



Anston to Dinnington (via Anston Stones)

Discover limestone gorges and flourishing havens for wildlife



6.3 mile/10.1km

Approximately 3 ½ hours
at a leisurely pace.
13,300 steps



Opening hours: All year round



FREE entrance



Car parking: On street



Toilets: No



Café: No, but perfect for picnics



Dogs: Yes



Accessibility: Most footpaths are 1.5 metres wide, some narrower and gradient varies.

Step by step walking route

1. Cross Ryton Road at the zebra crossing opposite Anston Brook Primary School, signed Parish Hall, and keep straight on along the track. Pass through the green barrier just around the corner and follow the improved path to the far right-hand corner.
2. Continue on this path as it bends to the left, overlooking the stream. At the junction take the left fork uphill and follow the main worn path along the edge of open country. Cross the end of the wall at the far end and continue through the wood, down a set of steps. Ignore the steps dropping down through the wood and continue to enter the stunning magnesian limestone gorge – a Site of Special Scientific Interest.
3. When you reach the central stones surrounding a tree, branch to the left and follow the thinner natural path across the meadow, turning right through the gap 50m after re-joining the trees - and go straight on down the steps. If you have stayed on the main path across the meadow, turn right almost immediately after re-entering the wood and descend the steps. There is an information panel just over the footbridge.

The countryside code

Respect - Protect - Enjoy

Respect other people:

- consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- leave gates and property as you find them and follow paths unless wider access is available

Protect the natural environment:

- leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home
- keep dogs under effective control

Enjoy the outdoors:

- plan ahead and be prepared
- follow advice and local signs



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4. Turn right through the railway tunnel and over the river, and then pass a bridge and a smaller tunnel. The path eventually passes beneath the railway below some impressive crags and continues until it joins your outward path. As you reach the corner of a green fence to your right, fork left down into the valley and cross the footbridge. The path rises to run alongside the railway before descending steps to the river and exiting onto Ryton Road at a green barrier. Cross over, turn right then double back left through the kissing gate to re-join the river by a picnic table. You can either stay beside the river or double back to the Brook Walk information panel - both paths converge near a pond and continue over a bridge, where you should turn right through the kissing gate along the concrete path.
5. Next, turn left along the road past Town Wells, then right with the pavement up some steps. Cross over and continue more steeply up the hill. At the end of the field, turn left past Bell Cottage and left again at the junction past the front of the shops and café. Walk past the entrance to Greenlands Park and turn right after 50m through the kissing gate. Turn left past the medical centre and follow the tarmac path through the A-frame and along the edge of the sports pitches. Stick to the same path over a staggered junction with a green barrier on the left, past another branch, and fork right on another tarmac path just beyond an outcropping of limestone that acts as a wall. Pass through the kissing gate and keep straight on through the A-frame.
6. Turn left immediately beyond the houses, following the natural path through a narrow strip of woodland – pass through the A-frame and turn left. Cross the road and continue alongside the primary school to enter the woodland at an A-frame. Follow the tarmac path round to the right, but leave it just before the junction near the houses, turning left along the natural path that has a few paving stones at the beginning. Keep right through sparse woodland before continuing northwest at a wider grassy ride running along the edge of the wood, with a large field over the hedge on your left. Emerge at a shallow ford and turn left along the brick-red path in front of this. Turn left at the Land Trust information board and left again after 100m to begin the climb up the hill. Follow the grass path to the summit, where there is a small pond and rocks to sit on.
7. After taking a rest and enjoying the views, bear left to join the grassed red track. Follow the pond and turn right at the junction on another grassed red track with lovely views. Stay on this as the path curves left then right, overlooking the wetland area. Having come full circle, turn left at the fence corner and descend back to the information board, using the grassed shortcut path if you wish, and turn right back towards the ford. Cross the footbridge and go straight on over the cross-path to the A-frame leading into the housing estate. Go right at the junction and then right again at to walk down Limelands Road. Turn left at a wooden barrier and follow the tarmac through a small clearing. Turn right along Church Lane, cross over at the church and left along Laughton Road. Turn left just beyond the zebra crossing into the outdoor market and travel interchange.



