

# North Pennine Birdwalks

## Walk 4: The Chimneys and Dryburn Moor



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# The Birdwatchers Code of Conduct

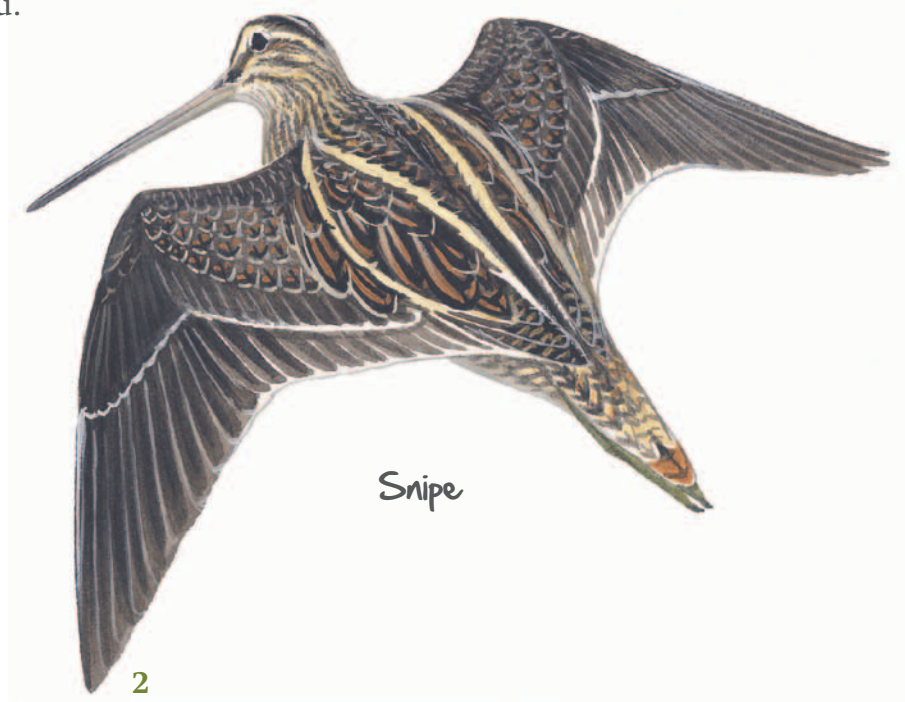
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Birds are very vulnerable to disturbance, especially during the breeding season. It is all too easy to inadvertently harm a bird or its young while trying to watch them.

For example, if an adult bird is prevented from returning to its nest, eggs or chicks may quickly chill and die. Straying from a footpath towards a nest site may also leave a scent trail that a predator is later able to follow.

To ensure that you enjoy watching birds without harming them or their young, please always follow this code of conduct:

- The welfare of the birds must come first. Disturbance to birds and their habitats should be kept to a minimum.
- Keep to footpaths, especially during the bird breeding season (March – August).
- Avoid disturbing birds or keeping them away from their nests for even short periods especially in wet or cold weather.
- Do not try to find nests. **All birds, nests, eggs and young are protected by law and it is illegal to harm them.**
- Keep dogs on a short lead.
- Leave gates and property as you find them.
- Take your litter home with you.



# Walk 4

## The Chimneys and Dryburn Moor



The Chimneys on  
Dryburn Moor

This walk epitomises much that is characteristic of the North Pennines AONB. High peaty moorland, the sweet melancholy call of the golden plover and the towering remains of chimneys from the area's lead mining past. All this is surrounded by sweeping views of the dales and settlements below and can be reached without a strenuous climb!

# Keys

## Easy Grade Walk

Suitable for most people: easy, comfortable walking, may be some stiles.

## Medium Grade Walk

Typically a country walk with some hills, stiles and muddy paths.  
Boots advised.

## Hard Grade Walk

Hill walk. May have steep or strenuous climbs. Rough moorland.  
Boots essential.

A guide is also provided to indicate the best times of year to see key bird species. This can be interpreted as follows:

## BEST TIME TO VISIT



Please be aware that the weather can change rapidly in the North Pennines. Always carry suitable wet weather clothing with you and remember that visibility will be poor at higher altitudes in low cloud conditions.



