

Open Spaces

5.5 Miles | 8.8 km

Moderate

START

1 From Market Yard car park, take the path past the Cheese & Grain with the river on your left. The path goes through Welshmill Park and woods and past the pump track. Cross over Welshmill Lane and take the path straight on.

2 Turn right at Lower Innox and then turn left up Innox Hill. Turn right at Over Innox and continue straight up the steps ahead where the road ends and follow the path. Turn right at Pedlars Grove and immediately right again across a grass area and basketball court. Continue straight on at Chapmans Close. Turn right at Packsaddle Way.

3 Just after a small lane on the left, turn left onto a grass strip between the lane and the houses. Turn right at a gap between the houses and go straight across the road ahead and follow the tarmac path, following the green strip which then bends to the right. At Grange Road turn left.

4 At the main Bath Road turn right and then cross the Bath Road at the second set of traffic lights and continue right along the pavement. Turn left up a paved track between walls (Cleveland House on the right). Continue through/around a gate and follow the path up to the Cheese Show Field with the hospital on your right. Go straight across a crossroads of paths and past the adult exercise equipment on your right, and then the children's playground and a football pitch. At the top turn left and then right and follow the path with Selwood Academy School on your left. At the main Berkley Road go straight across the pedestrian crossing and follow the path ahead.

5 At Monmouth Drive turn right and right again at St John's Road. Turn left down a path between fences (below a blue pedestrian school sign). Follow the path as it goes past a children's playground and turns to the right and then to the left. Ignore a path on the left and take the path straight ahead which is unsurfaced. The path turns to the left and comes out by some garages. At St John's Road turn right, and go past some shops on the right and then turn right at Rodden Road.

6 After passing Beechwood Avenue on your right, turn left down a tarmac path with a Public Footpath sign and a Cycle Route 24 sign. Go past some garages on your left and straight across at a crossroad of paths. Go through the gate into Rodden Meadow and turn left. Follow the grassy path and fork left. At the tarmac path turn right and continue under the railway bridge with the river on your right. Turn right over the river via the foot/cycle bridge. At the road continue straight on and fork right down the foot/cycle path.

7 At the main Wallbridge road turn right and walk along the right-hand pavement. Continue straight over two side roads on your right and past the train station and a petrol station on your left.

8 Cross the main road at the traffic lights and go straight ahead up Locks Hill. Turn left down Butler's Gardens and then right up an unsurfaced path by a hedge. The path widens and tarmac starts and you pass garages on your right, a fence on your left, and closed garages on your left. At Caxton Road go straight on following the tarmac track past the backs of houses.



9 At Adderwell Road turn left, ignore the first left hand fork and take the second left hand fork. Fork left again following Adderwell Road (don't go up Adderwell Close). At the bottom turn right through the gate into The Dippy.

10 At main Culverhill Road cross over, turn left and take the first road on the right (Lower Keyford) at the Cycle Route 24 sign. Follow Lower Keyford straight on past the large brick blocks with bushes. Fork right following the Cycle Route 24 sign. At the crossroads go straight on up Water Lane. At the crossroads (busy road - take care) cross over and go straight ahead up Somerset Road.

11 Turn right through a gate up steps into Victoria Park and go diagonally left across the grass. Go through the yellow gate in the top corner to the left of the skatepark. Turn left and then right, through a gate, and straight on across the grass with the bowls pitch on your right. At the path at the far side turn right and then left through the large gate.

12 Cross the road (Weymouth Road) and go straight on up a tarmac path. Turn right at a large tarmac track and walk downhill past allotments on your left. At the bottom, cross the bottom of Nunney Road and cross the main road (Broadway) at the traffic lights.

13 Go straight ahead up Baker Street which turns to the left. Go straight across Selwood Road and continue up Baker Street. Turn

right at Naish's Street and left down Trinity Row. Continue on the small tarmac road/path with Trinity Church on your right. Continue on down Gould's Ground between high walls. The path goes left at some open green space and then right past some houses on your left. At the road go immediately left up a long a flight of steps. Join Valley View Road and continue straight on.

14 At a T-junction turn left, and at the next T-junction turn right. Turn immediately left and go through a gate into Whatcombe Fields. Go straight downhill with a hedge on your right. At the bottom corner go right through a gate and follow the path with the river on your left. The path turns to the right between walls and comes out in green space. Go straight on with houses on your right and turn left down Riverbank Path. Come out on the tarmac path in a large green space (Weylands) and go left. Go straight across a tarmac driveway and under the railway bridge following a Town Centre sign with the river on your left.

15 Go straight across Welshmill Lane and follow the path with the river on your left (known as The Otherside). Go under the railway bridge up wooden steps or ramp and continue straight on at the road.

16 Go left over the Jenson Button Bridge. You are now back in Market Yard car park with the Cheese & Grain on your left.

FINISH

Key

- Church
- Public Toilet
- Water Refill
- Refreshments

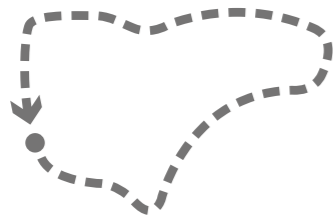
- Take Care
- Route Marker
- Walking Route
- Pub



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Respect

Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors.

Leave gates and property as you find them.

