

Watergate Forest Park & Washingwell Wood

Just a few years ago Watergate was a colliery employing hundreds of miners from the Gateshead area and beyond. Since closing thousands of trees have been planted to create a Forest Park.

The lake here is an excellent place to watch ducks and other wildfowl, it's also popular with swans. Visit the site of a Roman Fort hidden beneath a wildflower meadow or walk up to one of the Great North Forest's Greenheart sculptures from where you get some wonderful views across Gateshead and beyond. Explore the park some more and you'll find the floating rocks.

Wander into Washingwell Wood to find the Blue Bridge and enjoy some fantastic woodland walks. In spring, when the bluebells and wild garlic are in flower, the woods are a haze of blue and white and full of the chatter of nesting birds.

walks and links

- The Tanfield Railway Path to Tanfield Railway and Causey Arch.
- The Tyne and Wear Trail - a 27km (17m) walk from Newcastle to Chester-le-Street, via Beamish and Waldrige Fell.
- Footpaths to Whickham and on to the Derwent Walk Country Park.
- The Marking the Ways Sculpture Trail, which continues through Sunnyside and on south to Beamish Woods, taking in over 25 sculptures along the way.

£ free ☀ open all year ♿ easy access
🗿 sculpture ✓ leaflets available



Watergate Forest Park



Wood Anemone



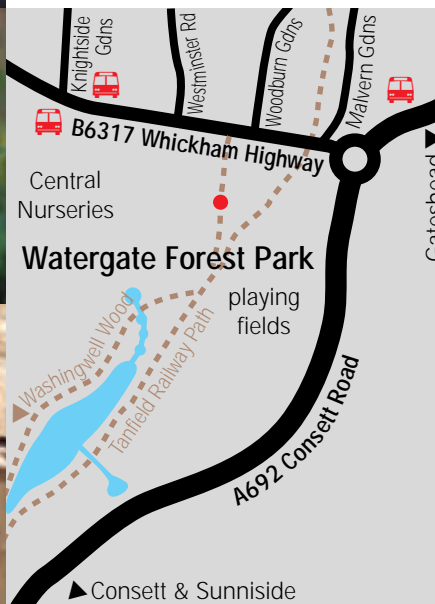
Floating Rocks

Other services to Watergate: 638, 639, 647, 705, 707, 708, M44/M45 also provide connections

- 97/98 Newcastle Market Street
- Gateshead High Street
- Gateshead Interchange
- Bensham
- Team Valley North End
- Lobley Hill Bank
- Watergate Central Nurseries
- Whickham Village
- Grange Estate

Bus frequencies in minutes

	Mon-Fri	Sat	Sun
97/98 - Easy Access			
Daytime	15	15	30
Evening	30	30	30



Tanfield Railway & Causey Arch

The Tanfield Railway is a hidden gem in the Great North Forest. Visit the world's oldest operating railway, first opened in 1725, and now run by volunteers. Sit back and enjoy a 5km (3m) ride on a steam train through beautiful scenery in a truly historic atmosphere.

Break your journey at Causey Arch, where you can see the oldest surviving single arch railway bridge in the world, and enjoy woodland walks along the picturesque Causey Burn.

Opening times for the Tanfield Railway - Sundays and Bank Holidays with weekday and Saturday service during school summer holidays. **To catch the train on Sundays** please use the Sunnyside bus stops/services. Every day: 705, 706, 770, M3, M44, M45. Mon-Sat: 707, 708, X30.

walks and links

- Footpaths in the beautiful woodlands along Causey Burn.
- The Tanfield Railway Path which links the stations along the track and continues north to Watergate Forest Park in Gateshead.
- Follow the Bowes Railway Path eastwards and use the Tyne & Wear Trail to visit Hedley Hall Wood - a large native woodland owned by the Woodland Trust.
- Bowes Railway Path east to Kibblesworth.

