

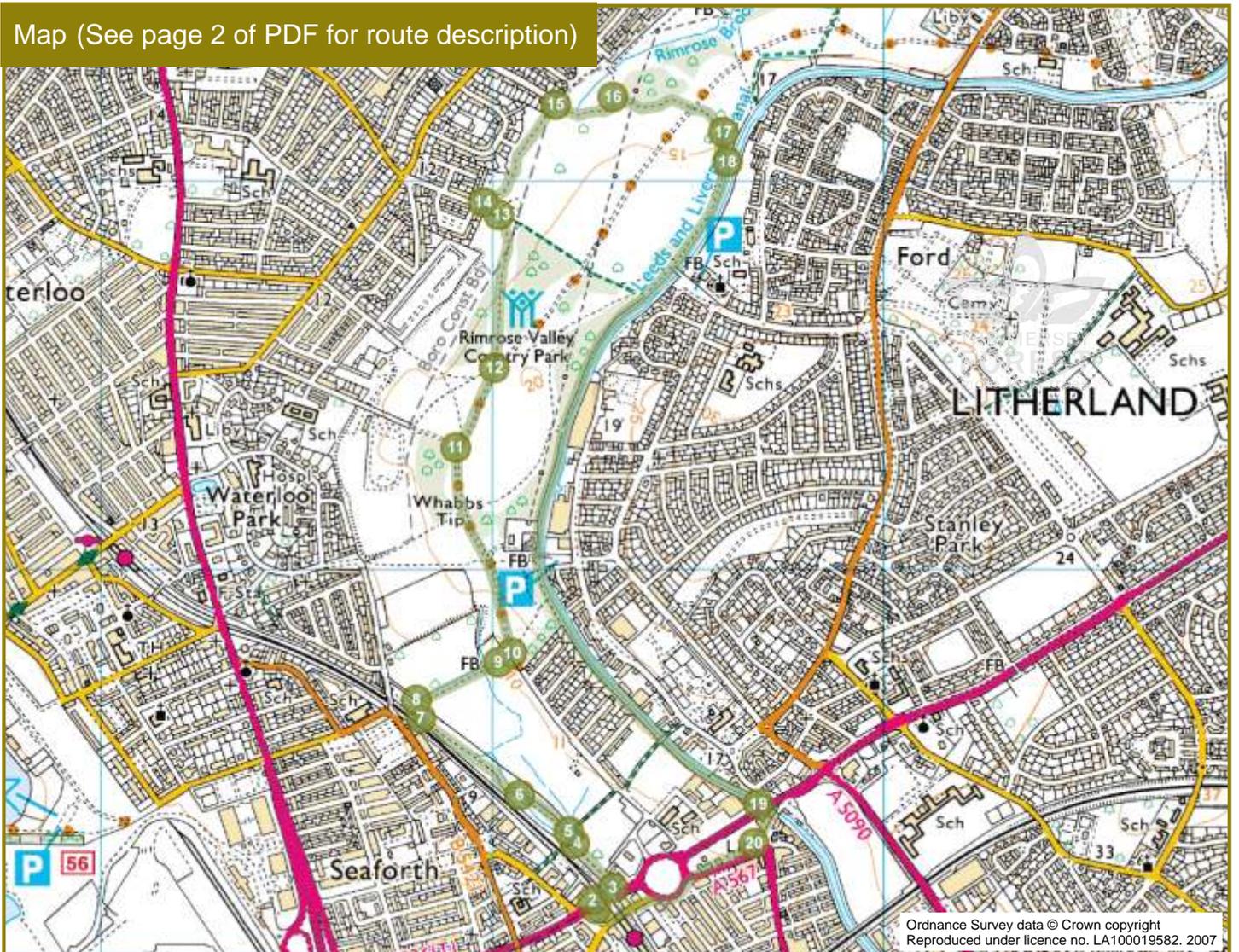
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Route Summary

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Grade	Moderate
Distance	6km / 3½ miles
Accessibility	★★
Allow	1½ hours
Start	Seaforth and Litherland railway station
Map	OS Explorer 275 Liverpool

Map (See page 2 of PDF for route description)



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Route Details

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The valley has now entered a new era under the management of Sefton's Coast and Countryside Ranger Service which will help protect and enhance the nature conservation and amenity value of the valley.

Ambitious schemes have transformed the valley with footpaths, bridges, boardwalks and tree planting and an existing wetland at Brookvale has been enhanced as a Local Nature Reserve with reed warblers already in residence.

Route Directions

1. Cross the footbridge from the station car park.
2. Turn underneath the railway bridge.
3. Take the path on the left.
4. Bear right then left.
5. Cross the footbridge over Rimrose Brook.
6. Recross the brook (bearing left).
7. Bear right where the path forks.
8. Turn right on the tarmaced path and cross Rimrose Brook for a third time.
9. Climb the steps on the left.
10. Turn left at the crossroads.
11. Bear right where the main path bends to the left.
12. Bear left at the next junction.
13. Turn left just before reaching the edge of the housing estate.
14. Turn left down the road then take the path on the right just before the junction.
15. Turn right at the crossroads.
16. Bear right at the next junction of surfaced paths.
17. Bear right on nearing the canal.
18. Turn right along the towpath.
19. After passing under Church Road (the dual carriageway), turn right on to Bridge Road.
20. Turn right at the end then take the second exit at the roundabout to return to the station.

