

Weetslade wander



Approximate distance: 5 miles

Expected duration: 1.5 - 2 hours



Points of interest



Direction of walk



Toilets

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- 1** Start at The Lakeside Centre (toilet facilities and refreshments available during opening hours). Walk through the centre gates, turn left onto the shared path and walk until you see a crossing point on your right. Cross the road and turn left. Continue along this path until you see a barrier and a path to your right.
- 2** Follow this path keeping the lake on your right until you reach the Spirit Of North Tyneside memorial. Follow the path through the playpark and continue over the zebra crossing onto Northumbrian Way.
- 3** Follow the path ahead until it meets Station Road then continue over the railway crossing. Take an immediate right onto Peddies Lane. As the lane bears left look for a gravel path on the right and take this path as it climbs a short hill onto a long tree lined track. You are now on part of the North Tyneside Waggonways network.
- 4** Continue along this track with the east coast railway to your right and houses to your left. Go under a bridge and continue to where the track splits. Bear left and go under another bridge (look for the mural reflecting on the area's coal mining heritage). Continue on this track to cross Great Lime Road and enter Weetslade Country Park.
- 5** Follow the track and you will see Weetslade Hill ahead of you, as the track splits, bear to the right to follow the tarmac path which sweeps around to climb the hill. Continue on this path to the summit where you will see three vertical columns – another monument to our mining heritage.
- 6** From the summit there are two options:
 - Return via the tarmac path to the main track, returning to Great Lime Road
 - As the tarmac path sweeps right take the rougher gravel track down the west side of the hill. As this track splits take the left hand track until you reach the main track and turn left to return toward Great Lime Road
- 7** After crossing Great Lime Road keep left as the track splits to go under the bridges. You are now on Cycle Route 10. Follow this track through Burradon, crossing the main road and through the end of two cul-de-sacs. As you emerge onto the gravel tracks take an immediate left to follow the track through two underpasses as you come back into Killingworth (Bailey Green School should be on your left hand side between the two underpasses).
- 8** After the second underpass the path splits, take the left path and follow along the edge of an open play area. As you leave the play area the path bears right (you should then have houses on the left) take the first path on your left to continue along between rows of houses. As you reach West Bailey you will see a path ahead behind a metal railing (an accessible crossing point can be found at the traffic calming point to your right). Follow this path towards the lake.
- 9** On reaching the lake, turn left and continue along the shore until you reach Southgate. Cross the road and return to The Lakeside Centre.