



Brief Description: Fishpond Wood offers a 0.5 mile (0.8 km) stroll around a beautiful, serene pond on the outskirts of Pateley Bridge. You can also access the Ice House, home to the Cave Spider, the UK's largest species of spider.

Access and Facilities: Nearest Accessible Toilet (RADAR Key) is at Pateley Bridge Riverside.
What3Words: paddlers.nuptials.patching.

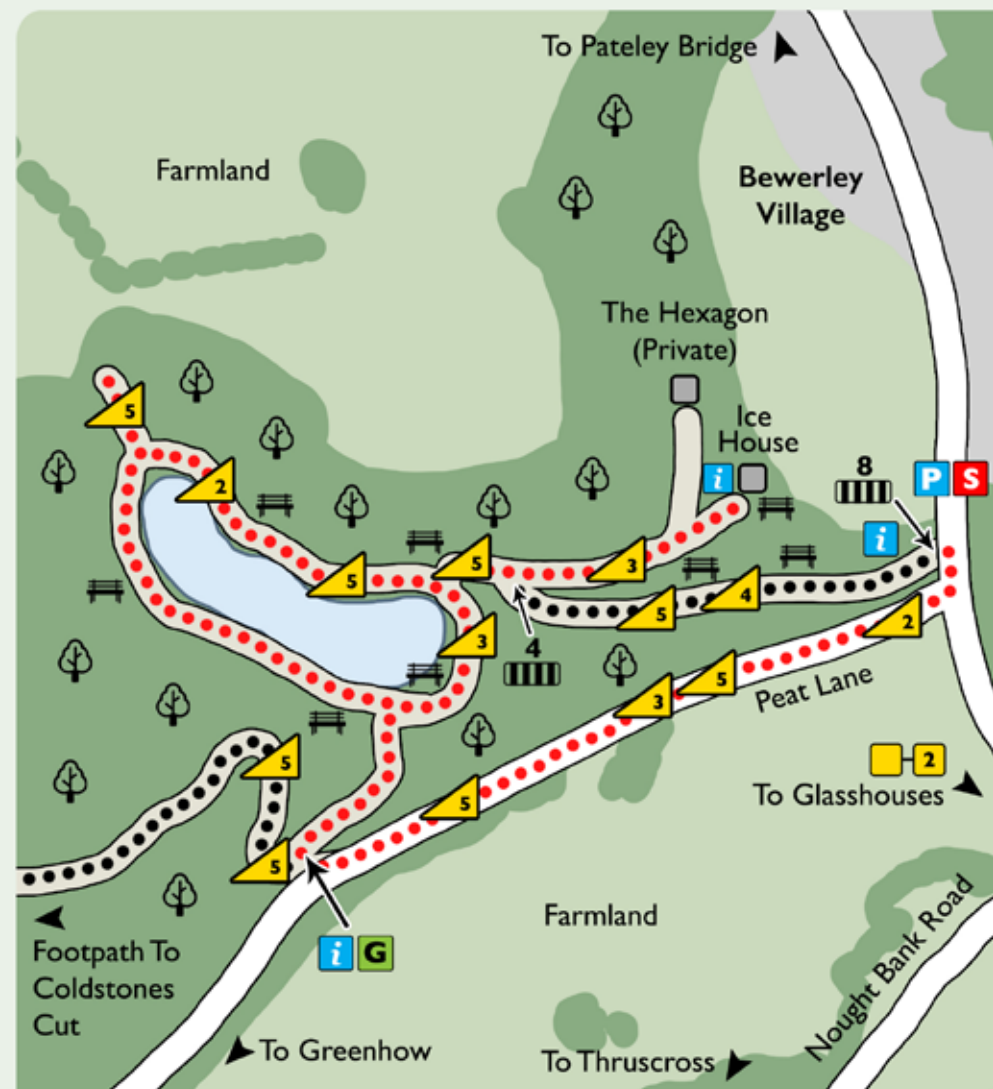
Features of Interest: Benches, Ice House (and Cave Spiders), Information Board, Pond, Waterfowl, Woodland.

Location: Peat Lane, Bewerley, Pateley Bridge, HG3 5JD.
What3Words: custodial.prosper.fracture.

Public Transport: Bus 24 operates regular services between Harrogate and Pateley Bridge 0.8 miles (1.3 km) from the start of the route.



Route Details: Paths around the pond and to the Ice House are made of crushed stone (B), which can be rutted in places (C). The alternative route from Bewerley is severely rutted with tree roots, stones and two short flights of steps (D5). The route is undulating throughout (up to 5).



TRAIL CARD & MAP KEY

	Suggested Route		Viewpoint
	Alternative Route		Motorcycle Barrier
	Slope/Hill (Level)		Speed Humps
	Linked Trail		Steps (and how many)
	Suitable for Cycling		Café
	All-Terrain Chair Route		Public House
	Trail Start Point		Bench/Seat
	Parking		Picnic Area
	Information Board		Playground
	Bus Stop		Cattle Grid
	Accessible Toilet		Trees/Wood
	Accessible Fishing Platforms		Lake/Pond
	Accessible Gate (Manual Wheelchairs & Scooters)		Landmark Building
	Gate not Accessible to Wheelchairs		
	Caution		

Each card has a letter & number (for example **A3**) in the top right hand corner. It describes the **surface** and **slope** of the **most difficult** parts of the main route. With the map and text, this will help you to decide whether to do the whole route or just the easier sections. The bicycle symbol indicates all or part of the route is suitable for cycling.

Surface Quality (in dry weather)

- A** - Smooth (tarmac, paving, concrete, etc.)
- B** - Quite Smooth (short grass, compacted earth/stone, etc.)
- C** - Uneven (worn grass, loose stone, some ruts, tree roots, etc.)
- D** - Rough (long grass, soft earth, sand, gravel, severe ruts, roots, etc.)

- 1** - Gentle (up to 1:20)
- 2** - Quite Gentle (up to 1:16)
- 3** - Fairly Steep (up to 1:12)
- 4** - Steep (up to 1:8)
- 5** - Very Steep (over 1:8)



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