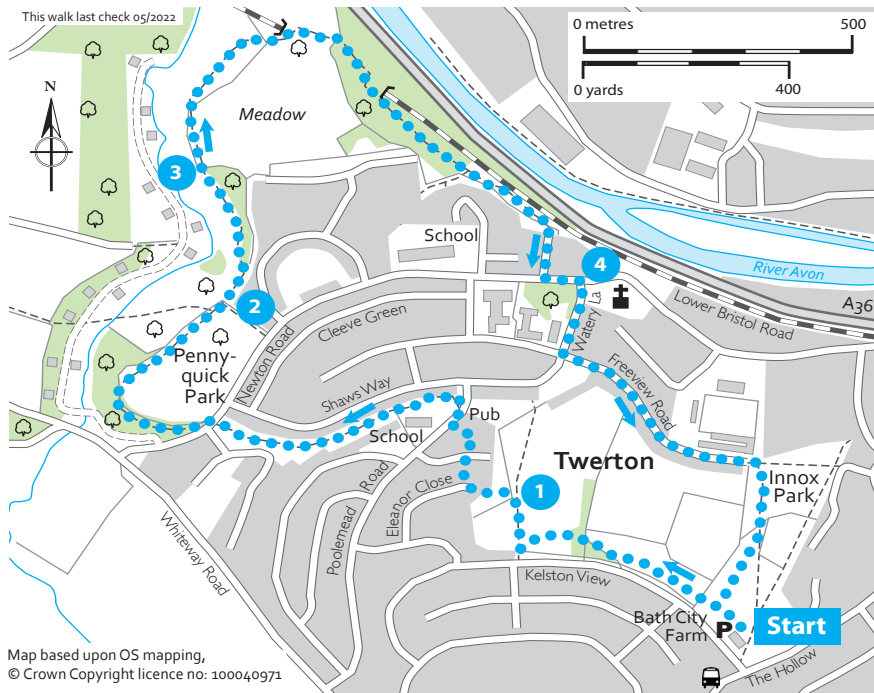


Walk 11 Green Twerton

A varied walk taking in the often overlooked green spots of Twerton. Starting at Bath City Farm with spectacular views of the city before heading down to Pennyquick Park. This is followed by a woodland stroll before returning via another park to the farm.

Route



Start & Finish: Bath City Farm
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Distance: 2.7 miles / 4.3 km with an up and down of 550 ft / 168 m

Slopes: Long and steady descent down from the farm start, steep ascent up through the farm, though this can be broken up and there is a bench mid-way up.

Steps & stiles: One stile. Several short sets of steps.

Terrain: Surfaced and unsurfaced paths, pavement.

Transport: Visit travelinesw.com. Kelston View bus stop on The Hollow zoom from

the start. Limited free parking at Bath City Farm and in nearby residential streets. Please park considerately.

Public toilets: Bath City Farm

Refreshments: Bath City Farm Café

Rest points: Benches at Bath City Farm, in Carr's Wood East, on Newton Road and in Innock Park

Dogs welcome: Yes, though on a lead through the farm and along roadside stretches.

Wheel friendly: No

Features on the route: Bath City Farm, Pennyquick Park and Playground, Carr's Wood, Innock Park and Playground

Bath City Farm is an 37-acre plot between two neighbouring areas, Twerton and Whiteway. It is free to access and provides education, training, therapeutic activities, venue hire and events for the local community as well as an opportunity to meet a variety of farm animals including sheep, pigs, chickens, goats and rabbits, so you may want to add some time to look around before you start your walk.

Find the main farm buildings below the car park (not the new café) and turn to admire the view. From here turn left walking slightly uphill with the view on your right. When the path forks, take the left fork which will take you past rabbits, chickens, then pigs before bringing you to a metal gate. Pass through the gate into a field (where sheep are often grazing).

Keep an eye out for the lumpy mounds in the field – these are yellow meadow ant hills. Beneath your feet the ants are busy farming root aphids! They feed on the honeydew (and sometimes the aphids themselves) that the aphids produce.

Follow the path along the top of the field to a wooden gate, go through the gate and up a few rough steps into a woodland. Follow the path through the woodland, down a couple of steps and continue ahead to a metal gate.

Go through the gate and into a meadow. Follow the path along the top of the field until you see a metal gate on your left. Ignore the gate and turn right heading down hill until you are next to a large fallen log with a carved seat just beyond. Keeping these on your left continue down hill and where the path forks take the left fork over a stile **1**, rather than straight down into another meadow.

