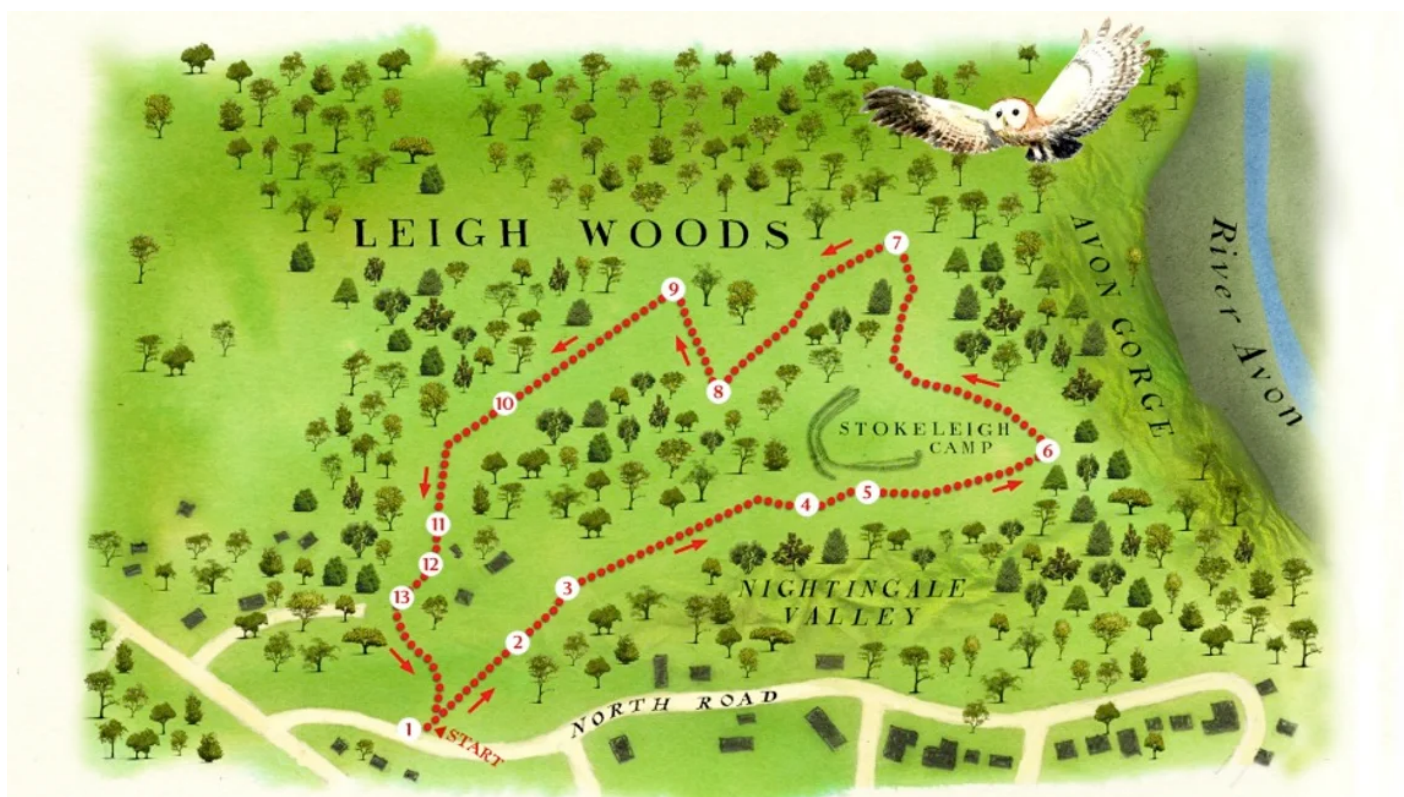


BATH & BRISTOL

Leigh Woods woodland wander

This walk passes our natural play area and runs through beautiful woodland with rare and veteran trees as well as grassland. Stokeleigh Camp hillfort is perched on the edge of the Avon Gorge, with dramatic views along the river.



Information

Address: Leigh Woods National Nature Reserve, Bristol BS8 3PL

OS map: Landranger 154

Activity: Walking

Moderate: This is a circular walk with a mix of surfaced paths and grass. For further details, please see Terrain section.

Dog friendly: Dogs are welcome but keep a close eye on them, and look out for signs that will let you know if cows are on site.

Full trail: Miles: 1 (km: 1.6)

Duration: 30 mins - 45 mins

Terrain

This is a circular walk with a mix of surfaced paths and grass. There may be a few muddy sections in wet weather. A couple of uneven rocky sections can be slippery when wet.

Total steps: 13

Start point: Leigh Woods North Road entrance, grid ref: ST555730

1. There's a site map at the North Road entrance. Go through the kissing gate and up the sunken track straight ahead.
2. This brings you out onto an open grassy area. Cross this, sticking to the right-hand side. You'll walk past a line of rare whitebeam trees.
3. Just past these trees take the small path that runs along the top of the valley and straight on to another grassy area.
4. Ahead of you are the ramparts of Stokeleigh Camp, an Iron Age hillfort. Follow the narrow rocky path through these; take care if wet as it may be slippery.
5. Once through the rampart, follow the grassy path straight ahead for 200m to the viewpoint.
6. Turn left and follow the path along the gorge side for 300m, back through the ramparts and past a fenced pond.
7. Turn left on to the Purple Trail, where you can see the dramatic sweep of the ramparts and Centenary bench on your left.
8. Turn right and follow the Purple Trail to the stone wall.
9. When you reach the parish wall leave the Purple Trail and turn left following the stone wall. Go straight through the gate after 200m and join the Blue Trail.
10. Follow the Blue Trail straight ahead. Once you reach the ancient yew that grows in the line of the wall, the path should curve away from the wall.
11. After 60m you'll pass the entrance to the natural play area on your right.
12. Carry on past a single storey wooden building to the National Trust office, where you can pick up a site leaflet. Follow the gravel road and look out for the blue-topped waymarker on the left after 70m.

13. Follow the Blue Trail back downhill to the start.
End point: Leigh Woods North Road entrance, grid ref: ST555730