Tanfield Railway: £ charge WC& ♿ picnic area ☕ café
☀ Sundays/Bank Holidays: open, Weekdays/Saturdays: seasonal
♿ partial access ✓ leaflets available 🏡 industrial heritage
Tel: 0191 388 7545 www.tanfield-railway.co.uk

Causey Arch: £ free ☀ open all year WC& ♿ picnic area
♿ partial access ✓ leaflets available 🏡 industrial heritage



Causey Arch



Tanfield Railway



Red Campion

X30 Newcastle Eldon Square
Gateshead Interchange
Lobley Hill
Tanfield Railway
Causey Arch
Stanley

Bus frequencies in minutes

	Mon-Fri	Sat	Sun
X30			
Daytime	60	60	-
Evening	-	-	-

NB: No X30 on Sundays or evenings. Frequent buses to Sunnyside at all times - phone **traveline** for details.



1. Watergate Forest Park & Washingwell Wood

Angel of the North

A 'must see' trip for everyone living in or visiting the north east - the world famous statue by Antony Gormley that was erected in 1998. Towering 20 metres over its hilltop landscape it has a wingspan of 54 metres and is made from 200 tonnes of steel. Sit at the feet of the Angel and look over the Team Valley.

Between the A1 and the East Coast Mainline railway there is a large area of woodland - Longacre Wood. It's a rare fragment of mature woodland in the Team Valley, you will find bluebells, wild garlic and wood anemone. It is also home to birds such as the treecreeper and chiffchaff. Recent tree planting at the northern end of the wood, and elsewhere around the Angel of the North, has been undertaken by the Great North Forest, with support from the local community.

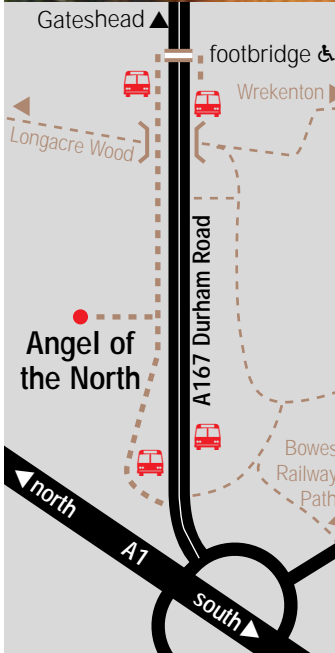
walks and links

- Local footpaths join the Bowes Railway Path, a 15km (10m) footpath that extends from Tanfield Railway in the west, via the Bowes Railway Museum, to Monkton in South Tyneside. From here the path continues as the Monkton Mineral Line path, which passes close to Jarrow Metro station, before joining the South Tyne Cycleway.
- Follow the footpath alongside the A167 to Longacre Wood - be careful as this route does involve walking approximately 2km (1.5m) along the public highway to the wood.

£ free ☀ open all year ♿ easy access - NB route from southbound bus stop is via steep footbridge.



Angel of the North



Newcastle Pilgrim Street
Gateshead Interchange
Low Fell
Angel of the North
Birtley
Barley Mow
Chester-le-Street
Wilton Gilbert
Fence Houses
Houghton-le-Spring

Newcastle Eldon Square
Gateshead Interchange
Low Fell
Angel of the North
Birtley
Barley Mow
Chester-le-Street
Plawsworth
Framwellgate Moor
Durham Bus Station
Nevilles Cross
(723) Ferryhill
(723) Chilton
(723) Newton Aycliffe
(723) Darlington
(724) Spennymoor
(724) Bishop Auckland

Bus frequencies in minutes

	Mon-Fri	Sat	Sun
21B - Easy Access			
Daytime	30	30	60
Evening	60	60	60

21A - Easy Access

Daytime	30	30	30
Evening	30	30	30

21 - Easy Access

Daytime	30	30	-
Evening	-	-	-

723/724 - Easy Access

Daytime	15	15	30
Evening	30	30	30

Eves & Suns - 60mins south of Durham
Other services: 183, 709 & 728 also provide connections to the Angel.

2. Tanfield Railway & Causey Arch

Penshaw Monument & Herrington Country Park

Penshaw Monument is one of the north east's most prominent landmarks. Built in 1844 and modelled on the Temple of Hephaestus in Athens, it stands magnificently above the City of Sunderland.

