

Discover Patchway

YOUR OUTDOOR GUIDE TO CALLICROFT, CHARLTON HAYES & CONISTON

This map shows the parks, nature reserves and other green spaces across Patchway for you to discover and enjoy.

Most of the outdoor spaces highlighted on the map are free to enter and open to the public (except for the allotments), and most of the green spaces are wheelchair accessible, with many offering suitable paths.

Drop into Patchway Library and pick up an 'Out and About' pack of walking routes for the whole of South Gloucestershire. You can also join the 'Walking For Health' group - find out more at oneyou.southglos.gov.uk/move-more/walking

To apply for an allotment, visit patchwaytowncouncil.gov.uk/groups/allotments.php

1 THE TUMPS

Spoil heaps (also called 'gob piles' and 'culm banks') are hill-like mounds of soil, coal, rock, and other materials that are discarded during mining or excavation. These vast heaps of mining waste rise conspicuously from our countryside like alien megaliths; their undulating waves and strange pyramid-like structures form an ever-present reminder of Britain's industrial past.

Created from the earth dug out of the railway tunnel underneath, the satisfyingly named 'Tumps' are a series of large spoil heaps which are now covered in bushes and trees. They are a natural haven for wildlife, and part of the area has been adapted into a perfect set of tracks for BMX riders. Climb to the top of the largest 'tump' to discover a beacon or see if you can identify a bomb crater from WW2.

2 TURNER'S POND

Named after the farmer who was once the pond's owner, Turner's pond is one of the few remaining links to Patchway's history. With wildflowers dotted about the area, you can sit peacefully by the pond and, if you're very quiet, spy some of the local wildlife coming to sip at the water. The piles of logs dotted throughout the undergrowth are perfect 'bug hotels' for insects.

3 GORSE COVERT WOODS & FIELD

A 'covert' is a group of bushes and small trees which grow closely together, allowing animals to hide from hunters and predators. Originally attached to the Over Court estate, this small patch of woodland was used by the Berkeley Hunt as a covert for fox and game. These days, you can wander among the trees to discover wildflowers, spy birds, and spot other local wildlife in what is now a designated nature reserve. Next door is 'Chicken Park', a large open field containing an adventure fitness trail, a zip wire for older children, and a fenced play area for younger children.

4 NORMAN SCOTT PARK

There's lots to do in this park, which is the largest and oldest in Patchway. With outdoor gym equipment, a multi-use games area, three football pitches, a skatepark, cricket pitch, marked jogging route and basketball court, this park offers plenty of fun ways to keep fit. There is also a well-equipped children's play area with modern, accessible equipment, and there's more than enough room to spread out with a picnic. Don't miss the annual Patchway Festival and other special events throughout the year.

5 BEVINGTON WALK PLAY PARK & WOODLAND AREA

Venture down Bevington Walk and you'll find tucked away is this modern basketball court and decent sized play area for younger children. Easily accessible paths lead you to the play park, or you can explore a fenced woodland area for more adventurous play. You can even book this woodland area free of charge for an outdoor activity - just email communityspaces@southglos.gov.uk and let them know when you would like to visit.

6 BLAKENEY ROAD PLAY AREA

Head to this spacious green space, perfect for ball games, frisbee or kite flying. The grassy expanse is also great for dog walking, and a quiet, fenced play area with swings and a basketball hoop is a good spot for children (and their adults) to while away an afternoon.

KEY

	Green Spaces		Schools
	Grassland		Libraries
	Woodland		Centres
	Paved routes (off-road)		Museums
	Unpaved routes (off-road)		Toilets
	Bus stops		Shopping
	Bike parking		Eating
	Car parks		Playgrounds

Every effort has been made to represent an accurate reflection of the area on this map. We apologise for anything we may have missed out. Information correct at time of printing September 2019.

7 'THE WALLS' POCKET PARK

Creating a safe play space out of nothing was the idea behind this 'pocket park' - the only one in the area. It is a valued green space for neighbouring residents who use it for small events, football and basketball matches, or simply to relax in. Raised garden beds contain strawberries, vegetables, herbs and wildflowers for all to enjoy.

