

Visit Bristol's Local Nature Reserves



Special places to visit and enjoy wildlife



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Go today!

Get close to nature, enjoy some green space and take a breather at one of Bristol's Local Nature Reserves (LNRs). Each one is a special place for wildlife to thrive and where you can take a stroll and watch nature flourish.

There are 12 LNRs in Bristol. A further four are pledged to follow as part of Bristol Green Capital 2015. They are all open everyday and free to visit.

LNRs are statutory sites protected by law. They were chosen by Bristol City Council with the help of local community organisations and the support of Natural England. Three of the 12 sites are managed in partnership with Avon Wildlife Trust.

Bristol is fortunate to have these special reserves – they have so much to offer. This leaflet has been prepared to show you where they are, give you a taste of what's there and suggest when it's a good time to wander with wildlife. Look out for walks, events and activities for all interests throughout the year.



Cowslips, © Ruth Coleman

Lift your spirits in spring

- Look out for swollen buds and emerging leaves on trees
- See wildflowers start to appear amid newly growing grasses
- Smell the wafts and scents carried by warmer winds
- Enjoy the dawn chorus, longer days and the birds singing at sunset.



Stroll into summer

- Meander through meadows and cool down near the river
- Listen out for the swishing of tall grasses and trees in the breeze
- See vibrant colours and a wide variety of wildlife
- Look out for butterflies and insects visiting wildflowers.

Lamplighters, © Ruth Coleman



Amble in autumn

- Crunch and kick up the rich red, golden yellow and vibrant orange fallen leaves
- Marvel at the fairytale fungi and easy-to-overlook lichen
- See how summer flowers have turned into ripe fruits and berries
- Find new patterns and textures left by died-back vegetation.

© Ruth Coleman



Wander in winter

- Get close to sparkling white hoar frost transforming places into a winter wonderland
- See how every tree species has a unique bark pattern and texture
- Discover the sculptural beauty of plants and trees that are usually hidden by leaves
- Relax and experience the views free of summer's abundant growth.

Frost, © Ruth Coleman



Before you go

Make virtual visits for some useful downloadable material: www.bristol.gov.uk/localnaturereserves

Friends groups welcome new members – how about you?

1 Lamplighter's Marsh



Follow the 'Yellow Brick Road' to see a mosaic of wildlife habitats and unusual plants including the locally uncommon Viper's bugloss.

Lamplighter's Marsh from M5, © John Brooks

6 Northern Slopes



Find fabulous views over the city on two sloping reserve areas abundant in birds, butterflies and bats.

www.northern-slopes-initiative.co.uk

Teasel, © Tony Hisgett, Wikimedia Commons

2 Lawrence Weston Moor



Wander through willows, rhynes and reedbeds at this ancient wetland site.

www.avonwildlifetrust.org.uk/reserves/lawrence-weston-moor

7 Stockwood Open Space



A fascinating blend of old meadows, hedgerows and woodlands on former farmland with panoramic views of south Bristol.

www.fosos.org.uk

Bath asparagus, © Garrytowns, Wikimedia Commons

3 Badock's Wood



Enjoy this hidden haven of ancient woodland, streams and meadow beside the River Trym. Don't miss the Bronze Age Southmead Round Barrow.

www.fobw.org.uk

© Friends of Badock's Wood

8 Narrowways Millennium Green



Dramatic sculpted slopes from railway cuttings supporting herb-rich grassland areas and a community orchard.

<https://narrowways.wordpress.com>

Marbled white butterfly, © Fae, Wikimedia Commons

4 Avon New Cut



A wildlife-rich tidal waterway along the River Avon including Butterfly Junction near the CREATE Centre.

www.franc.org.uk

© Ruth Coleman

9 Troopers Hill



Heather and broom covered hillside overlooking the River Avon with crags and gullies giving a home to hundreds of species – look for two distinctive old chimneys.

www.troopers-hill.org.uk

Walkers on Troopers Hill, © Rob Acton-Campbell

5 Manor Woods Valley



Once a medieval land-holding with remnants of ancient woodland and wildflower rich meadow alongside the Malago River.