Climb up Penshaw Hill to the monument to be rewarded with some of the best views in the north east that stretch as far as Durham Cathedral, the North Pennines, Wearside and Tyneside. You might even see the Cheviot Hills of Northumberland on a clear day. On the way up look out for beautiful flowering plants that grow on this limestone hill.

You can walk from Penshaw Monument to Herrington Country Park where you can wander through the impressive Greenheart sculpture, wander around the lakes or venture up the Site Lines circle.

Over Penshaw Hill you can venture out to James Steel Park, which lies on the north and south bank of the River Wear within which can be found the famous Worm Hill where the Lambton Worm was reputed to have been slain.

walks and links

- Circular walks down to the south bank of the River Wear at Cox Green.
- Circular walks to James Steel Park, crossing the River Wear by bridge.
- The Weardale Way/River Wear Trail - a long distance walk that continues down to the mouth of the River Wear at Sunderland.

Penshaw Monument: £ free ☀ open all year
✓ leaflets available 🏡 heritage

Herrington Country Park: £ free ☀ open all year
✓ leaflets available



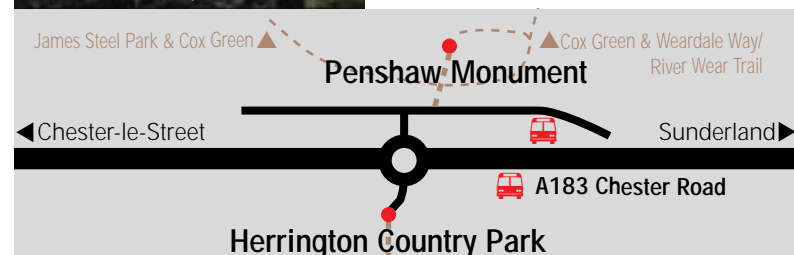
Penshaw Monument



Herrington Country Park



Greenheart sculpture



Sunderland Park Lane
Penshaw
Washington
Low Fell
Crawcrook
Birtley
Chester-le-Street
Gateshead Interchange
Newcastle Newcastle
Sunderland Park Lane
Penshaw
Shiney Row
Houghton-le-Spring
Low Moorsley
Chester-le-Street
Beamish
Stanley
Consett

Bus frequencies in minutes

	Mon-Fri	Sat	Sun
638			
Daytime	60	60	60*
Evening	60*	60*	60*

777 - Easy Access

Daytime	60	60	60
Evening	60	60	60

775/778 - Easy Access

Daytime	30	30	30†
Evening	60	60	60

164

Daytime	60	60	-
Evening	-	-	-

*terminates at Heworth evenings and Sundays - does not go to Low Fell or Crawcrook
†every 60 mins between Stanley and Consett

3. Angel of the North & Longacre Wood

Beamish, the North of England Open Air Museum & Beamish Wood

At Beamish, the North of England Open Air Museum, the North of England in the early 1800's and 1900's is vividly brought to life. There are trams to ride on and shops and houses to visit. Go underground to see what life was like for the miners or call in at the village school, see the animals in Home Farm or have a go on the old fairground rides.

Access to the spectacular Beamish Wood is free, it is open all year and linked by an excellent network of paths. With strange names such as Hell Hole Woods and Pockerley Woods you never know what you might find. Red squirrels, herons and roe deer are some of the wildlife you might see in the beautiful woodlands. Keep an eye out for the Stone Insect or the Oak Leaf Bridge. If you are tired - pause a while on the Green Man Seat, Lovers' Seat or the Seat of Leaves. The area also has a fascinating industrial heritage with old coal workings, forges and mills set in a beautiful landscape.

NB: Bus service users (on services 709, 720, 775 and 778) alighting in Beamish Village are given a discount on admission to Beamish Museum during the summer season.

walks and links

- Hell Hole, Ousbrough, Pockerley and Hedley Hall Woods and Beamish Burn.
- Marking the Ways Sculpture Trail - 10 km (6m).
- Tyne and Wear Trail - 27 km (17m).
- Consett & Sunderland Railway Path (C2C cycle route).