8 EAGLE MEADOW

Eagle Meadow is a reference to the old Roman road which once ran through the meadow. Once part of the parkland surrounding Over Court, these days you can come to relax among the colourful wildflowers and bluebells in Spring, or go for an explore and see if you can spy any wildlife around the pond.

9 SPARROWBILL GREEN PARK

This important green space and safe, fenced play area provides an oasis in the heart of this area. There is a range of modern play equipment and plenty of seating to relax in. Discover herbs and other edible food in the planters around the park space.

10 PRETORIA ROAD ALLOTMENTS

This thriving allotment is the oldest of two in Patchway (open since 1947), and has a useful shop which funnels its profits back into the allotment, keeping rent and charges to a minimum. It's easy to be added to the allotment waiting list - just email allotmenteer@outlook.com

11 BLAKENEY ROAD ALLOTMENTS

This bustling allotment has a community area and wildflower meadow for those who haven't got their own plot and want to get involved in the great outdoors. There are plots available with no waiting list, visit the allotment for more information, or pop along to a weekly community session (they're open to all) where you can learn gardening skills, meet some new people, and relax with a cup of tea.

12 THE PARADE COMMUNITY GARDEN

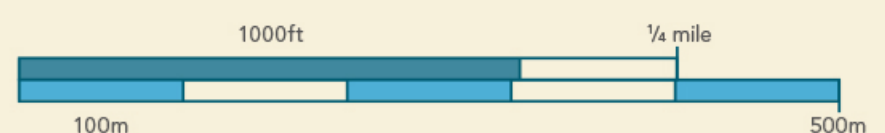
In the heart of The Parade shopping area are a series of raised garden beds for you to enjoy - two of the beds are a community garden that you can pick food from. If you're feeling active, then you can take part in the weekly community gardening sessions, which are free for anyone to join, or put your feet up and rest on one of the many benches and soak it all up.

13 THE 'GREEN SPINE' IN CHARLTON HAYES

This green area in Charlton Hayes is a great place to get out and see some nature and will also feature a multi-use games area.

LOOKING AFTER PATCHWAY'S WILDLIFE

- Not only has Patchway plenty of public outdoor spaces, but there is also a rich network of ponds and gardens, which provide food and vital refuge for all kinds of wildlife, including hedgehogs, badgers, amphibians, birds, bats and insects.
- Help keep Patchway's wildlife safe by picking up litter when you're out and about. If you're lucky you might spy a buzzard, tawny owl or even a deer on your outdoor adventure.
- Create wildlife-friendly habitats by leaving areas of your garden wild - piles of leaves and sticks are perfect. Leave gaps under or between fences so hedgehogs and other wildlife can travel easily.
- Make your own pond to support amphibians, but please don't put fish in them as they quickly eat other wildlife. Visit froglife.org for top tips on pond construction and guidance.
- Visit rspb.org.uk for tips on how to feed wild birds and put up bird boxes along with lots of other interesting information on bird life.



FORAGING SPOTS

Scattered throughout the Patchway area are a number of places where you can pick your own food - for free! We've highlighted where you can forage on the map.

- F1** Cooking apples (Sept-Oct), wild cherry trees (June), blackberries (Aug-Oct), sloe berries (near allotments, Oct-Nov)
- F2** Yellow and red plums (May-June), blackberries (Aug-Oct)
- F3** Cooking apples (Sept-Oct), Bristol onions (amongst the grass, Spring-Summer)
- F4** Blackberries (Aug-Oct), sloe berries (Oct-Nov), elderflower (June), hazelnuts (Sept-Oct)
- F5** Blackberries (Aug-Oct), sloe berries (Oct-Nov), elderflower (June), wild thyme (All year), wild oregano (July)
- F6** Chestnut tree (Oct), blackberries (Aug-Oct), plum trees (Aug-Oct)

LIVING LANDMARKS

L Dotted about Patchway are a series of illustrated plaques highlighting significant historical moments in Patchway's past. See if you can find them all, and learn about the buried Roman road at Eagle Meadow, the connection to the farmland around Turners Pond, bomb craters from World War II near The Tumps, and so much more.