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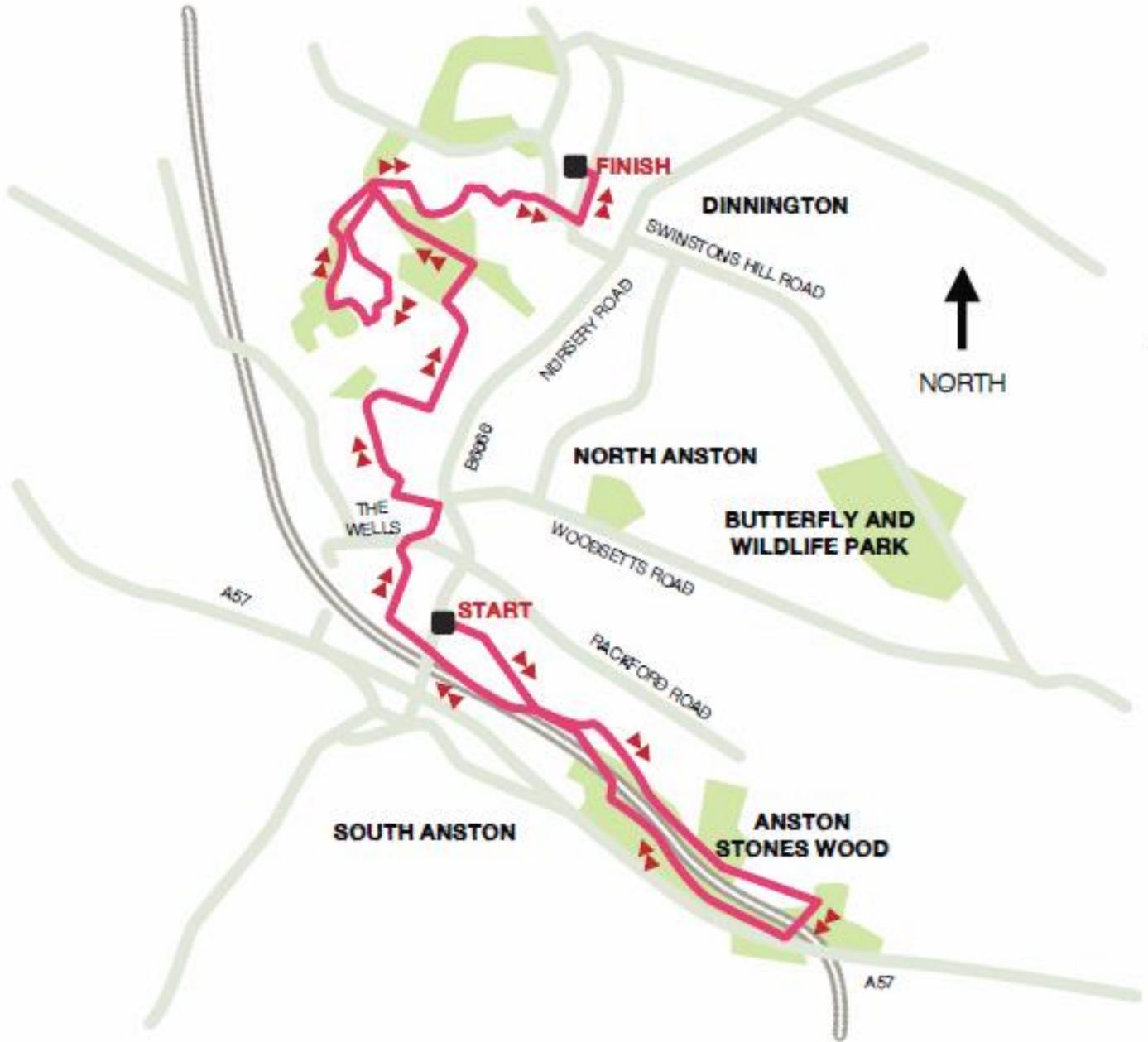
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