Get wild at Tower Knowe

On this short walk you come across a surprisingly varied mixture of habitats, including deciduous woodland, meadow grassland and heath – and of course Kielder Water itself. At different times of year expect to see and hear a variety of birds, insects and other wildlife.

You can get close to wildlife right next to the car park. Our toilet block has become a popular nesting site for house martins. In early summer they are particularly active, nest building and then catching insects to feed their young.

The meadow flowers on the peninsula attract large numbers of insects, such as this peacock butterfly.

There are pockets of dense trees and scrub next to the car park and along the path, ideal territory for woodland birds such as the chiffchaff (left), lesser redpoll and willow warbler.

How to get there

The walk starts from Tower Knowe Visitor Centre car park.

OS grid ref NY 699 868

Postcode for sat navs: NE48 1BX

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This short walk takes you from the car park at Tower Knowe Visitor Centre to a fine viewpoint on the peninsula. There’s a sense of history too, as you walk through the site of a 2,000-year-old Romano-British settlement.

From the car park follow the gravelled path for 200m/220yds. At * turn left following the waymarkers for the peninsula loop. To avoid the peninsula keep straight ahead on the surfaced path at this point.

Back on the main path, follow it as it climbs up to the Lakeside Way. Keeping an eye out for cyclists, follow the Lakeside Way back to the car park.

In summer you’ll see two types of heather on the headland. Bell heather (far left) gets its name from its bell-shaped flowers. Ling (left) flowers later and is a paler, pinky-purple.