

Tameside Countryside Service

Discover
**Tameside's
Countryside**

VALLEYS AND VIEWS

Connecting Werneth Low and Broadbottom

Starting from Lower Higham Visitor Centre.

8. From Lower Higham Visitor Centre go through the stile at the far end of the car park up towards the Cenotaph. Staying below the golf course, bear left and head for the top of the hill towards Windy Harbour.

9. When you reach the lane go left, down Cock Brow, the steep downhill lane. Footpaths off to the right of this lane lead you to Compstall and Etherow Country Park.

10. Follow the lane round the left hand bend until it levels out and take the footpath to the right before Howards Barn down a holly lined track.

11. Cross a track and at the next track turn slightly right and follow the track along and through a gate. Go over a stile on the left into Back Wood.

12. The footpath through the wood leads down some steps. Turning right towards Botham's Hall. Go through the gate and turn left up the track.

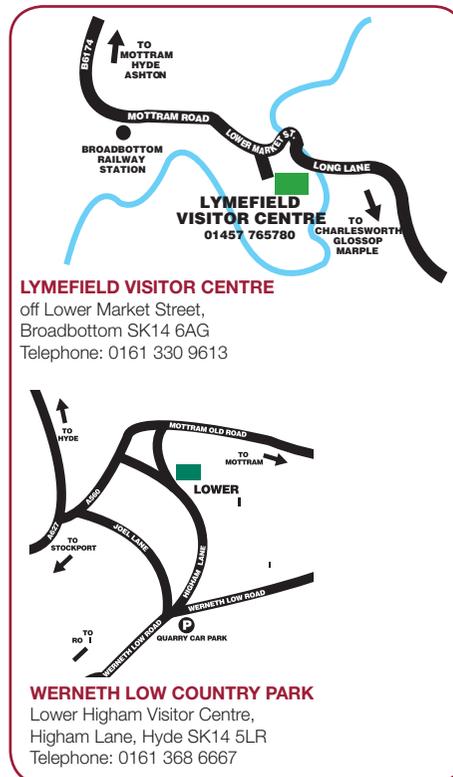
13. Following the track upwards you will get a fine view of Broadbottom village and the Longendale Valley on the right. Cross over 2 cattle grids, then just before the third cattle grid turn right through a small gate and follow the path to the edge of Great Wood.

14. Take the waymarked path, bearing right and then left into the woodland. Bear right at the small wooden bridge following the path down through Great Wood to cross a metal bridge and follow the path out of the woodland to reach Hodgefold.

15. Follow the lane over the bridge past Hodgefold Cottages, keeping right at Moss Lane. The unmade lane takes you to Summerbottom, turn right through the stile just past the cottages.

16. Pass high over Broadbottom Gorge, then right at Well Row descending to a footbridge over the River Etherow. Do not go over the bridge, but go through the kissing gate into Broad Mills woodland.

17. Keep to the riverside path through the woods, this main path takes you through the Broad Mills site and bear left passing the pond, through a wooden kissing gate., Turn left after Lyme field Terrace then right into Lyme field Visitor Centre car park and down steps to the Visitor Centre.



