

# Woodgate Wood

## What is special?

Woodgate Wood is a broadleaved woodland planted in 2013 that covers 5.5 hectares of land. Signs of past mining activity can still be found in and around the woodland. Eden Colliery owned by the Consett Iron Company was located just to the south and worked from 1844 until it closed in 1980. Coal was transported from the pit via Iveston Railway which is still visible running along the northern boundary of the woodland.

Local school children helped plant the trees and name the wood. The trees here are all native species such as oak, hazel, holly and birch. These are most suitable for this area and an excellent way to help local wildlife, providing sources of food, places of shelter and safety from predators.

Native woodland is one of our richest habitats for wildlife, supporting everything from plants, lichens and fungi to insects, butterflies, small mammals and birds. Although the trees are just small saplings and it may not feel and look like woodland yet, it is still an important haven for wildlife. Wildlife most likely to be found here includes speckled wood butterfly, great spotted woodpecker, tawny owl and roe deer.

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Acorn



Speckled wood  
butterfly



Roe deer



Tawny owl

Foxglove



Hare



Great spotted  
woodpecker



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## Enjoying this wood

Woodgate Wood can be enjoyed as part of a longer walk using the extensive network of paths and old railway lines in the area.

For routes further afield the C2C cycle path runs through Leadgate with Consett lying to the west. Follow this route a couple of miles to the east and you can see Bantling Lime Kilns. They were built for the Stanhope and Tyne Railroad Company in 1835. The coal and limestone was fed from the top, where a series of small tramways brought stone from where it was offloaded from the railway. The kilns are an impressive reminder within the landscape of the industrial heritage of this area.

This new wood is part of a unique group created in honour of Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee. Long after the celebrations, the trees will continue to grow and the wood will become richer and more diverse with each passing season. Sixty years from now children involved in planting the wood could be showing their children and grandchildren the trees they planted.



**Area:** 5.5 hectares (13.7 acres)

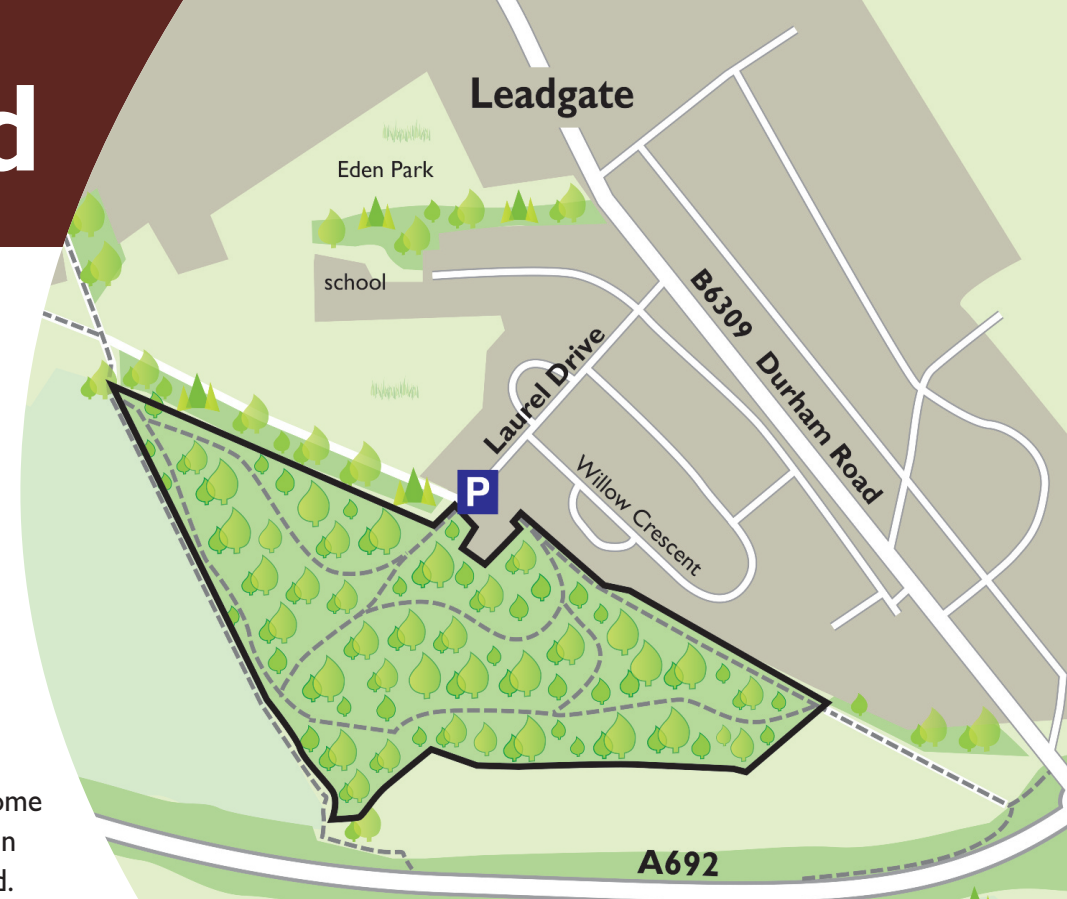
**Grid Reference:** NZ 125 511

**Map:** Ordnance Survey Explorer 307




**Directions:** The site is on the southern edge of Leadgate, to the east of Consett. Head northwards into Leadgate on Durham Road from the roundabout with the A691 and A692. Continue for about 300m and turn left into Laurel Drive. The site is at the end of the road.

**Parking:** Please park along Laurel Drive with consideration.

**Dogs:** Do not allow your dog to foul the paths and please pick up after your dog.



### Key

-  Wood boundary
-  Paths
-  track/road

### Scale



If you enjoyed your trip to this wood and would like to discover more woodland nearby, go to [VisitWoods.org.uk](http://VisitWoods.org.uk)