



# Elba Park – circular stroll

## A former colliery and now a rich haven for wildlife



**0.9 mile/1.5km**

Approximately 30 mins at a leisurely pace.  
1,900 steps



**Opening hours:** All year round



**FREE entrance**



**Car parking:** For 10 cars



**Toilets:** No



**Café:** No, but perfect for picnics



**Dogs:** To be kept under constant control please



**Accessibility:** Some narrow trails through wooded areas. Varying gradients. Most trails 1.5m+ wide. Disabled parking & motorised buggy access.

### Step by step walking route

1. Start off at the main car park off Chester road. Walk along the path into the park, going past the two information boards. Carry on around the corner (left of the large boulder) with the new homes on your left.
2. Shortly after the large boulder, follow the gravelled path on your right, just before the way marker, this will take you between the trees and up onto the hill. Walk up this path; you will come to a large meadow with brilliant views across to Penshaw Monument and the Durham countryside. Skylarks, Pheasants and on occasion Deer can all be seen from here. There is a bench up here where you sit and watch and listen.
3. Carry on along the gravel path following it to the left. You will go past Banners, designed by the local primary schools and created by local artist Craig Knowles.
4. Carry on down the path until you come off the hill. Turn left and follow the path, which will take you past the Miners Memorial on your left. Designed by local artist Colin Wilbourn it represents the conditions the miners had to work in.

## 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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5. Follow this path as it continues around to the left; this will take you past the pond on your right. Reed warblers, mallards and swans are common visitors to our pond. There is a bench here which makes a great vantage point overlooking the pond and Penshaw Monument in the distance.
6. Follow this path up and around to take you back to the main car park where you started.



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