

How to Get to Troopers Hill Local Nature Reserve



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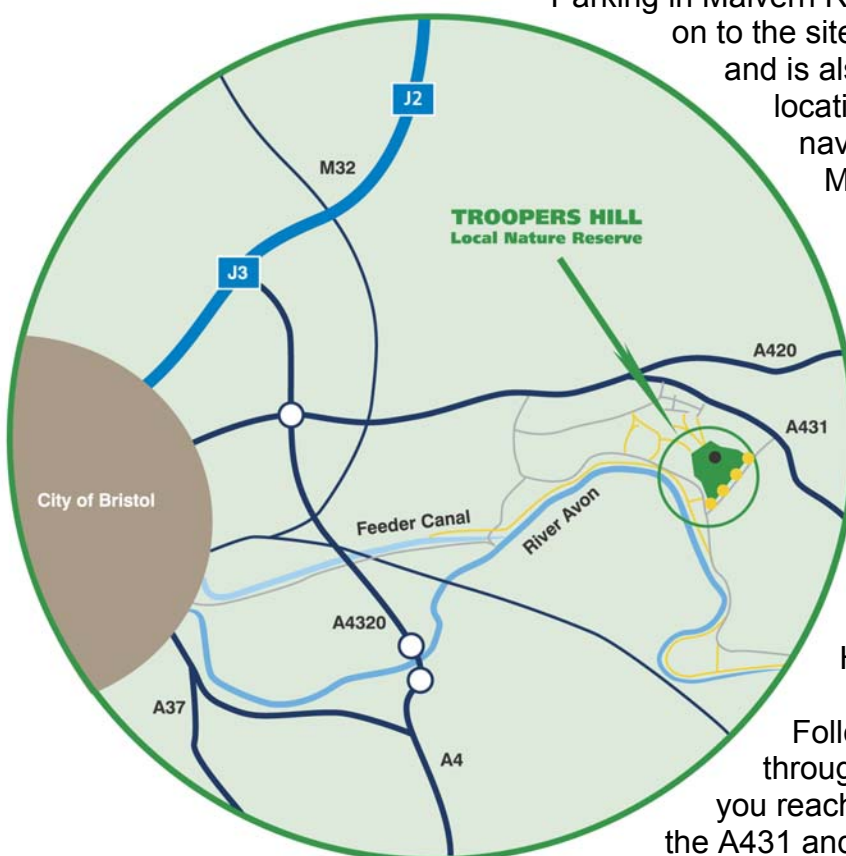
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Troopers Hill Local Nature Reserve is in St George, east Bristol, between the A431 Air Balloon Road and Crews Hole Road. These roads are linked by Troopers Hill Road, from which there are four pedestrian entrances on to the site. The lowest is close 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.

An alternative entrance is from the east end of Malvern Rd; follow the path along the edge of the grassy area known as Troopers Hill Field. The kissing gate at the end of Summerhill Terrace also takes you into Troopers Hill Field. There is another footpath to the site through Crews Hole Woodland from Lamb Hill.

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

Parking in Malvern Road provides the easiest access on to the site for those with limited mobility, and is also probably the best parking location. If you have a satellite navigation system the postcode for Malvern Road is BS5 8JA.



From the motorway network the best route is to approach Bristol on the M32 and leave the motorway at Junction 3. Turn left at this junction and follow the main dual-carriageway signposted Bath (A4). Go straight on at one set of traffic lights and then turn left onto the A420 at the first roundabout (Lawrence Hill).

Follow the A420 for about 1 mile through Redfield and St George and you reach a traffic light junction where the A431 and A420 diverge. Take the right fork on the A431 towards Hanham and Bath.

About 200 yds past this junction turn right into 'The Avenue'. Then take the second left (the first is no-entry) into Jubilee Rd. Turn right into Diamond Rd, left into Malvern Rd and park on this road. The entrance to Troopers Hill Field is in front of you.

As an alternative to driving, why not visit us by public transport? There are frequent bus services seven days a week to nearby Air Balloon Road from the centre of Bristol or Bath. This bus route is soon to be upgraded to become a 'Showcase' bus route. Unfortunately if you arrive by train in Bristol you will first need to walk or take a short bus ride to the Centre to catch the appropriate bus.

By bike the St Phillips Greenway and the River Avon Trail provide the best 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.

The riding of motorcycles on the site is against the law, please report any offenders to the police using 999 if you consider yourself or other visitors to be in danger. Horse riding is also forbidden due to the damage it would cause to the grassland and paths.

By Bus from Bristol.

Bus services:

44 (Centre – Park Estate via Hanham Common)

44A (Centre – Cherry Gardens via Hanham Common)

45 (Centre – Cherry Gardens via Hanham)

332/632 (Bristol – Bath via Hanham, Longwell Green, Bitton, Kelston).

Ask for "Marling Road". Get off the bus at the first stop after the Pied Horse public house (on the right, travelling away from Bristol). Cross the road. Turn off the main road into Summerhill Terrace, where there is gate into Troopers Hill Field. Cross or walk around the field to the corner diagonally opposite, where there is a gateway into Troopers Hill Local Nature Reserve.

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"Summerhill Road". Get off the bus opposite the Air Balloon public house, (on the right, travelling towards Bristol). Facing towards Bristol, walk on and turn left into Summerhill Terrace. Continue straight on to a gate into Troopers Hill Field. Cross or walk around the field to the corner diagonally opposite, where there is a gateway into Troopers Hill Local Nature Reserve

For bus routes and timetables see

<http://www.firstgroup.com/ukbus/southwest/bristol/timetables/timetableindex.php>

For information about the River Avon Trail see <http://www.riveravontrail.org.uk>

The Friends of Troopers Hill work with Bristol Parks to preserve and enhance the environment of the hill.

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