

Welcome to the Path

Escape the traffic and explore this wonderful 13-mile off-road route that links the cities of Bristol and Bath. The Bristol & Bath Railway Path is a fully tarmaced, easily accessible route for walkers, cyclists and disabled people. Whether you fancy a leisurely stroll with friends, an encounter with wildlife or a refreshing journey to work, the Path has something to offer everyone.

This leaflet provides a great starting point for planning your visit. You will find a wealth of useful information about getting to the Path, refreshment stops and local attractions. Longer journeys or round trips can be created by following one of the many trails that cross the route. Join the Path wherever you like - look for the access points shown on the map.

So what are you waiting for? Put on your walking shoes or get on your bike and enjoy the Bristol & Bath Railway Path!

For up to date information about the Path visit www.bristolbathrailwaypath.org.uk



Enjoying a stroll along the Path



BRISTOL & BATH RAILWAY PATH

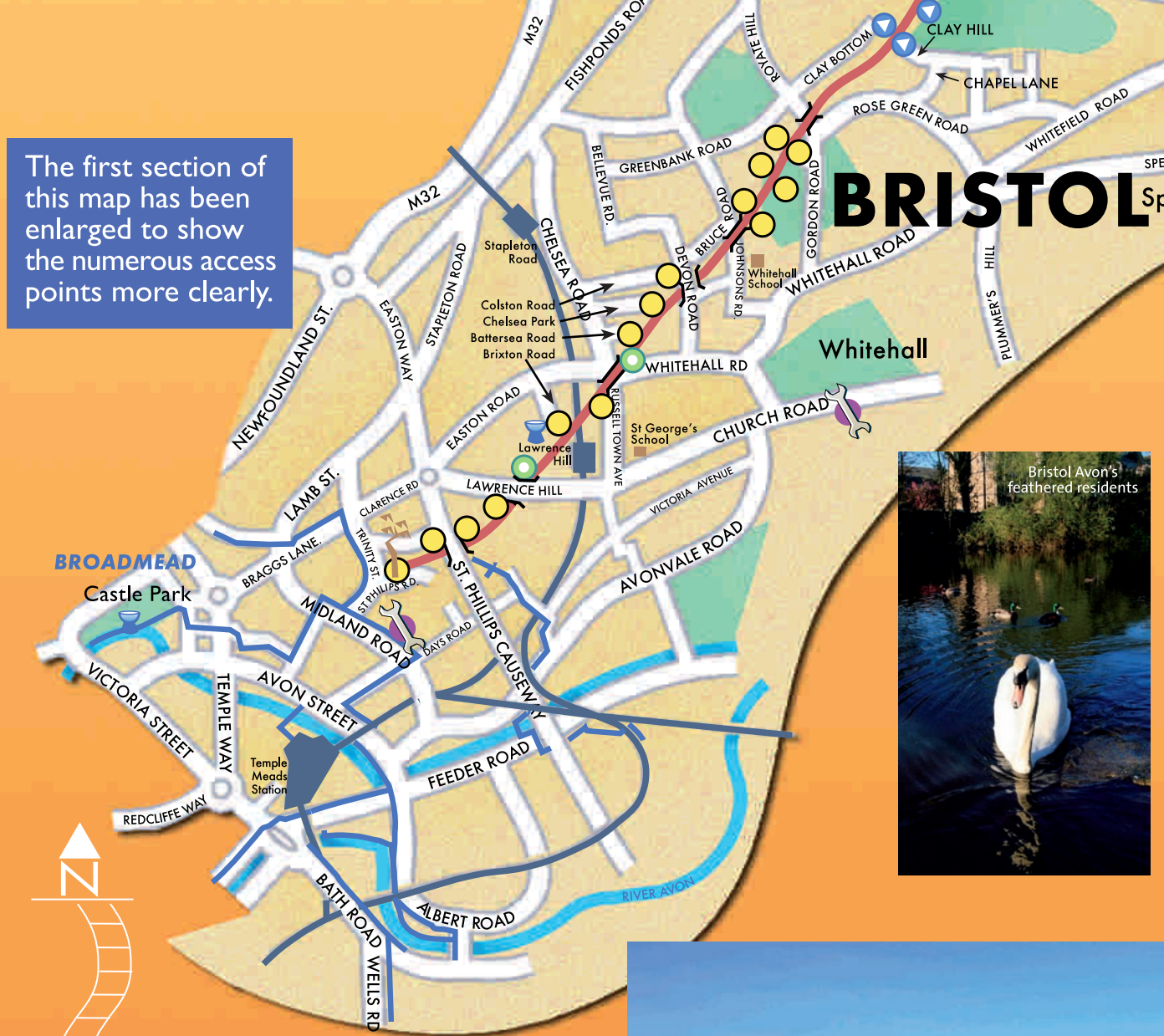


'Sentinels 1' by Jim Paulsen

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- Railway Path
- Level access points with no lock
- ▶ Ramped or level access points with constricted access or steep gradient
- Access points with steps
- note: cycle access does not necessarily imply a legal right of way for cyclists.
- WC Accessible W.C
- ⦿ Water fountain
- West Bath Riverside Path
- River Avon Trail
- Other cycle path
- Footpath
- Horse Riding Route/Bridleway
- Railway
- ⦿ Cycle Shop
- ⦿ Cafe
- ⦿ Picnic Site
- ⦿ Pub
- ⦿ 'Bristol Gateway' a new sculpture proposal for 2007/08

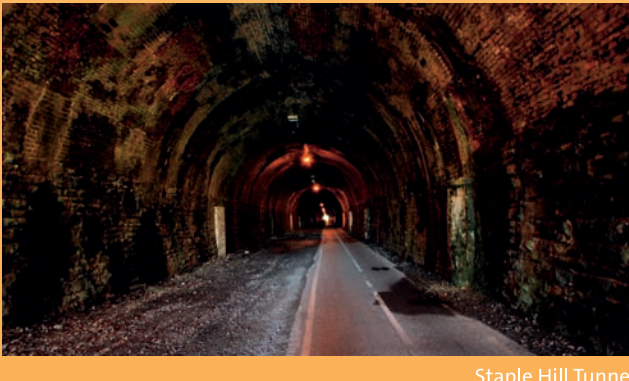
The first section of this map has been enlarged to show the numerous access points more clearly.



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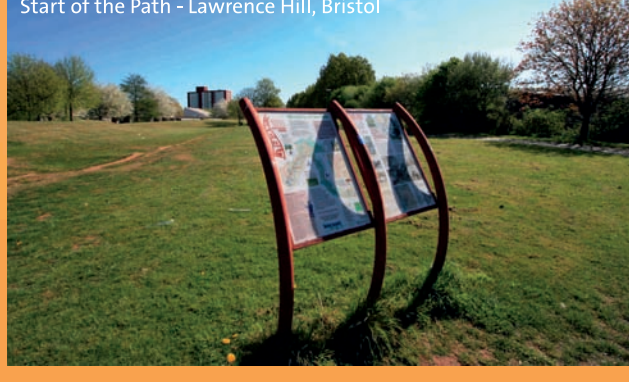
Wild flowers are abundant along the Path