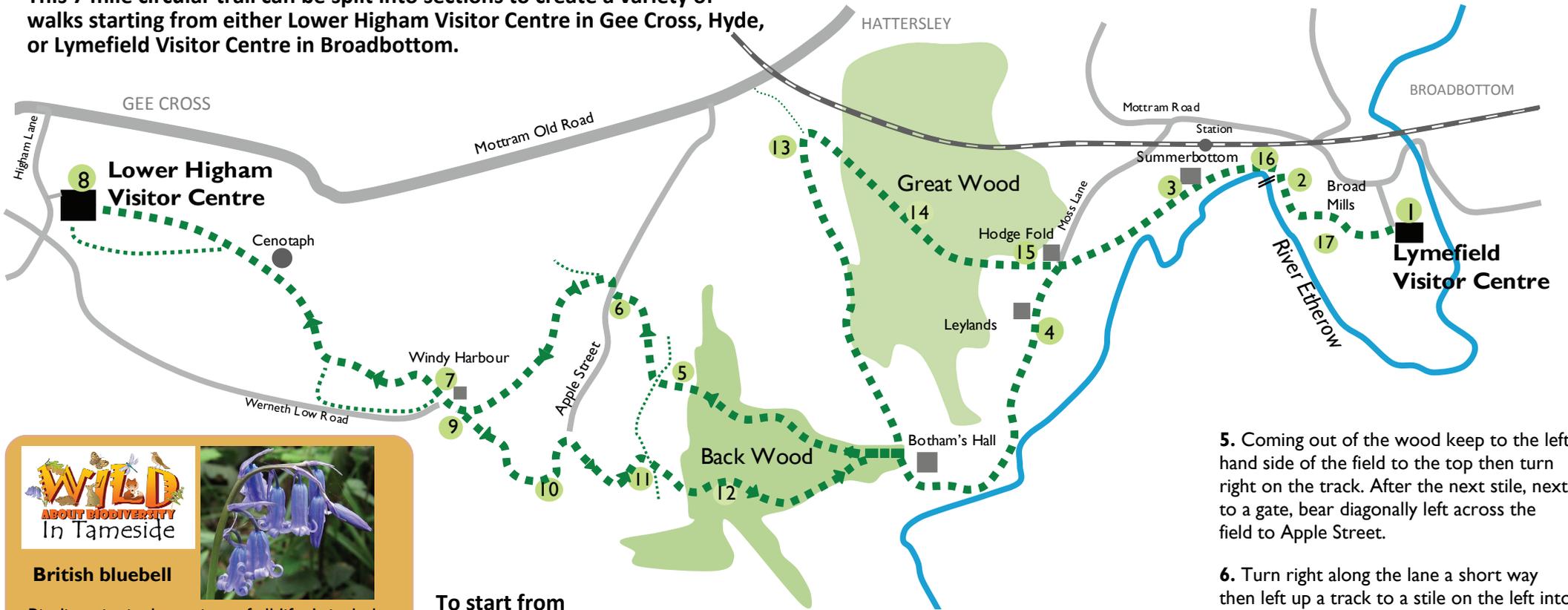
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A 7 mile walk with spectacular hilltop views and sheltered woodland valley trails.

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This 7 mile circular trail can be split into sections to create a variety of walks starting from either Lower Higham Visitor Centre in Gee Cross, Hyde, or Lymefield Visitor Centre in Broadbottom.



British bluebell

Biodiversity is the variety of all life. It includes plants, animals and the complex ecosystems of which they are part. Not only do they enrich our everyday lives, they produce the necessary ingredients for all life to exist.

One of the key species in Tameside whose habitat we need to protect is the native **British bluebell**. The UK is home to half of the world's population of these bluebells and their habitat is threatened by the introduction of the vigorous non native Spanish bluebell.

Look out for them as you pass through woodland.

Have you seen any wildlife? Please send your records to www.gmwildlife.org.uk

To start from Lymefield Visitor Centre.

1. Leaving Lymefield Visitors Centre turn left at the top of the steps and left onto the lane. Turn right in front of Lymefield Terrace and ahead through the site of Broad Mills.

2. Follow the path through Broad Mills woodland to the footbridge. Do not cross the bridge, but follow the path up the hill, turning left at the terrace of houses (Well Row) to climb high above Broadbottom Gorge

3. On passing Summerbottom Terrace, continue ahead down the unmarked lane, along the old Salt Trail until you reach Hodgefold. Cross the bridge over the stream and turn left down the track towards the white house of Leylands Farm.

4. Passing to the left of Leylands Farm continue along the track for 1/2 mile to Botham's Hall. Just past Botham's Hall turn left, through a gate and into Back Wood. Follow the foot path straight on up through the wood.

5. Coming out of the wood keep to the left hand side of the field to the top then turn right on the track. After the next stile, next to a gate, bear diagonally left across the field to Apple Street.

6. Turn right along the lane a short way then left up a track to a stile on the left into the field. Keep to the right, up the steep climb of Idle Hill to Windy Harbour.

7. Enjoy the view then take the footpath to the right behind Windy Harbour towards the Cenotaph. Follow the footpath following the main path, taking the right fork down over the stile into the Visitor Centre car park. Turn left to look around Lower Higham Visitor Centre.

