

## Walk Number 6

# Park to Park

Ward Jackson Park - Burn Valley Gardens -  
Summerhill Country Park Circular  
Distance approximately 2.5 miles

This walk is mostly on tarmac and grass tracks, there is also a short section across a field with some stiles.



Male Chaffinch

### The Countryside Code - Respect Protect Enjoy

#### Respect other people

- Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- Leave gates and property as you find them and follow paths unless wider access is available

#### Protect the natural environment

- Leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under effective control

#### Enjoy the outdoors

- Plan ahead and be prepared
- Follow advice and local signs

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Ward Jackson Park commemorates Ralph Ward Jackson, distinguished founder of West Hartlepool, and was officially opened in 1883. Additional elegant features such as the bandstand, clock tower and fountain add to the park's appeal.

Starting at the main entrance of Ward Jackson Park ①, turn right down Elwick Road until you reach a lane on your left marked with a Public Footpath sign ②. Follow the lane down to an A-frame barrier on your left, just over a bridge. Go through and follow the path along the side of the beck. Bear left over a concrete bridge ③ and continue along an enclosed path. At the end of the enclosed section of the path bear right along the side of a young woodland, this is part of Family Wood.

Exit at Catcote Road ④ and cross over into Family Wood via a gate slightly to the right. Follow the grass path straight ahead until you reach the main Family Wood surfaced path. Straight ahead of you is Burn Valley Gardens.

**In 1898 the Burn Valley Garden was opened without ceremony. Consequently, it was labelled as the poor man's park. This label stuck for many years, but the development of some very important features and the redesign of additional areas of land has now created a very popular park**

**for both local people and for wildlife.**

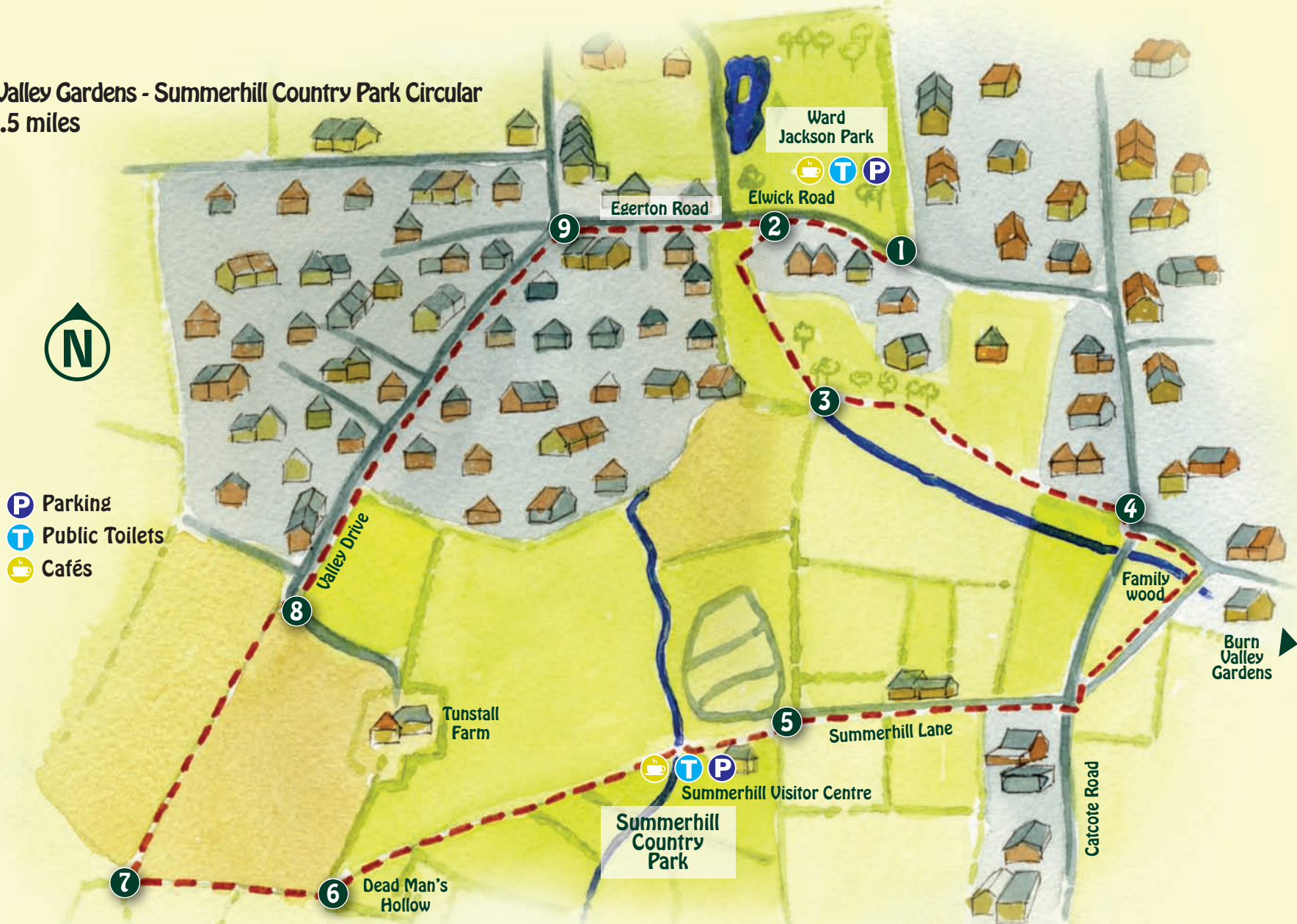
At the surfaced path, turn right and continue back onto Catcote Road, crossing over into Summerhill Lane opposite. Follow the lane up into Summerhill Country Park ⑤.

Walk past the front of the Visitor Centre, following the track and cross over a bridge, keeping the play area to your left. Follow the track ahead, ignoring the next turn off to your left towards the Boulder Park. Continue past Dead

Man's Hollow until you reach a fork in the path ⑥. Take the right hand path and follow the sign for Dalton Piercy. Carry on until you come to a footbridge on your right ⑦, Follow the footbridge around to the right and then follow the

enclosed path alongside the beck towards housing. Go through two gates and bear right through a gap before turning left into Valley Drive ⑧. Continue up Valley Drive to the main road and turn right into Egerton Road ⑨. Where you

meet Elwick Road, carefully cross at the bend and re-enter back into Ward Jackson Park.



- P** Parking
- T** Public Toilets
- C** Cafés