Staple Hill Tunnel



Bristol Avon's feathered residents



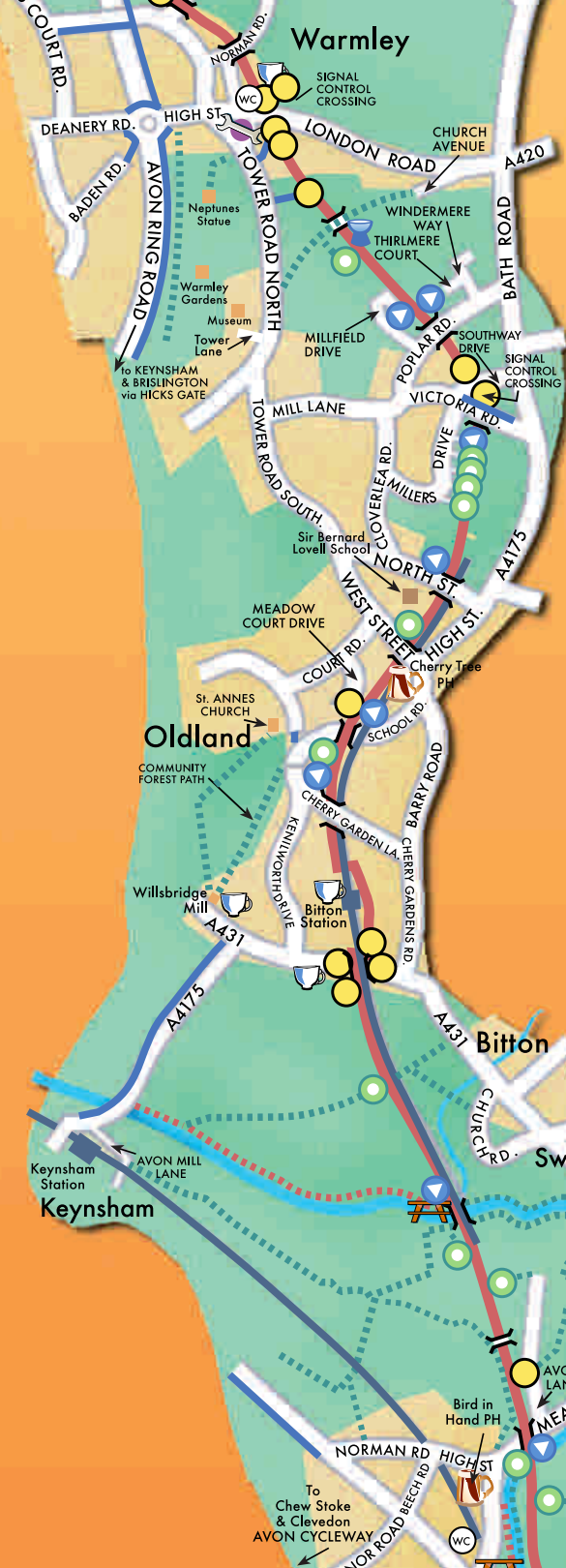
Start of the Path - Lawrence Hill, Bristol



Saltford Marina



'Avon Riverside' Station



Attractions along the Path

Community Forest Park
This 45 mile circular path follows the Forest of Avon around Bristol. It connects to the Railway Path at Warmley and Oldland Common. For a free leaflet contact Forest of Avon: Tel: (0117) 953 2141 or visit www.forestofavon.org.uk

River Avon Trail
A 28 mile path following the River Avon from Pill in North Somerset to Bath, running along the Railway Path for a short section at Saltford. For a free leaflet, contact the Avon Frome Development Officer: Tel (0117) 922 4325 or visit www.riveravontrail.org.uk

The Dramway
This was the local name for the Avon & Gloucester Railway that carried coal from the Coalpit Heath Colliery to the River Avon. A way marked route runs between Coxgrove Hill and Bitton following a similar route to the Railway Path.

Willsbridge Mill Visitors Centre
A renovated mill set in woodland with nature trails. Access by bike from Bitton Station (along main road) or for walkers off School Road. Refreshments available. Disabled parking at the Mill. Tel: (0117) 932 6885 for more details or visit www.avonwildlifetrust.co.uk

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Bitton Railway station
Steam trains (accessible for wheelchairs) run here most Sundays, and the station is also open on Saturdays and Bank Holidays. The station has a cafe, toilets and bike parking. Tel: (0117) 932 5538 for general enquires or (0117) 932 7296 for a 24 hour talking timetable or visit www.avonvalleyrailway.co.uk

Warmley Station
Refreshments available most weekends from Easter to September, also toilets including accessible toilets (with a RADAR lock).

