

1 mile Family walk around



Follow the trail to discover why the Farm is such a special place for people and wildlife. You can print off this map or purchase our full wildlife guide (for 50p) from our kiosk or Farm shop. This includes the trail map and a range of other wildlife spotting activities. Don't miss:

- Hire one of our adventure rucksacks which includes a bug hunter, binoculars and a compass.
- Enjoy a cuppa at the Trough Cafe whilst enjoying the views (from March to October - see visitor info on the website for more details).
- Play in our fort area which includes a slide, climbing wall and water cascade.
- Join one of our volunteering sessions or attend one of our family workshops.



To your left underneath the large patch of bramble lies an **old air raid shelter** that isn't used by people anymore but is used by foxes to bring up their cubs. Foxes eat the many worms, slugs, frogs and berries that can be found on the farm.

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This **willow with a rotten stump** provides a perfect habitat for beetles and other bugs. Blue tits use the stump's many hollows for nesting.

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The **wildlife pond** to your right attracts frogs, newts and dragonflies. In the spring you will find the pond full of tadpoles and during the summer you will find the distinctive yellow flag iris and water lily in flower. Please do not take wildlife away from the pond. Be careful at the edge of the pond, it can be slippery! Eve, aged 5 from Bath, said: 'I love sitting by the pond and watching the dragonflies. Its like a magic kingdom.'

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Cattle graze the fields in rotation and the land is never sprayed with chemical fertilizers, so **wildflowers and grasses flourish here**. In spring and summer, look out for wildflowers including Knapweed and Birdsfoot trefoil.

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On your right is a **line of beech trees** that was planted in the 1830's as a windbreak against strong south-westerly winds.

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In the time of the dinosaurs **the ground where you are standing was under the sea**. The top of the hills that you can see across the valley are flat because they were once the seabed.

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To the right of the large trees is a **laid hedgerow**. Hedge laying involves skilful craftsmanship to cut, splice and weave the hedge together turning the hedge into a stock proof barrier and encouraging new, healthy growth.

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Kelston Copse may be small but it is a haven for wildlife. This copse is often full of birds which can sometimes be hard to spot, but if you stand still and listen you will be able to hear them singing.

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Wonderful panoramic view across the city where you can see the Royal Crescent, Bath Abbey, Beckford's Tower and Bath University.

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Nettle is a good habitat for 80 different species of insects, including many butterflies. Thistles are an invaluable habitat for goldfinches in the late summer.

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