







# Directions

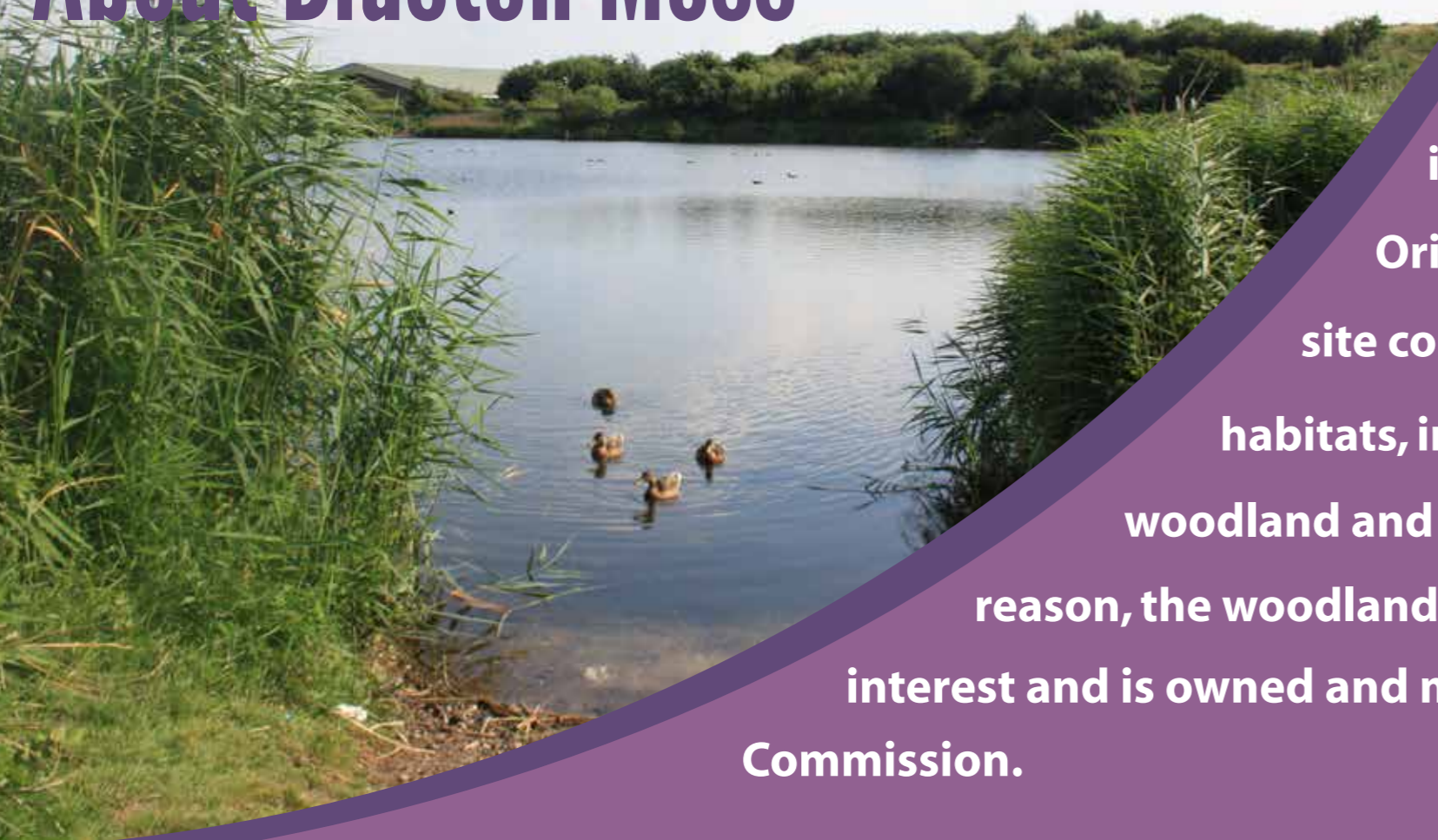
- 1 Climb the steps up to the footbridge at Bidston train station and bear left. Descend the steps and continue down the footpath angling off to the right.
- 2 Cross the bridge over the water.
- 3 Turn right and head onto the signposted cycle path, marked by a big black sign with a tag on it.
- 4 Cross the road by walking under the bridge, taking note of the graffiti on the left where the path turns into stones and gravel.
- 5 Continue along the path. You will see a turn off to the left, but walk straight on.
- 6 When you have been walking for about 10 minutes, with the train tracks to your right and marsh and vegetation to your left, the path will take a left.
- 7 Bear right at the signpost to Bidston Moss, towards the big road bridges.
- 8 Here you might like to take a detour by walking off the path to the left in order to look at the street art on some of the concrete bridge uprights. If you walk up towards the railway line in between the two road bridges, you will discover some large and interesting artworks.
- 9 After exploring the artwork go back to the path and up the ramp towards the footbridge. Be aware that a lot of cyclists use this route, so keep an eye out.
- 10 There is a left turn on the footbridge, but keep going straight across onto Bidston Moss. You should see a sign post on the right hand side welcoming you to the Moss.
- 11 Follow the footpath downhill around to the left which will lead you on to a tarmac path.
- 12 At the bottom of the small hill turn right. Walk for about 10 minutes.
- 13 As the path starts to turn right, take the path on the left. On the right is a seating area where you can look at the lake and feed the ducks.
- 14 Return to the tarmac path, turn left and continue the way you were going.
- 15 As the path starts on a slight incline there is a gravel path off to the right. Take this path, passing a 'Viewing Structure' on your right.
- 16 Continue along the footpath towards the top of the hill, ignoring a left turn.
- 17 On your right you will pass another 'Viewing Structure', from which you should be able to see the Liverpool skyline.
- 18 Continue up the hill, ignoring another path on your left. To the right you will see another 'Viewing Structure', about 10 meters off the main path; this frames the Wirral coast and provides views across to Wales.
- 19 Continue on the path, making no turns. It will begin to descend and turn to the left.
- 20 Ahead of you is the Bidston Household Waste Recycling Centre. Continue along the path until you reach the exit on the right.  
  
