



# Welcome to the Deer Park

## Opening Times

Open daily from dawn until dusk

Welcome to the Deer Park, 150 acres of historic parkland created over 800 years ago by the Prince Bishops of Durham as their own private hunting ground. The parkland is free to explore at any time of the year and is a haven for wildlife, with over 100 veteran trees.

Although the deer are long gone, the historic Deer Park retains many of its original features, including the Georgian Gothic Deer House, an Obelisk and the 18th-century Trevor Bridge.

## For Your Safety

*Please take care when exploring the Deer Park. In particular, please watch out for steep slopes, slippery & uneven surfaces, shallow & fast flowing water, and sheer drops. Please stick to designated paths. Do not climb on structures, keep dogs on leads, and ensure children are supervised at all times.*

- 1  Deer House
- 2  Trevor Bridge
- 3  Obelisk



### The Inner Park Walk

0.9 kilometres



### The Carriage Drive Walk

1.9 kilometres



### The Ridings Walk

4.6 kilometres

## Keep your eyes peeled for the abundant furry and feathered friends who live here:

**Green woodpeckers:** At first glance, these may look like a bird more suited to sunnier climates but they like it just fine here in Bishop Auckland.

**Otters:** Look out for any otters in the River Gaunless, swimming upstream of the River Wear. Otters are nocturnal, so the best time to spot them is first thing in the morning.

**Kingfishers:** Often spotted hidden in trees and shrubs overhanging the river, these illusive birds tend to hunt from exposed perches, and the Trevor Bridge is one of their favourite spots.

**Red ants:** The ant colonies here in the park are some of the biggest in England – you can even see the anthills on Google Earth. Red ants are a tasty delicacy for the green woodpecker so if you spot one, the other tends to be close by.