

# ASHTON COURT

## Woodland and grassland walk

### 6: Clarken Coombe Wood

This grazing woodland is home to rare Violet Ground Beetles which eat and live within veteran trees. Both the presence of the beetles and the veteran trees give Ashton Court Estate Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) status, meaning it is a designated conservation area.

### 7: Wildflowers

On the plateau you can spot many different flowers including yellow rattle, knapweed, buttercups, Common Spotted Orchids (flowering between June and August) and Green Winged Orchids (flowering between late April and June).

### 8: Eurasian Skylarks

Ashton Court Estate is home to breeding skylarks. Skylarks are a small streaked brown bird, and they mark their territories by a spectacular



song-flight. They are a ground nesting bird and make their nests amongst the grass on the plateau area.

### 9: Lime Avenue

The long avenue of lime trees were put here to line up with the Clifton Suspension Bridge after it opened in 1864.



### 10: Fattest Tree

This is just one of six 900 year old trees on site. Turn your back to the tree and look out onto the city, imagine how the tree has seen the city change over the course of its life!

### Dos and Don'ts

- Don't stray from the footpaths
- Do keep dogs on leads
- Don't leave any dog foul
- Don't swim or allow your dog to swim in the ponds
- Do take your litter home
- Do report a problem if you see one: [www.bristol.gov.uk/reportparkproblem](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/reportparkproblem)
- Do enjoy yourself!



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A 1.5 hour walking route, taking in sights of historic landscapes

## 1: The Goram

The Goram is the name of this lawn which is marked out by a three-sided square of chestnut trees and pre-dates the carefully designed 18th century landscape.

### Wood and grassland walk – approx 6.6km (4.1 miles)\*

- ● Woodland walk
- ○ Route when deer parks are closed
- Dog waste bins
- P Parking
- Picnic bench

\*Access: walk includes uneven ground and steep slopes



## 2: The Repton Landscape

Humphry Repton was a great English landscape designer of the eighteenth century. Repton designed a route to enter the estate from the south via a proposed gatehouse, later to become known as the Ashton Gatehouse.

## 3: Church Wood

Bluebells can be found in all of Ashton Court Estate's woodlands throughout April and May each year. In Church Wood you can get the best view of the bluebells.

## 4: Clarken Coombe Lodge

This old gatehouse has a maternity roost of over 400 Lesser Horseshoe bats. Occasionally we get individuals of other species such as Greater Horseshoe, and it may be used by other species of bat for hibernation.

## 5: Cattle Pond Ashton Vale

This pond would have originally been used for cattle grazing but is now home to endangered Great Crested Newts. There are 15 ponds on site which were built for different uses.