Follow paths where crops are growing. Use gates or stiles if possible.

Avoid climbing walls or fences. Don't disturb ruins or historic sites. Don't interfere with machinery or livestock.

Protect

Protect plants and animals and take your litter home. Be careful not to drop matches or smouldering cigarettes.

Keep your dog under effective control so that it does not disturb or scare farm animals or wildlife.

Always clean up after your dog and get rid of the mess responsibly.

Enjoy

Be safe, plan ahead and follow any signs.

Trees you might find

Ash



Height up to 35m
Bark pale brown to grey and fissured as the tree ages
Twigs smooth with distinctive black, velvety leaf buds arranged opposite each other
Leaves 3-6 opposite pairs of light green oval leaflets with a single leaflet at the end
Flowers small purple flowers growing in spiked clusters at the tip of twigs
Fruits winged fruit or 'keys' form in late summer and autumn

Silver Birch



Height up to 30m
Bark white and sheds paper-like layers, becoming black at the base. As it ages, the bark develops dark, diamond-shaped fissures
Twigs smooth with small dark warts
Leaves small, light green and triangular with a toothed edge
Flowers long yellow-brown catkins, commonly known as 'lamb's tails' and short, bright green catkins
Fruits female catkins thicken and become dark crimson

Hawthorn



Height up to 15m
Bark brown-grey, knotted and fissured
Twigs slender, brown and thorny
Leaves about 6cm long, toothed
Flowers white (occasionally pink), 5 petals, highly scented and grow in flat-topped clusters
Fruits deep red known as haws

Common Beech



Height 40m+
Bark smooth, thin and grey, often with slight horizontal etchings
Twigs dark brown with distinctively sharply pointed leaf buds not pressed against the twigs
Leaves oval and pointed with a wavy edge. Lime green with silky hairs, becoming darker and hairless
Flowers tassel-like catkins hang on long stalks; flowers grow in pairs surrounded by a cup
Fruits the cup becomes a prickly, woody case enclosing one or two beech nuts (or beechmast)

Blackthorn



Height 6-7m
Bark dark brown and smooth
Twigs black-purple, forming straight side shoots which develop into thorns
Leaves oval, toothed, pointed and tapered at base
Flowers white five-petalled flowers appear in March and April
Fruits Blue-black fruits about 1cm and perfect for sloe gin

Sweet Chestnut



Height up to 35m
Bark grey-purple and smooth, developing vertical fissures with age
Twigs purple-brown with red-brown oval buds
Leaves glossy, 16-28cm long and 5-9cm wide. Oblong with a pointed tip and toothed edge
Flowers long, yellow catkins
Fruits spiky green cases hold shiny red-brown nuts ready for Christmas

Alder



Height up to 28m
Bark dark, fissured and often covered in lichen
Twigs light brown, spotted stem turning red towards the top
Leaves Young twigs are sticky purple or grey leaf bud; dark green leaves are 3-9cm, racquet-shaped and leathery with serrated edges.
Flowers male catkins are 2-6cm long and turn yellow; female catkins are green and oval shaped
Fruits catkins become woody and appear as tiny cone-like fruits in winter

Hazel



Height up to 12m
Bark smooth, grey-brown which peels with age; bendy, hairy stems with oval, blunt and hairy buds
Twigs bark can peel in younger shoots
Leaves round/oval, doubly toothed, hairy and pointed at the tip
Flowers catkins are yellow and hang in clusters; flowers are tiny and bud-like with red styles
Fruits oval fruits hang in groups and mature into a nut with woody shell surrounded by leafy bracts (modified leaves)

Ginkgo Biloba



Originating from China, Ginkgo biloba is neither a broadleaf or a conifer and has its own division, Ginkgophyta. The only tree left in its division, it's often known as the 'living fossil tree' as fossil records show that species closely related to today's Ginkgo have existed for over 200 million years. Frome has its very own Ginkgo outside the library!

Elder



Height around 15m
Bark grey-brown, corky and furrowed
Twigs green, unpleasant-smelling, hollow or have a white pith inside
Leaves buds are ragged-looking; leaves have 5-7 toothed leaflets which smell unpleasant when touched or bruised
Flowers creamy-coloured, highly scented, five-petal flowers on large flat umbels 10-30cm across
Fruits small dark purple berries

Rowan



Height 15m
Bark smooth and silvery-grey
Twigs start hairy, becoming smoother
Leaves buds are purple and hairy; leaves comprise of 5-8 pairs of leaflets, plus one at the end. They are long, oval and toothed
Flowers dense clusters of creamy-white, five-petalled flowers
Fruits clusters of scarlet berries, enjoyed by birds

Judas Tree



The Judas Tree (cercis siliquatrum) is believed to have arrived in the UK in the 17th century and if you're lucky to be in Frome in late April – May visit Victoria Park where you can enjoy its stunning deep pink/purple flowers.

There are two ideas for how it got its common name 'Judas Tree', the first pertaining to the myth that Judas hung himself from this tree after his betrayal of Jesus Christ. The second is that it's a derivation from the French Arbre de Judée (tree of Judea) where the tree was a common sight.

The name Cercis comes from the Greek kerkis "shuttle" because of the seed pods' resemblance to a weaver's tool; siliquatrum comes from Latin siliqua "pod".