

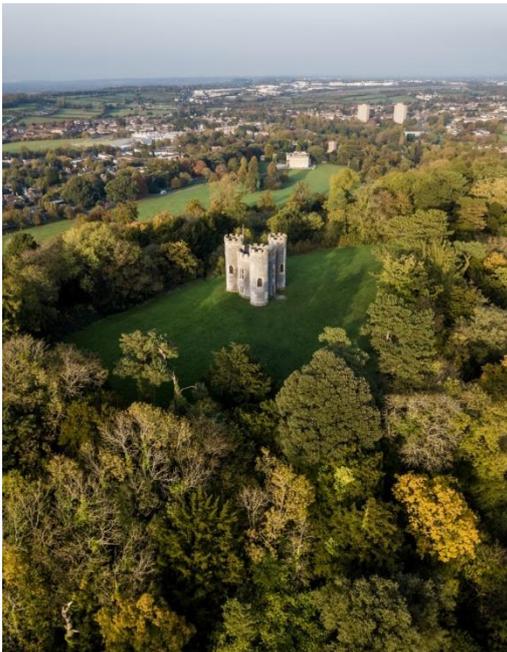
The best walks in Bristol

A walk is a wonderful thing: good for the mind and good for the soul.

If you need to get outside – and if it is safe for you to do so – here are our favourite places to explore around Bristol. Whether you want to walk through the streets of the city or lose yourself at hidden rural retreat, there is somewhere for everyone to explore.

RURAL RETREATS

1. Amble around Blaise Castle Estate



Hidden between Henbury and Westbury-on-Trym, the Blaise Castle Estate is one of Bristol's hidden gems. From the wide-open spaces of the former Estate's grounds, to the historic castle itself at the top of the hill, to the wooded valley of Hazel Brook, few places can match the variety of landscapes on offer here.

2. Walk the Frome Valley



Starting high in the Cotswolds, the river Frome works its way down to meet the river Avon at Castle Park. It may run parallel to the M32, but the Frome Valley is a world away, framed by historic woodland and home to an incredible range of wildlife. Listen as the water rushes over the small weir at snuff mills or the sound of the birds singing as they soar across the treetops above.

3. Discover the Downs



Watching the river Avon wind through the Gorge from Sea Walls on the western edge of the Downs is one of the best views in Bristol. But there is so much more to this amazing space. Why not stop to enjoy the plant life at the University of Bristol's Botanic Garden to the North? Or wander through tree-lined avenues as far as the Clifton Observatory to the South?

and Leigh Woods

4. Stroll around Ashton Court



Start by exploring Leigh Woods, a National Trust Property set across the Eastern side of the Avon Gorge that features an Iron Age hillfort, the remains of industrial quarries and a working freight railway. Then cross over the road to wander around Ashton Court. This 850 acre estate is home to herds of red and fallow deer, beautiful wildflower meadows and miles of walking trails to enjoy.

CITY SIGHTS:

5. Bristol's Best Street Art



Bristol is known for its street art. From Banksy in Stokes Croft to Jody Thomas's mural of Greta Thunberg at Bedminster's Tobacco Factory, there are hundreds or pieces to see in every corner of the city. Why not check out Visit Bristol's guide to the city's street art scene and take yourself on your own personal tour?

6. Tour local television and film locations



Bristol is a UNESCO City of Film and earlier this year, Channel 4 opened its latest creative hub in the city. It is easy to see why. Where else could you see settings from hit shows as different as Sherlock or Only Fools and Horses? Or hike between the headquarters of the BBC's Natural History Unit and Wallace & Gromit creator Aardman Animations or the childhood home of Cary Grant. Visit the website of the Bristol Film Office to find out more.

7. Wander by the water at Bristol's Harbourside



The Harbourside is the beating heart of the city, packed full of history. A 3-mile circuit taking in Millennium Square, the SS Great Britain and views of the Clifton Suspension Bridge is an essential Bristol experience.

8. Hike up Brandon Hill



Straddling the hillside to the South of Park Street, Brandon Hill is a city oasis. It packs a lot into a small space, with rolling lawns and stunning ornamental gardens as well as the historic Cabot Tower. Best of all are its spectacular views across the Harbour to South Bristol and beyond.