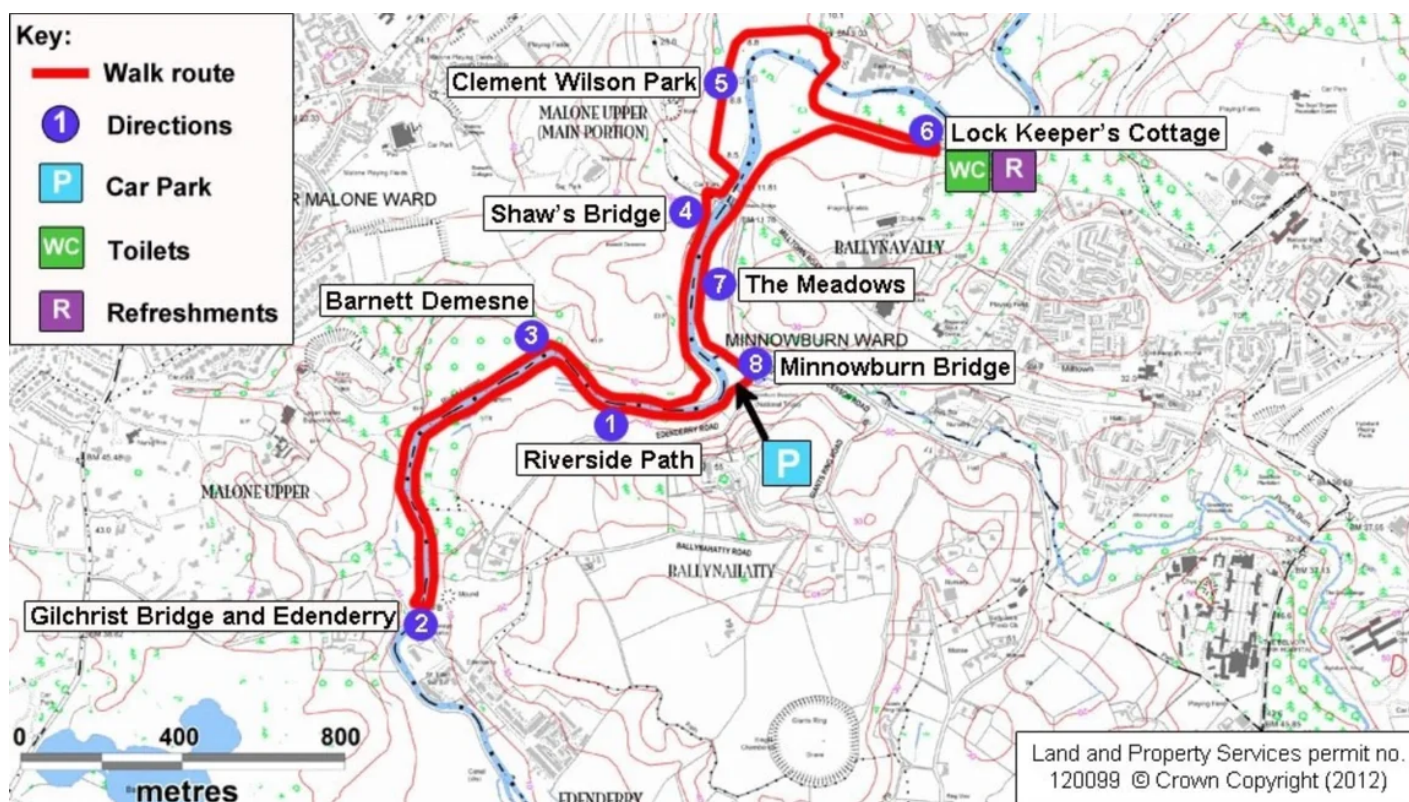


NORTHERN IRELAND

## Riverside circular walk at Minnowburn

Starting in Minnowburn, this leisurely walk follows the banks of the River Lagan into the heart of the Lagan Valley Regional Park and Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, with an optional detour to the historic village of Edenderry.



### Information

Address: Minnowburn car park, Ballylesson Road, Belfast, BT8

OS map: OSNI sheet 15

Activity: Walking

Easy: Terrain is mostly flat gravel and tarmac paths.

Dog friendly

Full trail: Miles: 2.5 (km: 4)

Access: Easy

Duration: 2 hours

### Terrain

The route is on mostly flat gravel and tarmac paths.

### Total steps: 7

Start point: Minnowburn car park, grid ref: NW445242

1. From the car park, take one of the paths down to the Lagan riverside and follow the path along the bank upstream. It will take you past Edenderry Nature Reserve and the old Edenderry House estate, and almost to the village itself.
2. If you want to pay a visit to Edenderry village, take the path to the left just after the brown wooden Gilchrist Bridge. Otherwise, cross the bridge and follow the tarmac Lagan towpath back downstream.
3. Follow the towpath past Barnett Demesne on your left, up to Shaw's Bridge, past the boathouse and through the gate into the Shaw's Bridge car park.
4. Follow the path under the new road bridge then take the path to the right, which runs through an avenue of trees parallel to the river.
5. Continue along this path through Clement Wilson Park until it reaches New Forge Lane. Turn right and follow the road past the car park on your right to the bridge back over the river. Continue along this path to the Lock Keeper's Cottage and Inn.
6. Just after the lock, cross the stone bridge over the canal and follow the path back to Shaw's Bridge.
7. Passing under the new and old bridges, follow the riverside path past the three meadows back to Minnowburn Bridge. Cross the bridge to return to the car park.

End point: Minnowburn car park, grid ref: NW445242