# How to Get to Troopers Hill Local Nature Reserve



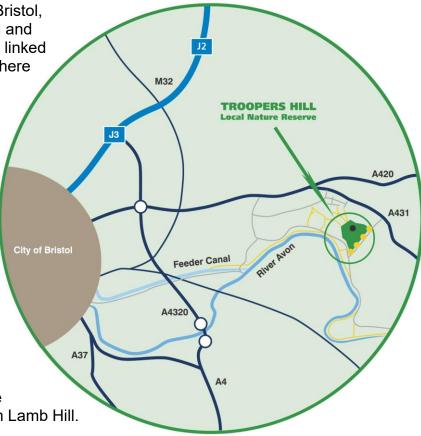
Troopers Hill is owned and managed by Bristol City Council, there is free unrestricted access all day everyday.

#### Location

Troopers Hill is in St George, east Bristol, between the A431 Air Balloon Road and Crews Hole Road. These roads are linked by Troopers Hill Road, from which there are four pedestrian entrances on to the site. The lowest is close to the junction with Crews Hole Rd and gives easy access to or from the River Avon Trail, but please take care crossing the roads. The nearest entrance to Air Balloon Road is at the corner of Greendown.

Alternative entrances are from the east end of Malvern Rd or from Summerhill Terrace. Access from these entrances is across the grassy area known as Troopers Hill Field.

There is another footpath to the site through Crews Hole Woodland from Lamb Hill.



## **Accessibility**

The entrance at Malvern Road provides the easiest access for those with limited mobility and from here there is a wheelchair accessible path to the top of the hill so that everyone can enjoy the wonderful views. Some of the slopes on this path may mean that some wheelchair users need assistance. The remainder of the paths on the hill are unsurfaced and there are some sections of steep steps. Beware of steep cliff edges.

#### Visiting on Foot or by Bike

The St Phillips Greenway and the River Avon Trail provide a walking or cycling route from the centre of Bristol. We would prefer it if you would leave your bike secured to one of the fences at the entrances and explore the site on foot. If you choose to take your bike on the site please be considerate of other visitors and keep to the paths. Please do not ride on the grassland or unsurfaced paths when the ground is wet.

### By Bus

There are frequent bus services seven days a week to nearby Summerhill Road from the centre of Bristol. This bus route is one of Bristol's 'Showcase' bus routes. If you arrive by train in Bristol you will first need to walk or take a short bus ride to the Centre or Old Market to catch the appropriate bus.

Bus services from Bristol:

44 (City Centre – Cadbury Heath via Hanham Common)

45 (City Centre – Cherry Gardens via Hanham, Longwell Green & Bitton)

Get off the bus at "Marling Road", which is the first stop after the Pied Horse public house (which is on the right, travelling away from Bristol). Walk back towards Bristol, cross the road at the pedestrian crossing and turn left into Summerhill Terrace, where there is a kissing gate into Troopers Hill Field. Cross the grass or follow the surfaced paths around the field to the corner diagonally opposite, where there is an entrance into Troopers Hill Local Nature Reserve.

Wheelchair users may find the kissing gate to Troopers Hill is too small, if this is the case from Summerhill Terrace (which is quite steep) you will need to turn right into Queens Road, then left into Diamond Road and finally left into Malvern Road. There are reasonable footways, at some junctions it may be necessary to use drop kerbs at driveways.

Bus services from Hanham, Longwell Green & Bitton:

44 (To City Centre from Cadbury Heath via Hanham Common)

45 (To City Centre from Cherry Gardens via Bitton, Longwell Green & Hanham) Ignore the "Troopers Hill Road" stop and get off at the next stop "Marling Road" to access the top of the Hill. Facing towards Bristol, walk on and turn left into Summerhill Terrace and follow directions as above.

Bus Services from Kingswood:

42 & 43 run to St George and then on to the City Centre.

Get off at Whiteway Road, then walk back towards Kingswood and turn right into Marling Road. At the end of Marling Road turn right on to Summerhill Road (A431) and then follow the directions above for busses from Bristol.

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#### By Car

There is no car park at Troopers Hill. Limited car parking is available on the adjacent residential roads. If you visit by car please park with consideration for local residents. Take care to lock your car and remove valuables from sight.

If you have a satellite navigation system the nearest postcode for Troopers Hill Rd entrances is BS5 8BL. The Malvern Road entrance to the Field is at BS5 8JA. If you are using the Malvern Rd entrance, please consider parking on Diamond Rd to leave space on Malvern Rd for residents and less able visitors.

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Please respect this wonderful space, clean up after your dog, take your litter home and (to protect the grassland) do not use barbecues on the Nature Reserve.