On the other side of the stile cross the green following the most worn path to the other side, aiming for the gap between the houses, next to a hedge. Pass down a short track which has a hedge on the left and a fence on the right to join a quiet residential street (Eleanor Close).

Look for a short flight of steps on your right onto a tarmac pavement with a metal hand rail. Follow this down until it meets another residential street (Linley Close). Carefully cross to the pavement on the other side, then turn right and immediately left past a yellow grit box and down another path between buildings which ends with a flight of steps. *Continued on next page.*



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Turn left passing between garages on each side until you reach the main road opposite Twerton Infant School.

Carefully cross the road. Turn right and follow the pavement down passing the Centurion Inn, a listed building, on your right. Soon after turn left onto a footpath with a bollard in the middle.

Take this path. When the path forks take the left fork and continue until it starts to curve down hill ending at the main road (Newton Road). Immediately opposite you will see an informal entrance into the woods that edge Pennyquick Park.

Carefully cross the road, which though has a 20mph speed limit, can often have cars travelling faster than this along it. Once in the woods turn right and then left and left again to pick up the main path through the woodland. Follow it round in an arc until you pop out in the open park. You will have newly planted trees on your right. These trees were planted by volunteers in 2019 as part of the Bathscape project.

Continue ahead keeping the new trees on your right and more mature trees on your left. Pass the basketball courts and playground, both on your right. You will eventually find the edge of the park in front of some houses **2**. You should be able to find (and follow) Circuit of Bath way markers from here. The Circuit of Bath is a 20.5 mile walk that circumnavigates the city. Walking guides similar to this one are available for that route.

The way markers take you along a tarmac path to the left of the houses. Then through a metal gate on your left into Carr's Wood West. There is one main footpath through these woods, bearing right. Follow it along, passing some very old beech trees. Eventually you will meet a way marker post at the entrance to a meadow **3**. Leave the Circuit of Bath way markers now by take the right fork into the meadow. Follow the footpath along the edge of the meadow, past another post and through a metal gate into Carr's Wood East.

Continue ahead on the main path, ignoring any forks up to the right. Though half way along, at one of the forks near the back of some houses, keep an eye out for a flight of old stone steps. This is all that remains of a grand house, owned by the Carrs, a prominent local family, that was demolished in the 1960s.

The railway line is below you and you may hear a train intermittently rumbling past. This is the line Isambard Kingdom Brunel bought to the West Country in the 1840s.

Eventually you will come to a switch back of wooden steps which will bring you out of the woods onto a quiet residential street (Walwyn Close). Carefully cross onto the pavement and continue up Walwyn Close to the main road by a bus stop and bench. Carefully cross the road and turn left **4**. Take the first right up Watery Lane - St. Michael's and All Angels Church is on the corner. Cross when safe and continue on Watery Lane until you reach Freeview Road. Turn left onto

Freeview Road and walk its length until you reach Innox Park at the end.

Before you reach the playground turn right up the slope. In the spring and summer months there is a clear wild meadow section here. This was also planted by Bathscape volunteers in 2019. Even in the winter months the grass has a slightly different colour to it. This is because it is mown less regularly to allow wild flowers to grow and set seed. As you walk past you should be able to see how this area is made up of lots of different types of plants, not just grass.

At the top of this meadow section, you will find two gates in close succession. Go through the gates and back into Bath City Farm (please put dogs on leads). On your left are some allotments and an orchard. Head straight up towards a bench.

Take a well-earned rest on the bench to enjoy the views. Ahead of you on the slope is an orchard, planted by volunteers in 2022. It contains 175 fruit trees including apples, pears, cherries, plums, damsons and green gauges.

When you are ready, continue up the hill through a metal gate and up some steps passing goats and sheep on your way up. Near the top look out for a bench held up by pigs! This is another good place to stop as there is an information board picking out key places in the view.

To finish the walk, continue up and then turn left passing the edible herb beds on your right. These herbs, plus other produce grown on the city farm are used to create delicious meals and snacks in the café.

Bathscape is a National Lottery Heritage Fund supported scheme overseen by a partnership of local organisations and led by Bath & North East Somerset Council. The Scheme was launched in October 2018 to promote better management and use of the Bathscape, the beautiful natural landscape surrounding the historic city of Bath. It delivers a range of projects, including practical volunteering, advice to landowners, meadow creation, learning and skill projects and encourages the active enjoyment of the landscape.

The scheme promotes a range of local walks, runs the annual Bathscape Walking Festival each September and a series of weekly walks throughout the year. Find out more www.bathscape.co.uk

*W3W stands for What3Words, which is an alternative way of specifying precise locations. You can use the W3W app or website for free to see these locations on a map.