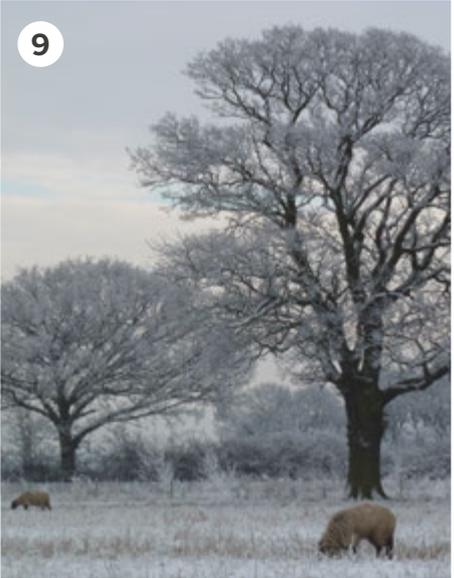
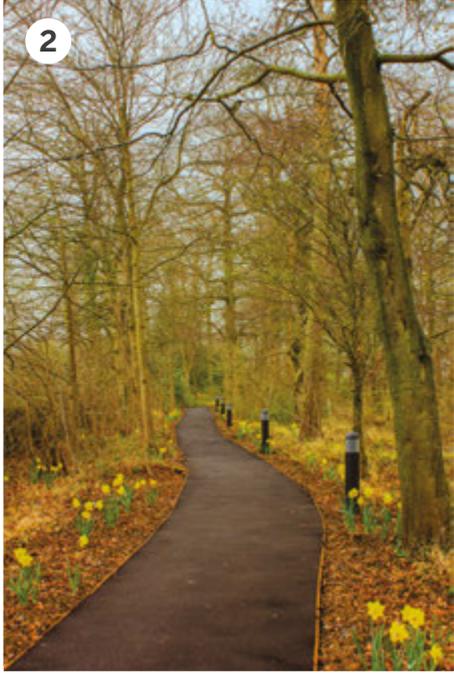




MIDDLETON HALL
RETIREMENT VILLAGE

**WALKS FOR ALL AT
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EXPLORING THE GROUNDS OF MIDDLETON HALL

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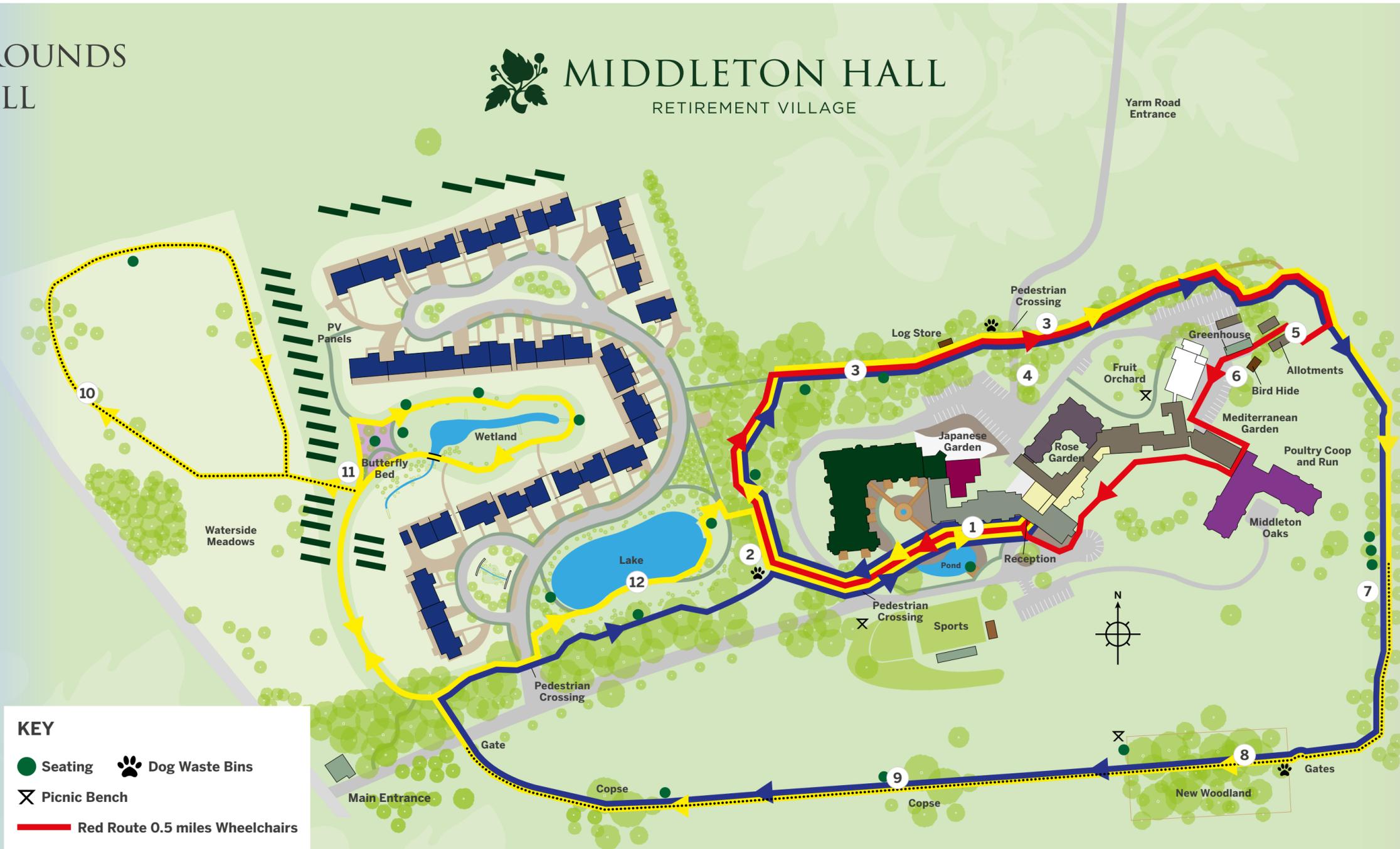
- Red Route 0.5m walk 1-6
- Blue Route 1.0m walk 1-4, 7-9
- Yellow Route 1.75m walk 1-4, 7-12

