



# WALKERS ARE WELCOME KEYNSHAM

## WALK - No 1

A CIRCULAR WALK FROM KEYNSHAM  
ALONG THE RIVER AVON TO  
SALTFORD AND BACK THROUGH  
MANOR ROAD WOODLAND

### DISTANCE 6 MILES

Mainly flat - short stretches

of gently sloping

10 Kissing Gates


1 Stile

3 Metal Gates

### Start

Memorial Park Gates

Bath Hill



From the park gates head into the park, veering right and head down the second path toward the bandstand. In front of the bandstand head left past the council notice board, alongside the river Chew. Continue under the by-pass viaduct, to the footbridge on the right and cross over; turn left and head up the grass bank to the steps by the road, and turn left under the railway bridge


Beware - narrow footpath

Left again at the mini-roundabout, takes you past The Brassmills pub. Pass over the river Chew again and turn right at the main road. Pass over the River Avon and canal link, past The Lockkeeper, stopping to look upstream at the weir. At the end of the bridge parapet, head down the short flight of steps diagonally across the small gravel car-park, turn right and head back toward the entrance to the pub. Before reaching the pub turn left and head thro the metal gate, footpath signposted Swineford

Beware - footpath liable to subsidence

This path, alongside the Avon, takes you over the metal footbridge at the entrance to the marina and on to join up with a metalled track.

Turn right at the track, over the cattle grid and veer right by the concrete block structure, continuing alongside the river. Proceed along this



picturesque path, with views over to Kelston Round Hill, for some distance, passing 5 kissing gates and arriving at a metal footbridge over the River Boyd, an Avon tributary, and into a small picnic area; walk across the park and up the tarmac path to join the Bath/Bristol cycle path.

Beware - Cyclists

Turn right across the River Avon alongside the Avon Riverside railway station. Continue along this route for some distance under a road bridge.

### 1. Point of interest

Just past the turning left to Saltford you will find on your right hand side the steps down to the Bird in Hand Pub. Optional rest here - well recommended.

### 2. Points of interest

Continue up the hill, (named High St), from the pub, past the church and Tunnel House, and turn right into Stratton Rd. Then 2nd right in Chelwood Rd and follow that round past the playing field, and Saltford Hall on the right. Past the tennis courts turn right and follow the footpath sign across the car park and round the perimeter of the football pitches to the kissing gate in the left hand corner. Turn sharp left and proceed alongside the hedge; hidden at the end



of the hedge to the left, is another kissing gate; proceed thro' this and head diagonally across the field to a kissing gate in the centre of the hedge opposite This will bring you out onto the main A4 road.

Turn right for a short distance and cross the road where there are islands.

### Beware - busy road

Head down the short Copse Road to the kissing gate at the end. Follow the path that heads right across a field to a kissing gate and turn right on to concrete track for only a short distance to where the track turns right. At this point there is an indistinct footpath to the field on the left, which is not clearly marked. BE CAREFUL TO TAKE THE CORRECT PATH! take this and the hedge will be on your right, and proceed down to the wooden stile in the bottom right hand corner of the field. 10yards past this stile is an opening to the left with a round footpath sticker on the post. Bear left and head up along the footpath to the end with a hedge and stream on your left. In front of your is Manor Road Woodland.

### 3. Point of interest

Bear left and immediately right thro' the wood, and continue along this path til you reach a "T" junction with another path with a stone wall in

front of you. Turn right and continue along this path with the wall on your left, 'til the path bears right with another stone wall in front of you. Bear right then left thro' a hole in the wall and take the footpath in front of you, this will bring you to the main entrance to the woodland. Turn right after the gate on to Manor Road; a single track road with no footpath

### Beware - Traffic

After a short distance the road will broaden out into an estate road; proceed along this road some distance 'til it meets the junction with the Wellsway road, with a triangle in the middle. Bear right and cross this road and head down the hill

### Beware - busy road

Over the wall on your left will be views across the Chew Valley to South Keynsham. Continue down this pavement to a wooden bench by sign indicating no cycles, cars or motorbikes, bear left here and head down the footpath (called Steel Mills) to the bottom, and turn left over a stone bridge over the River Chew

Turn right into a short cul-de-sac and take the left hand path into the park, continue along this path with the Chew on the right, cross straight over a junction of paths, bear right, go under the road bridge, turn left and head up the steps back to the starting point

## Points of interest

1. Next to the bridge is a fossil site - worth reading the information board
2. In Saltford there is the St Mary's Church, steeped in history, the Manor House, believed to be the oldest continually inhabited residence in England, and Tunnel House, once owned by Isambard Kingdom Brunel, and has the main Bath/ Bristol railway line running underneath it. All these can be seen along the route
3. Manor Road Woodland is community run and is an ideal location for bird watching