Beamish Museum: £ charge WC& ♿ picnic area
☀ open all year, restricted opening during winter ☕ café
✓ leaflets available ♿ easy access 🏡 industrial heritage
Tel: 0191 370 4000 www.beamish.org.uk

Beamish Wood: £ free ☀ open all year ♿ picnic area
✓ leaflets available 🏡 industrial heritage 🗿 sculpture



Beamish Wood



Beamish Museum

Durham Bus Station
Sacriston
Newcastle Eldon Square
Gateshead Interchange
Birtley
Beamish
Stanley

Sunderland Park Lane
Penshaw
Chester-le-Street
Beamish
Stanley
Consett

Bus frequencies in minutes

	Mon-Fri	Sat	Sun
709			
Daytime	60	60	30
Evening	60	60	60

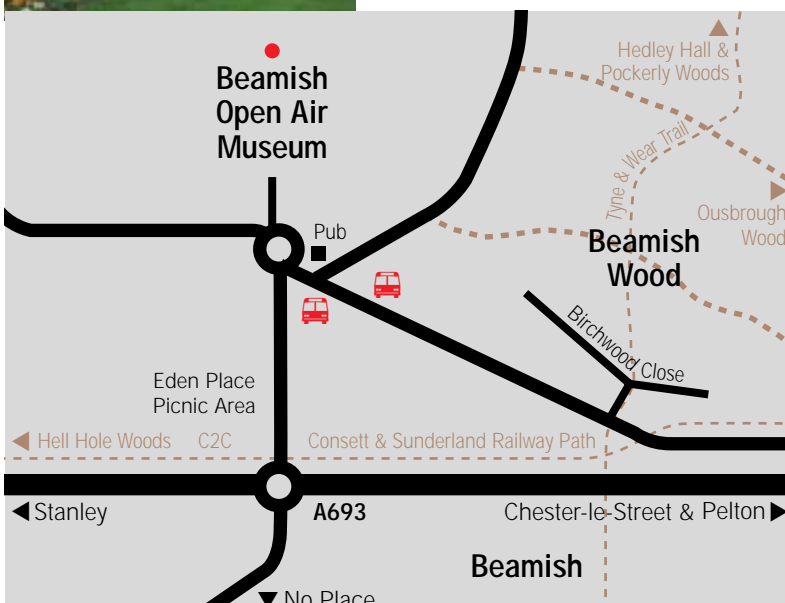
720 - Easy Access

Daytime	60	60	60
Evening	60	60	60

775/778 - Easy Access

Daytime	30	30	30†
Evening	60	60	60

†every 60 mins between Stanley and Consett



4. Penshaw Monument & Herrington Country Park

Tilsheds Local Nature Reserve & The Linnet Way

Tilsheds is a great place to visit. Nothing remains of the former brick and tile works or the piggeries for which this part of South Tyneside was renowned. Instead you will find swans, coots and moorhens hiding on the pond amongst the bulrushes. Many thousands of trees have been planted here by volunteers - come back time after time and see how they have grown.

For spectacular views of the sea follow The Linnet Way from Tilsheds to Marsden Bay. Look out for linnets - small birds that twitter and dance along the hedgerows!

Just a short walk west of Tilsheds is Colliery Wood - where 50,000 young trees have been planted recently to create what will be the largest woodland in South Tyneside. The paths here are well surfaced and suitable for wheelchair users. From Colliery Wood you can walk down to the River Don - looking out for the rare kingfisher and water vole, or follow the brass rubbing trail to Brockley Whins Metro station.

walks and links

- The Linnet Way - a 6km (3.5m) walk from Tilsheds to Marsden Rock, from where there are coastal views and walks. The Linnet Way starts at Brockley Whins Metro station, passing through Tilsheds Local Nature Reserve and continuing on to Marsden Grotto from where there are regular bus services to South Shields and Sunderland.
- The Forest of Imagination Sculpture - Trail 10km (6m) which is accessible to wheelchairs.
- Colliery Wood and the Brockley Whins brass rubbing trail - 5km (3m).

