



A hidden haven of ancient woodland, streams and meadow beside the River Trym, as well as the Bronze Age Southmead Round Barrow and sculpted surprises.

Grid ref: ST 582 780

(main entrance, Doncaster Road)

Cycle routes: www.betterbybike.info

Bus information to the Northern

Entrance: www.travelwest.info

Time:
30-60 minutes circular walk

Distance:
0.7 miles / 1.13 km (with
extension: 0.9 miles / 1.44 km)

Route difficulty:
Easy-moderate with some slopes.
Off the tarmac paths it can be
muddy and slippery. Take care
near streams.

Access:
Mainly wheelchair and buggy
friendly.

Parking:
Limited on Doncaster Road.
Please park with consideration
for residents. Postcode - BS10 5PP

Route description

This circular walk gives a flavour of the Badock's Wood secluded woodland valley. Other more challenging paths, well worth exploring, criss-cross the reserve. Sturdy footwear essential for other than the main route.

The map overleaf marks views, seats, bins and other features.

From main entrance on Doncaster Road:

- 1 Enter the reserve and go straight ahead, enjoying the mosaics made by local schoolchildren.
- 2 Ignore the first path to the right (unless it is very wet/winter), cross the paved circle and continue ahead over the grass to meet a surfaced path.
- 3 Follow the path to the right. After World War II, prefab homes were built on the open area here that is now becoming wildflower meadow.
- 4 Continue along this path, passing the Round Barrow, also known as a tumulus and the sculpture beside it.
- 5 At the next junction, note the stile leading to the Greenway Centre for toilets and refreshments, open daytime, everyday. Turn left down a woodland path where you will feel as if you are in countryside far from the city.
- 6 At the 'triangle', the route turns left uphill, but you can detour straight on and back again to see a wooden sofa sculpture. Note the Victorian weirs – and their tinkling sounds.
- 7 Follow the surfaced path uphill, with the river on your right. Note the abundance of Harts Tongue Fern growing on the rocky outcrops.
- 8 When you reach the T-junction, known as Sparrow Corner, with a fence in front of you, bear left (a short detour to the right reveals totem sculptures), continuing on the path to return to the start point.

Additional route from (6)

- A This is more challenging on an unsurfaced path beside the river, especially in bad weather. Turn right and follow the River Trym on your left. Cross two small bridges. The path opens out into a shaded picnic area where there are some surprising sculptures carved into old tree trunks.
- B Continue on the path with the river on your left, over a small bridge (please note there are no handrails) to return to the triangle and the main route (7).

i For news, information, or to help care for this reserve, see the Friends of Badock's Wood website: www.fobw.org.uk
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www.bristol.gov.uk/localnaturereserves

