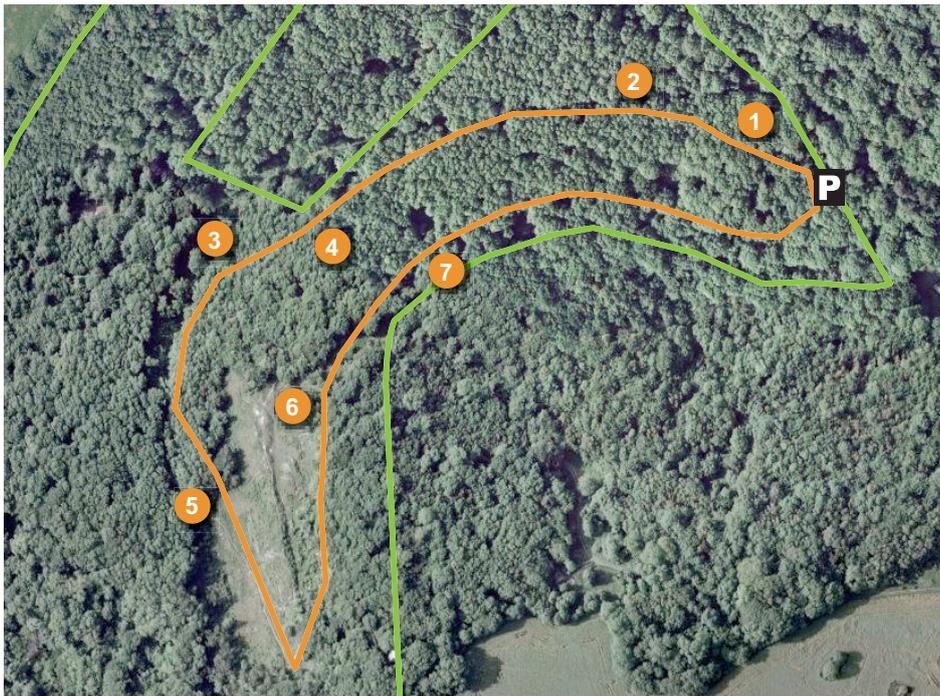


Brown's Folly *for bat caves and Bath asparagus*



OS grid ref: ST797 664

Walk details

duration: 1.5 hrs

grade: easy

Key to map

 walk

 point of interest

 reserve boundary

 car park

scale

100m

Look out for...

From the car park, follow the track past the five bar gate and down the slope (1). To the right is an area of coppice (2) good for woodland plants – in June look out for common twayblade and white heleborine in July. The rare Bath asparagus can also be found on parts of the reserve.

The ride has been widened (3) to encourage breeding birds and foraging bats. Look to your left (4) and behind the trees you'll see large rock exposures – the oolitic limestone known locally as Bath Stone. The disused quarries in the reserve provide excellent conditions for roosting bats including the greater horseshoe bat.

At the end of the ride take the left-hand path through the gate and up on to the grassland (5) full of common spotted orchids, salad-burnet and wild thyme in summer.

Spectacular views of the city of Bath can be admired from the top (6). Behind you, on the ridge, is the Folly.

Follow the path back out of the grassland through another metal kissing gate and into the woodland passing several grilled-off caves (7) – access for bats only!

How to get there

Follow the minor road from Bathford to Kingsdown, taking a steep right-hand turn to Monkton Farleigh. Car park is near the brow of the hill on Prospect Place.

Access

Some paths are muddy in winter. **Take extreme caution when approaching rock faces. Mines must not be entered.**



Bath asparagus



Grtr horseshoe bat



Wild thyme

Why don't you... look for fossil coral in the Bath stone exposures?