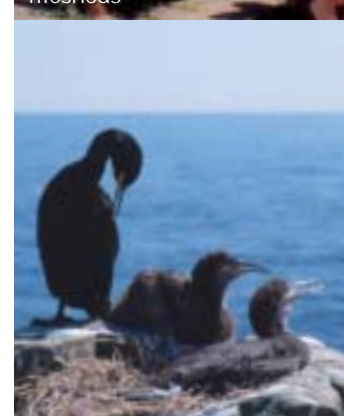
Tilsheds Local Nature Reserve & The Linnet Way:

£ free ☀ open all year ♿ picnic area
♿ partial access ✓ leaflets available
🏡 industrial heritage

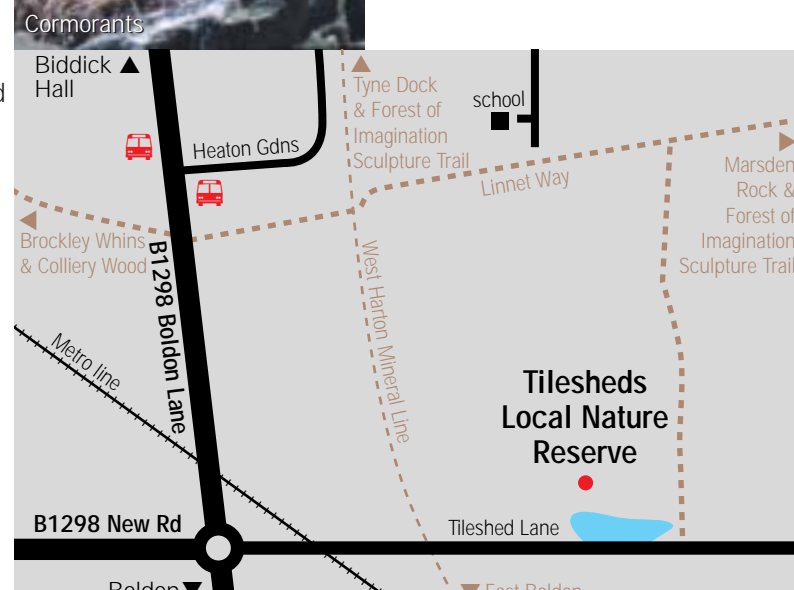
Free walk leaflets are available for this area from South Tyneside Council Tel: 0191 424 7498



Tilsheds



Cormorants



Jarrow
Tilsheds
Boldon
Sunderland Park Lane
Gateshead Interchange
Newcastle Haymarket
South Shields
Tilsheds
Boldon
Fellgate
Washington
Chester-le-Street

Bus frequencies in minutes

	Mon-Fri	Sat	Sun
538			
Daytime	60	60	60
Evening	60	60	60

X34

Daytime	30	30	-
Evening	-	-	-

551

Daytime	60	60	60
Evening	60	60	60

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Daytime	30	30	60
Evening	60	60	60