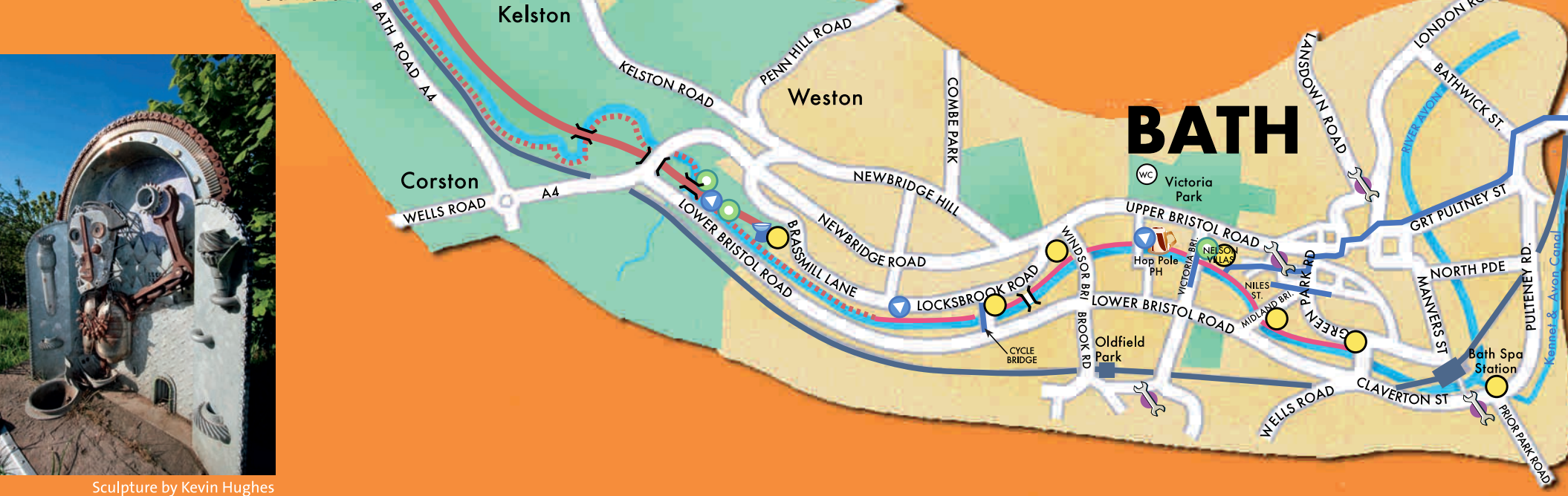
Sculpture Trail
Local artists, some in conjunction with local schools, have created sculptures reflecting the character of the Path. A leaflet giving further information on the sculptures is available from Sustans. Tel: (0845) 113 0065 for more details.

Saltford Brass Mill
A surviving example of a brass mill. Open second Saturday of the month 11am - 3pm during the summer months. Tel: (0117) 986 2216 for more details.



River Avon and Beechen Cliff, Bath

- ### Distances along the path
- Bristol city centre to St Phillips Rd
1 mile (1.5 kms)
 - Bristol (St Phillips Rd) to Fishponds
2.5 miles (4 kms)
 - Fishponds to Mangotsfield
2 miles (3 kms)
 - Mangotsfield to Warmley
1.5 miles (2.5 kms)
 - Warmley to Bitton
2.5 miles (4 kms)
 - Bitton to Saltford
2 miles (3 kms)
 - Saltford to Bath (Brassmill Lane)
3 miles (5 kms)
 - Brassmill Lane to Bath city centre
2 miles (3 kms)



Sculpture by Kevin Hughes

