

Eco Nature Trail

From St Stephen's, Lansdown, to St Mary's, Charlcombe

A family-friendly walk for all weathers!

The trail is a mile long and takes about 30 minutes. Parents might like to download a free bird identifying app on their phone like Merlin Bird ID.

Start: St Stephen's Church (open Saturday mornings) or from the church garden.

The church is full of beautiful stained-glass windows – which celebrate our natural world.

Explore the building and see if you can find an image of:

- An animal
- A bird
- A tree, plants or fruit
- A flower (can you find three flowers which are different colours?)
- The sun, the moon, stars and the sea

Discover the garden at the back of the church. It is becoming a wildlife garden.

Can you spot:

- A bee, butterfly or bug hotel to help insects
- A nesting box for birds
- Flowers which might attract bees

If you lift up a stone in the garden, what can you see under it?

Walk: Walk up the hill along Richmond Road and carry on walking down Charlcombe Lane until you reach a stone trough on the left. Take the path up to St Mary's Church on the left.

As you walk, can you:

- Spot a special road sign with a picture on it. Every spring, over 3,000 little creatures are helped across the road by a group of volunteers. Can you see what it is?
- Find three different types of trees?
- See two or three different kinds of insects?
- Notice any animals in the fields or gardens that you pass?
- Spot any wild flowers growing in the hedgerow?

Arriving at St Mary's, explore the little church. It is the oldest church in Bath! If you look at the windows and the carved wood at the end of the pews, can you find:

- An animal
- A bird
- A tree
- A flower
- A fruit

Go through the gate and into the Quiet Garden. Find the Holy Well and spend a few minutes enjoying the peace of the garden. If you listen carefully, can you hear different birds singing?

Congratulations – you have finished the trail!

As you walk back towards St Stephens, stop and explore the Millenium Green – a good place to sit, play, or have a picnic... and enjoy nature too!