5. Beamish Open Air Museum & Beamish Wood

6. Tilsheds Local Nature Reserve & The Linnet Way



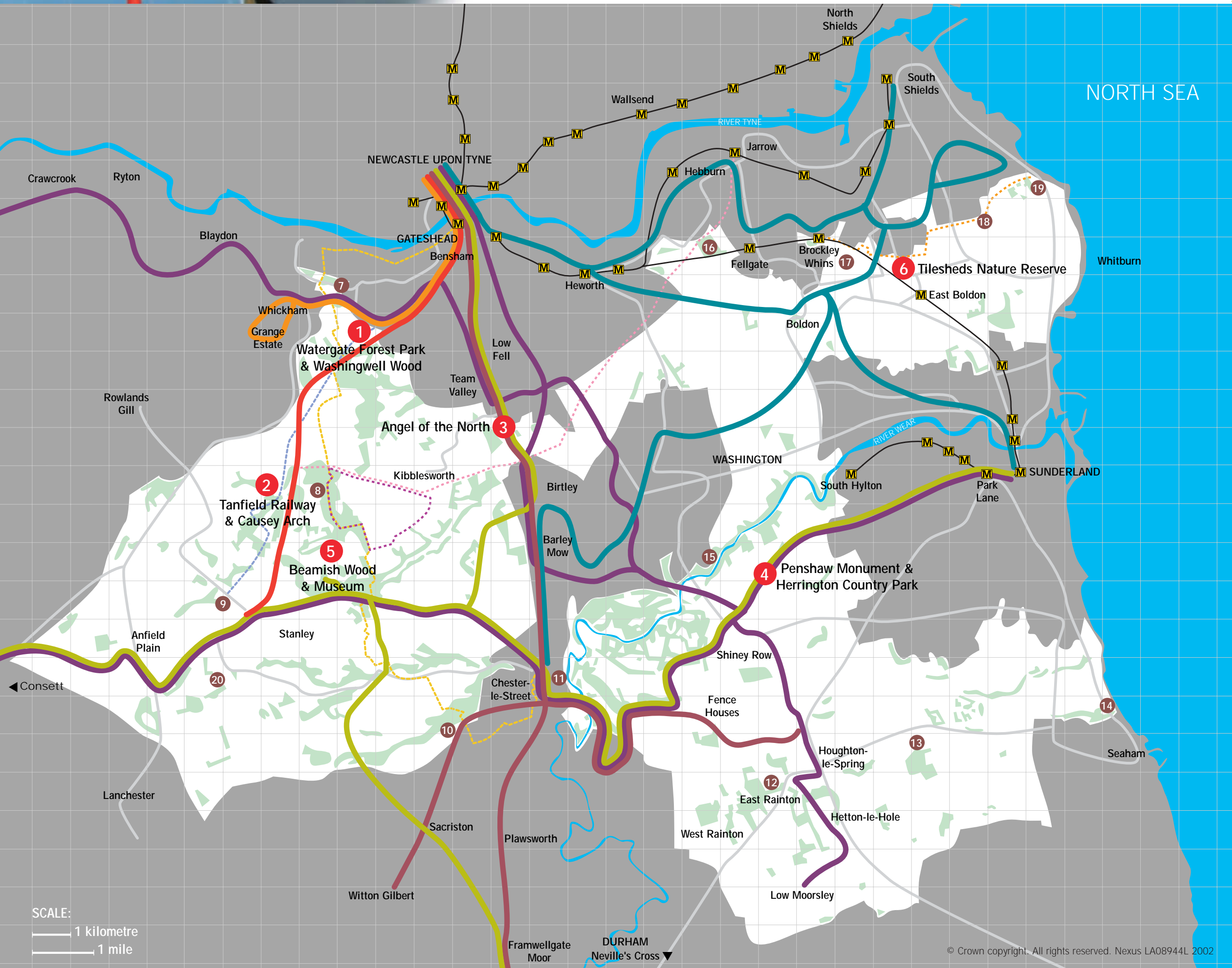
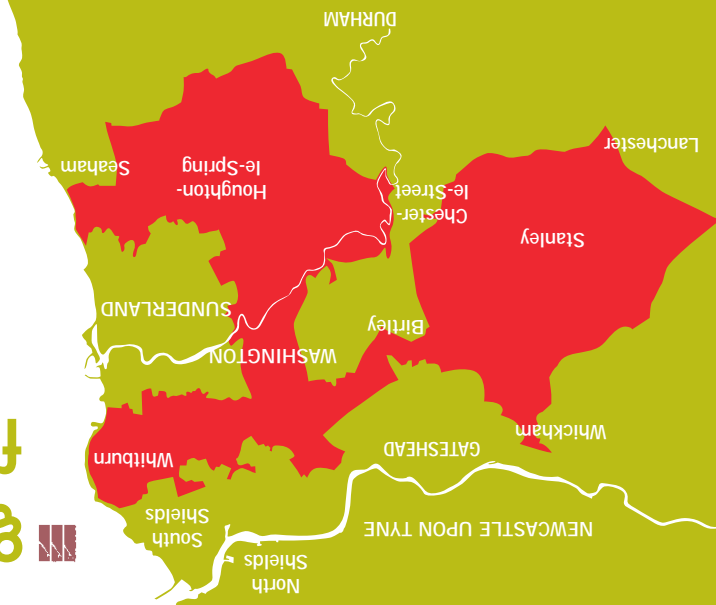
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Travelling by public transport today is quick, hassle free, inexpensive, sociable and environmentally friendly! People use public transport for work and shopping - have you thought of using it for leisure and fun too? Great North Forest and regional bus and Metro operators have got together to make it as easy as possible for you to visit the leaflet, our website and **Traveline**. With this information you need for a great day out and a safe trip home.