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# Information Point



1:50,000 – Landranger 87  
1:25,000 – Explorer OL43



Public toilets, cafés, pubs and shops in Allendale (5 km)



Linear route. 2 km (1.2 miles) each way



Allendale (NY837558)



Easy. Path may be muddy in places. No stiles



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Small roadside lay-by at NY807531



Golden Plover

# Walk Directions



Park at the small roadside lay-by. Go through the gate and follow the clearly visible footpath towards the chimneys.

After passing the first, squatter chimney, the path bears left away from the second, taller chimney and follows beside the flue leading down from the squat chimney. The path continues to a house at the edge of the moor. Walk as far as this or return before.



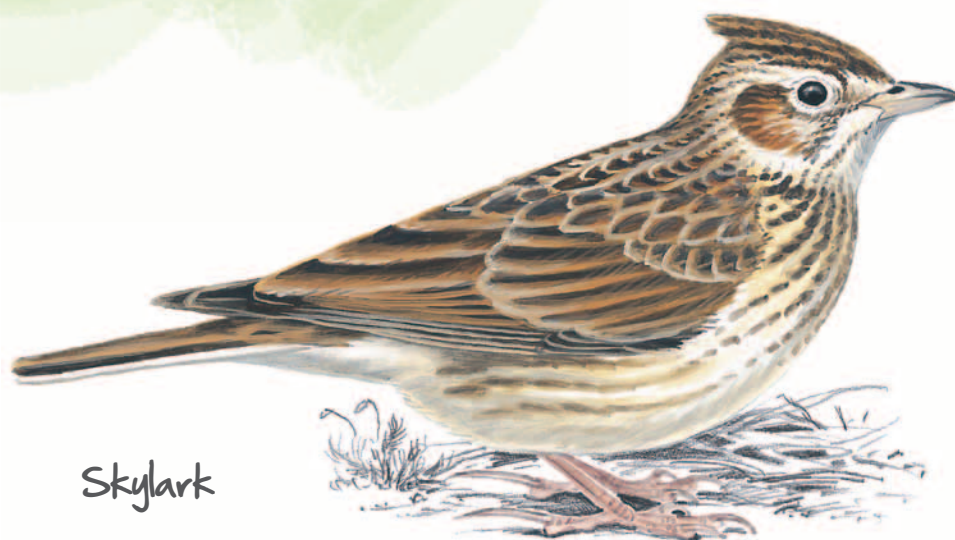
Heather and  
cotton grass

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## The Chimneys and Dryburn Moor



- 1 Listen for the songs of curlew, golden plover and skylark.
- 2 Golden plover like to breed in areas with small, scattered patches of bare peat. Their chicks feed in these areas on tiny invertebrates. Adult birds often commute to nearby pastures to feed.
- 3 The chimneys lie at the end of flues from former lead smelters in the valley below. The flues extracted fumes from the smelters and created a draft to maintain the fires. Lead and silver within the fumes condensed on the walls of the flues and were later removed. They are large enough for a man and cart to walk through.



