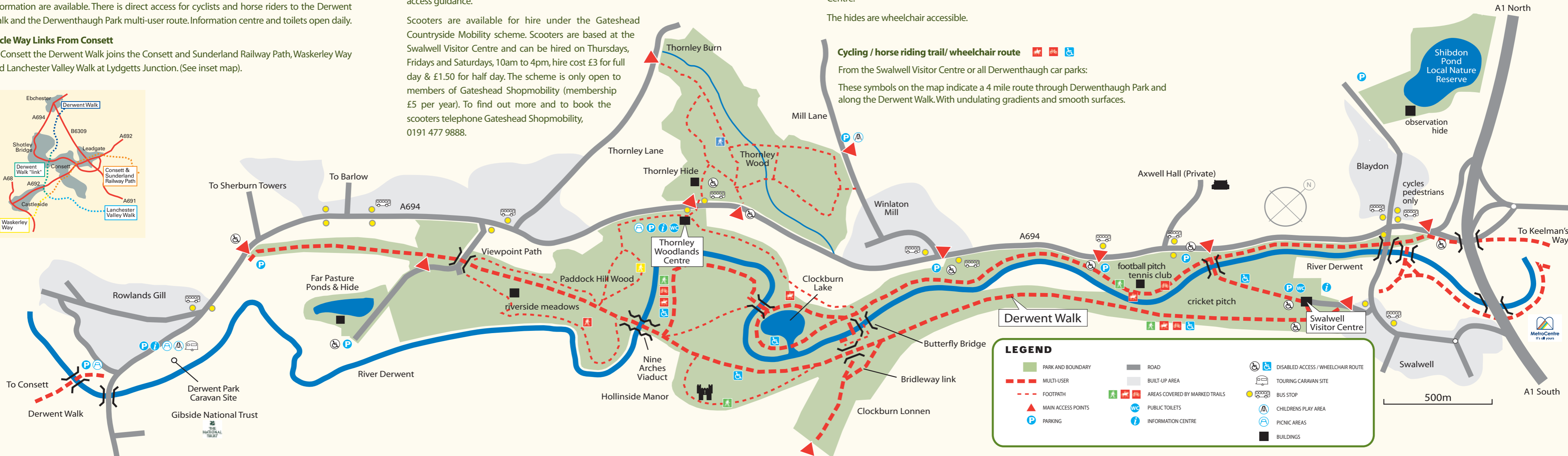
Cycling / horse riding trail/ wheelchair route

From the Swalwell Visitor Centre or all Derwenthaugh car parks:

These symbols on the map indicate a 4 mile route through Derwenthaugh Park and along the Derwent Walk. With undulating gradients and smooth surfaces.

Cycle Way links from Swalwell

From Swalwell you can follow the Sustrans C2C long distance cycle route beside the River Derwent to join the Keelman's Way which runs along the south bank of the River Tyne between Wylam and Hebburn.



LEGEND

PARK AND BOUNDARY	ROAD	DISABLED ACCESS / WHEELCHAIR ROUTE
MULTI-USER	BUILT-UP AREA	TOURING CARAVAN SITE
FOOTPATH	AREAS COVERED BY MARKED TRAILS	BUS STOP
MAIN ACCESS POINTS	PUBLIC TOILETS	CHILDRENS PLAY AREA
PARKING	INFORMATION CENTRE	PICNIC AREAS
		BUILDINGS

500m