www.mvcg.org.uk

Wood anemone, © Ruth Coleman

10 Royate Hill



On top of an old railway viaduct over the Coombe Brook, the reserve is rich in wildflower meadow and developing woodland.

www.bristol.gov.uk/royatehill

Royate Hill, © Chris Bahn

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Callington Road

A collection of habitats supporting unusual wild plants, birds, bats and insects including a very rare moth.

www.sites.google.com/site/focrnr/

Inkcap, © Stu's images

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Eastwood Farm

Tranquil meadows, lagoons and woodland beside the River Avon where you may see and hear herons, swans and woodpeckers.

www.eastwoodfarm.org.uk

Heron, © Eileen Brown

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Avon Valley Woodlands

(South Gloucestershire)

Three sloping woodlands across the river from Eastwood Farm have colonised old Pennant sandstone quarries.

www.southglos.gov.uk/nature-reserves-woodlands/avon-valley-woodlands-nature-reserve/



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Get Close to Nature

Bring a magnifying glass or try out that macro function on your camera.

Nature at Night

Visit at night to watch bats, owls, moths and stars.

How to get there

Please see map inside for the locations of the reserves.

Note: there are no toilets or other facilities on most of the reserves.

Wheelchair/buggy-friendly reserves display this symbol  below

For cycle routes visit: www.betterbybike.info/get-around

For bus routes and frequency: www.firstgroup.com/westofengland

Further information about buses **Traveline SW: 0871 200 2233; www.traveline.sw**



Lampighter's Marsh

Grid ref: ST 524 767

Access: Entrances on Station Road – BS11 9XA
Entrance under M5 bridge – BS11 9DE

 wheelchair/buggy-friendly

Train: easy access from Shirehampton Station

Lawrence Weston Moor

Grid ref: ST 547 792 (*central*)

Access: Entrance via allotments off Lawrence Weston Road beside St Bede's Secondary School – BS11 0ST

Badock's Wood

Grid ref: ST 582 780
(*north entrance*)

Access: Doncaster Road – BS10 5PU and Lakewood Road entrance – BS10 5HW

 wheelchair/buggy-friendly

Avon New Cut

Grid ref: ST 568 722 – 590 – 726

Tarmac paths along both sides, entry anywhere, e.g. – BS1 6TG

 wheelchair/buggy-friendly

Manor Woods Valley

Grid ref: ST 572 690
(*south end*)

Access: Main entrances at St Peter's Ride – BS13 7LU and Vale Lane – BS3 5SD

 wheelchair/buggy-friendly

Northern Slopes

Grid ref: ST 596 702

Access: Entrance opposite The Park Centre – BS4 1DH
There are multiple entrance points
Buggy-friendly but steep slopes throughout

Stockwood Open Space

Grid ref: ST 623 687

Access: Main entrances at Stockwood Road/The Coots and Whittock Road – BS14 8JN

 Buggy friendly, but steep slopes throughout

Narrowways Millennium Green


Grid ref: ST 600 750 (*central*)

Access: Main entrance on Ashley Hill – BS7 9BE

Troopers Hill

Grid ref: ST 628 731 (*central*)

Access: Troopers Hill Road entrance (slopes) – BS5 8BL

 limited wheelchair/buggy access via Malvern Road entrance – BS5 8BL

Royate Hill

Grid ref: ST 618 748 (*central*)

Entrance at Greenbank View near Gloucester Street – BS5 6LG

Callington Road

Grid ref: ST 615 702


Access: Main entrance Callington Road – BS4 5AP

 some wheelchair/buggy access

Eastwood Farm

Grid ref: ST 631 718 (*central*)

Access: Main entrance Wyndham Crescent – BS4 4SX

 limited wheelchair/buggy access via Whitmore Avenue entrance – BS4 4TH

Avon Valley Woodlands (*South Gloucestershire*)

Grid ref: ST 629 721 Access: Main entrances Conham Road – BS15 3NY Ferry Road – BS15 3NU

 wheelchair/buggy-friendly
(*level, paved River Avon Trail runs beside river*)