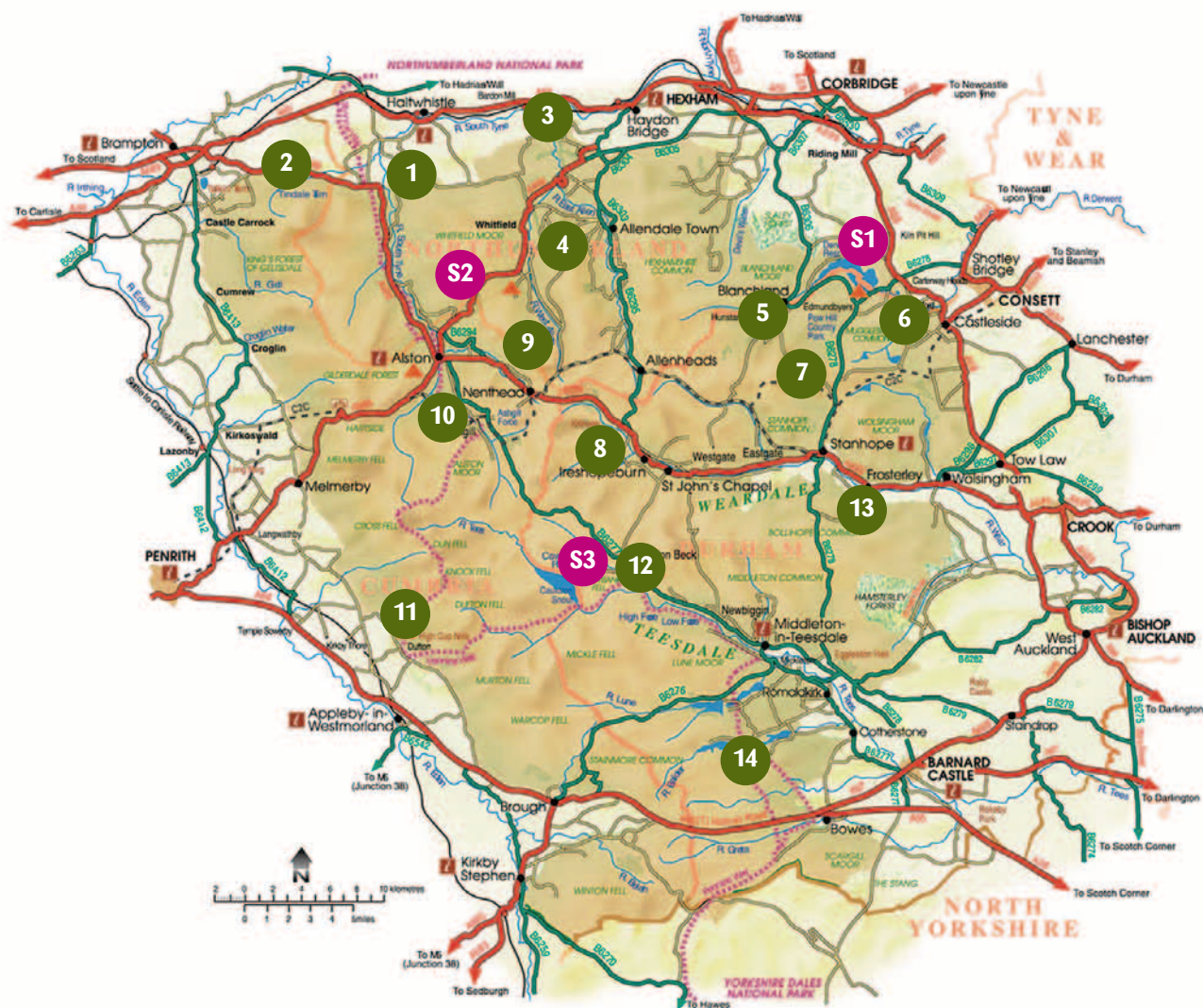
Skylark

### BEST TIME TO VISIT

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# Map of the North Pennines AONB showing location of Walks and Sites



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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 Lambley and the South Tyne    | 10 Garrigill                  |
| 2 Tindale Tarn                  | 11 Dufton Pike                |
| 3 Allen Banks and Staward Gorge | 12 Upper Teesdale             |
| 4 Chimneys on Dryburn Moor      | 13 Howdon Burn                |
| 5 Blanchland                    | 14 Blackton Reservoir         |
| 6 Derwent Gorge                 | S1 Derwent Reservoir          |
| 7 Burnhope Head                 | S2 Ouston Fell                |
| 8 Cowshill                      | S3 Harwood Beck and Widdybank |
| 9 Wellhope Moor                 |                               |

# NORTH PENNINES



Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty



The North Pennines is one of England's most special places – a peaceful, unspoilt landscape with a rich history and vibrant natural beauty. In recognition of this it is designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). The area is also a Global Geopark – an accolade endorsed by UNESCO.

This 2.4 mile (in total) linear route, in the Allen Valleys, explores much that is characteristic of the North Pennines – high peaty moorland, the sweet melancholy call of the golden plover and the towering remains of chimneys from the area's lead mining past.

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Tourism award for its corporate office

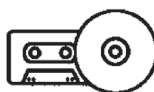


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