The Great North Forest is growing and trails each year. Let us take you on an amazing adventure by bus or Metro!

A trip out to the Great North Forest by bus or Metro will be a voyage of discovery that will reward everyone with new experiences.

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out and about in the
great north forest

growing on your doorstep...

For more details on the following sites please see information overleaf.

- 1 Watergate Forest Park & Washingwell Wood
- 2 Tanfield Railway & Causey Arch
- 3 Angel of the North
- 4 Penshaw Monument & Herrington Country Park
- 5 Beamish Wood & Museum
- 6 Tiledsheds Nature Reserve

Other sites you can visit - see our website for more information: www.greatnorthforest.co.uk

- 7 Whickham Thorns & Cross Lane Meadows
- 8 Hedley Hall Wood
- 9 Tanfield Lea Marsh Local Nature Reserve & Kyo Greenway
- 10 Waldridge Fell Country Park
- 11 Riverside Country Park
- 12 Rainton Meadows
- 13 Warden Law
- 14 Seaham Coast
- 15 James Steel Park & Fatfield South Woods
- 16 Monkton Fell
- 17 Colliery Wood
- 18 Cleadon Hills
- 19 Marsden Old Quarry Nature Reserve, Marsden Bay & Souter Lighthouse
- 20 Quaking Houses

Use our step by step guide and get the most from your visit - try it out!

A	B	C	D	E
pick a site	get the info	get organised	go!	feedback
pick from sites 1-6 and follow the guide overleaf choose from sites 7-20 and get more details from our website and traveline	find bus and Metro times from traveline for events see our website or press for latest weather see our website	invite your friends pack a picnic don't forget to take change for your tickets	enjoy the ride go for a few hours or a whole day have fun! try a linear walk using different bus stops	enjoyed your trip? found a new walk? think something should be improved? ...use our website or write to us (see address on back of leaflet)

www.greatnorthforest.co.uk **traveline: 0870 608 2 608**

ticket options:

- Standard single and return fares are available.
- Day Rover or Junior Rover (for under 14s) for travel on all operators in Tyne and Wear.
- Explorer for unlimited travel throughout the region - adult, child, senior citizen and family tickets available.
- All of the above tickets are accepted by Arriva, Go NorthEast, Metro and Stagecoach.
- Individual companies offer day tickets valid only on their own services - ask for details.

For details of ticket options and public transport timetable information call **traveline: 0870 608 2 608**

key to map

- Great North Forest area
- new and existing woodland
- site 1 bus routes
- site 2 bus routes
- site 3 bus routes
- site 4 bus routes
- site 5 bus routes
- site 6 bus routes
- other bus routes available
- Metro line
- Tyne & Wear Trail
- Kibblesworth Sculpture Trail
- Bowes Railway Path/Monkton Mineral Line
- Linnet Way
- Tanfield Railway Path

for leaflets and more info...

Great North Forest
www.greatnorthforest.co.uk
Whickham Thorns, Market Lane
Dunston NE11 9NX
tel: 0191 460 6200

access for all...

Buses on many routes and Metros are Easy Access, making them suitable for people with restricted mobility and for young families. Most of the days out destinations are accessible by people with restricted mobility, but you are advised to phone for more details in advance of travelling. For large print, Braille or audio versions of this leaflet call 0191 203 3207.

please be respectful...

Please take all of your rubbish home with you, keep your dog on a lead, keep to the footpath and close all gates behind you.

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