

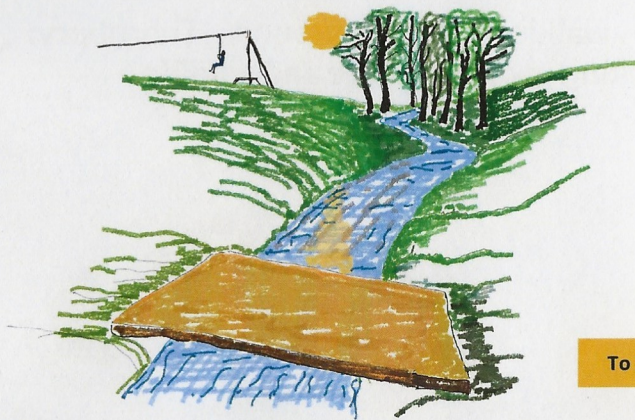
The Biodiversity Ring



Wildlife garden at St Mary's

Cemetery & wildlife meadow

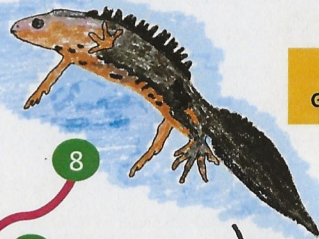
Mundy Playing Fields



Thornbury Castle

Medieval Fishponds

Great Crested Newts



Route crosses Gloucester Road

Upper Morton

Route follows perimeter of Country Park

To Falfield

Route follows Clay Lane

To Falfield

Cleve Wood

Old Railway Path

Filnore Wood

Grovesend Road crossing

Leisure Centre

To Alveston



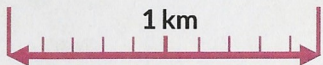
Map Key

- Biodiversity Ring
- edge of built-up area
- road
- pointer/label
- watercourse
- point of interest/navi
- alternative route

About the Route

The route generally follows existing public rights of way, except as shown dashed (alternate route following footpath in orange). The whole ring is approximately 10km in length. Shorter routes can be created by combining sections with other paths. (Why not visit Thornbury for refreshments before/after your walk?)

1 km



1 The Mundy playing fields is a good place to start. Follow the stream north/downstream. 2 Cross Kington Lane and follow the path along the edge of the cemetery. Pass St Mary's church 3 to your left (with the Castle behind it 4) and follow the path on the far side of the road, 5. Left into the Shieling School (footpath), and then right to follow the path around the wooded edge of the Castle School playing fields. 6 Exit the school field into the Park Farm estate, and skirt the Medieval Fish Ponds, 7. The footpath takes you through the estate passing a pond on your left as you leave, home to great crested newts, 8 Take care crossing Butt Lane/Oldbury Lane, 9 and cross into the Post Farm estate. Follow the edge of the public space and turn left over a stile on to a wooded path. Turn right at the next stone stile, heading east towards Morton Meadows. Another stone stile takes you along the edge of this development, before a dog leg through the hedge puts you back on the edge of the farmland. Continue east to the road crossing at Upper Morton, 10 Take care with the gate as you cross out of the field and over the road. Take the quiet lane opposite before turning right into a field through a gate. Cross the field and bear left to the double stile in the hedge. Follow the path around the perimeter of the Thornbury Fields estate 11 and the edge of the 'Country Park'. 12 Exit in the SE corner, cross the stream and follow the path to Crossways Lane. Left then Right gets you to Clay Lane, 13 followed until turning left at 14 onto the footpath. Keep the hedge on your right until the gateway, when you turn right and cross the field to the lane, 15. Go uphill to the right and continue to a swing gate on your right, as you enter Cleve Wood, 16 The path goes briefly downhill as you proceed clockwise through the wood, up to the edge of the new homes. Here turn left, following the footpath to the Grovesend Road, 17. Turn right to head NW and cross the road at a safe place. A footpath forks off left to take you downhill alongside the old railway path. Divert right towards the bottom of the field to (cont... over)

(cont...) follow the path to the swing gate stile. Cross carefully at 18 before picking up the edge of the railway alignment again, crossing Link Road, before joining the Railway Path 19 on the far side. Turn left off the railway path after passing through 2 railings, and head S to cross Midland Way and pick up the path on the far side. 20 The path goes diagonally to the right across this field to a stile at the top, into Filnore Wood, 21. Follow the perimeter path, clockwise, along the top edge of the wood, descending past the allotments, keeping them to your right. Turn left into the field behind the leisure centre, 22 and then turn right-left to pick up a path right beside the centre, then parallel with the road, up to the bus stop on Bristol Road. 23 Cross the road here. Follow the Golf Club access road and join the footpath at a stile on the right. Follow this path along the edge of a field and back into the Mundy Playing Fields.

About Sustainable Thornbury

Sustainable Thornbury is a community group with the aims of enabling nature recovery and reducing our collective carbon footprint. We focus on the town and surrounding villages, and we're part of the Transition Town network (transitionnetwork.org).

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Come along to our **GREEN DRINKS** to hear more: first Wednesday of every month, 19.30, @Hawkes House, or online.

The route of the biodiversity ring is captured on Google's My Maps platform. Scan this QR code to see the route electronically



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Thornbury's Biodiversity Ring



A walking route around Thornbury: linking people, nature and wildlife.