The grounds of Middleton Hall provide habitats for many species of Flora and Fauna. You do not have to venture far to see some of them.

- 1 Pause at the pond near Reception and look for the resident Moorhens. In this pond are some large carp and hundreds of goldfish. Tap your foot and they may come looking for food.
- 2 Strolling along the woodland path you will see and hear many species of birds. In spring, listen for the drilling sound of the Great Spotted Woodpecker high in the trees, whilst on the ground large patches of primrose are on display. On sharp frosty mornings, you may scent the strong musty odour left by the resident fox marking his territory.
- 3 You will pass a range of outdoor gym equipment. Why not follow the diagrams and have a go?
- 4 The trees to the right of the driveway are great places to see Tree Creepers and Nuthatches. Dead and decaying trees are left in the wood to provide homes for birds and insects.
- 5 Welcome to the allotments. Stop in this sheltered spot and admire the numerous plants grown by residents.

KEY

- Seating
- Dog Waste Bins
- ✕ Picnic Bench
- Red Route 0.5 miles Wheelchairs
- Blue Route 1 mile
- Yellow Route 1.75 miles
- Unsuitable for Wheelchairs



- 6 Opposite the greenhouse you will see the Bird Hide. Go inside and open the wooden panels. The bird feeders here attract many birds, especially in winter. Look at the birds in the posters on the wall. How many can you see?
- 7 Pause and enjoy the view at the Reflection Area which is designed to be a welcoming and tranquil spot. Admire the ceramic plaques created for the space in the Middleton Hall art studio by a resident from The Waterside.
- 8 Welcome to the “new woodland” planted in 2009. Many trees have been adopted by residents and staff.
- 9 Pass through the two copses, planted before the war to provide shelter for livestock.
- 10 As you explore the wider boundaries of the estate, look for Tawny and Barn Owls. Pheasants and the elusive Grey Partridge, who regularly patrol here whilst Kestrels, Sparrow Hawks and Buzzards reconnoitre overhead.
- 11 On sunny summer days, the Butterfly Garden attracts many species of butterflies and bees. Here you may see Red Admiral, Peacock and Small Tortoiseshell Butterflies fluttering to and fro.
- 12 In summer, the Waterside Lake is a beautiful place to admire the aerial displays of Swallows and House Martins skimming over the surface. Look out for the bright colours of Dragon Flies. In winter, you may see a pair of Goosanders fattening up on small fish.

What will you see?

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Explore our scenic grounds and discover the
fascinating variety of flora and fauna



Circular routes to suit people of all mobilities,
from 0.5 to 1.75 miles in length



All walks are easy to follow,
with clear way markers



Appreciate the surroundings using the
plentiful benches and picnic areas



No stiles



Please ensure dogs are kept on their leads.
Dog bins are installed on all routes



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