



Dramatic sculpted slopes from railway cuttings support herb-rich grassland areas, a community orchard and views over the city.

**Grid ref:** ST 600 750 (central part of reserve)

**Cycle routes:** [www.betterbybike.info](http://www.betterbybike.info)

**Bus information to James Street:**

[www.travelwest.info](http://www.travelwest.info)

### Route description

A hilly route where the interaction between the natural and man-made environment creates variety and interest. The map overleaf marks views, bins and other features.

#### From Cut Throat Lane, beside the community garden:

- 1 Follow surfaced path up steep slope past the silver kissing gate, with the railway cutting to your left behind a fence.
- 2 Cross the pedestrian bridge and go through the black kissing gate in front of an interpretation panel (if you see a second pedestrian bridge you've gone too far).
- 3 Take the unsurfaced path on the left beside the railway line to continue. You can linger at the seat close by, positioned at the highest point on the reserve to enjoy the views.
- 4 Continue along the unsurfaced path down the steps, taking a sharp right turn into an open space. Bear left along the stony path and up the shallow steps.
- 5 Continue along winding path through Simon's Grove, passing the community orchard on your right.
- 6 Leave the reserve at the gate beside the interpretation panel and continue to meet the road – Boiling Wells Lane and turn left. The nearby eco-houses were an innovative community self-build project.
- 7 Bear left into Mina Road between these houses.
- 8 Walk under railway tunnel and back to the start point.

#### Route extension:

- A Turn right into Watercress Road instead of walking under the railway tunnel.
- B Turn left at the Farm café, along the lane past the allotments entrance on the right and continue uphill with allotments either side.
- C Go through the kissing gate on your left into the Ash Wood part of the reserve, keeping the railway line to your right. Meet the steps at (4.) and return via the pedestrian bridge and Cut Throat Lane.

**Time:**  
45 minutes circular walk

**Distance:**  
0.61 miles / 0.98 km (with extension 1.09 miles / 1.75 km)

**Route difficulty:**  
Moderate – steep slopes and steps across the reserve, with some unsurfaced paths which can be muddy.

**Access:**  
Very limited due to slopes.

**Parking:**  
On Mina Road, close to church opposite Lynmouth Road. Please park with consideration for residents. Postcode: BS2 9YQ



Basking lizards

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Marbled white butterfly

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Reserve during eclipse














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