Here you can either:
- 20a a) Take the path through the Green gates on your right, alongside the Bidston Household Waste Recycling Centre. Take a right when you hit the road and Birkenhead North train station is on your left (10 minutes). You may want to continue up through the Park to the left of the Church and go to the Open Door Café at the St James Street Centre (this is only open on weekdays)
- 20b b) Follow the path round to the left, passing the Friends of Bidston Moss notice board on your right. Walk along the path, passing the lake on your right, before returning to the circular perimeter path. Retrace your steps back to Bidston train station. (30 minutes)

## Key

	Route		Train stations
	Optional route		Railway lines
	Footpaths		
	Checkpoints (see directions opposite)		



# About Bidston Moss



Bidston Moss is a thriving community woodland in the heart in the heart of Birkenhead

Originally a salt marsh, the site contains a variety of habitats, including wetland woodland and scrubland. For this reason, the woodland is a site of scientific interest and is owned and maintained by Forestry Commission.

Map and woodland guide  
Bidston Moss Walking Route



Bidston Moss is home to lots of different species of wildlife, from birds like great crested grebe, reed bunting and swallows, to butterflies and other insects.

A key feature of the woodland is a newly renovated fishing lake which, with its new boardwalks and fishing pegs, welcomes local residents and schools for informal fishing and educational events. You can fish on the site without a fishing license. Fish species include carp, tench, and bream. If you're lucky, you might also catch an eel.

## Did you know?

Bidston Moss was the location and inspiration for a digital artwork and sci-fi film called Zone.

The film can be seen at [www.zone2014.org](http://www.zone2014.org) and there is a TripAdvisor link for the site here too.

New cycle routes (including a 2km parameter trail) link with the existing National Cycle Network. Bidston Moss is now a venue for many sporting events, from traditional cycling to the more unusual pursuit of Nordik Skiing (which is suited to the steep terrain of Bidston's 'mound').

Bidston Moss remains popular with local people for informal use like dog walking, exercise and family days out (the site is one of the few with views to the coast, which makes it a popular choice for many).

## How to get to Bidston Moss

### By train

The walk starts from Bidston train station, which is situated at the junction of the West Kirby branch of the Wirral Line, which is part of the Merseyrail network, and with the Borderlands Line from Wrexham Central, operated by Arriva Trains Wales.

Bidston does not have full disabled access, but does have a car park and toilets. There are no facilities at Bidston Moss, so take water with you.

### By car

To get to the start of the walk by car, come off the M53 at Junction 1 and take the third exit onto the A554. Follow the signposts to Bidston train station.

### On foot

See the directions on the page overleaf for access to the woodland.



## How many of these creatures can you spot?

- Sparrowhawk
- Duck
- Barn Owl
- Little Grebe
- Heron
- Moorhen
- Fish
- Kestrel
- Fox

## Did you know?

Bidston Moss is an elephant take away! Chester Zoo visit the site and harvest willow to feed the animals.

The elephants love the willow and won't eat willow from anywhere else now!

## About this map

This walking route has been developed with a young people's group from Women's Enterprising Breakthrough (WEB). These women designed the route and produced this information. The activity was coordinated in partnership with FACT and The Mersey Forest.

