



Welcome to WWT Washington



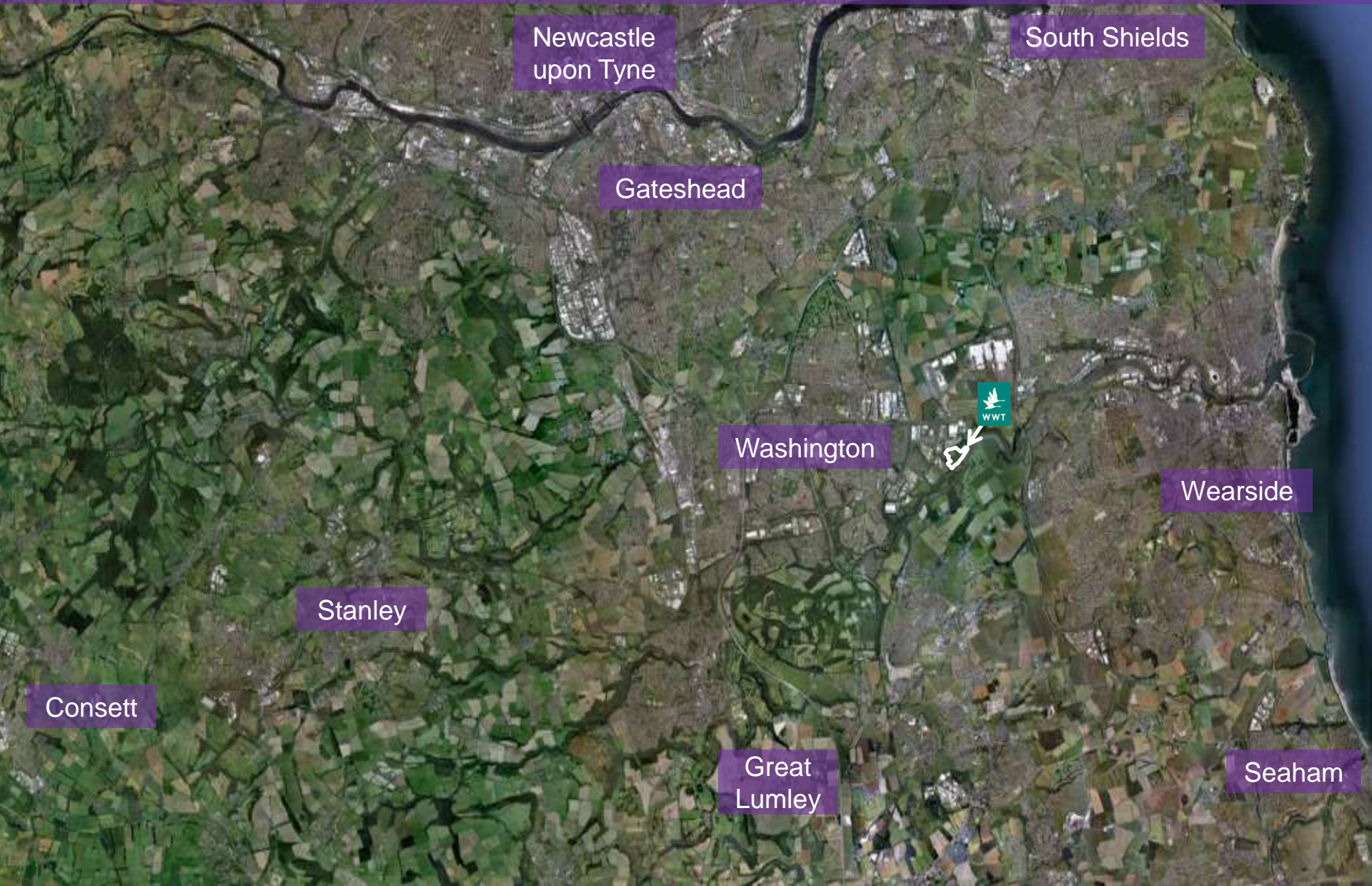


On the banks of the River Wear





How far will you be travelling to see us?



Newcastle upon Tyne

South Shields

Gateshead



Washington

Wearside

Stanley

Consett

Great Lumley

Seaham



WWT Washington is a wetland nature reserve





So what might you see when you get here?



Settlement pond
The flow of water is allowed to slow down over this large pool allowing larger particles to settle out. A layer of rich sediments has formed attracting ducks and swans for feeding.

Harvest bed

Varied treatment bed:
We planted these beds with different species and found the mixed bed with a range of plants was best for wildlife and for water treatment. You can see that over time in our mixed bed, reed and reedmace have taken over. Look out for reed warbler, song warbler, reed bunting and water rail. Water vole nests have also been found along the edge of the it's bed.

Lagoon 1

The roots of reed, marginal and water sedge trap in the water to take up nutrients and trap sediment as the water flows past. Water voles have been seen nesting on these plants.



Tufted duck
Aythya fuliginea



Reed warbler
Sylvia hortensis

Water vole

Water sedge

Reed bed

Harvest bed

Settlement pond

Lagoon 1

Lagoon 2

Lagoon 3

Lagoon 4

Lagoon 5



What might you find?





What will you touch?





And how might you feel?





WWT Washington is home to lots of birds





Amphibians





Plants





Insects





And mammals





But how did all this wildlife get here?





What will you see it doing?





And why?





WWT Washington is an amazing place





We'll be outdoors so check the weather





Come prepared





And we look forward to exploring with you soon





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To find out more about what we do and why

