

Discover Yate

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



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

We've marked on a range of paved and unpaved routes to help you explore the area by foot or by bike. Some of these are pedestrian only. Please check local signage and respect your fellow path users. You can check the latest recommended cycling routes at betterbybike.info/maps-and-guides/regional-cycle-maps.

Drop into your local library and pick up an 'Out and About' pack of walking routes for the whole of South Gloucestershire. You can also find local recommended walking routes at oneyou.southglos.gov.uk/move-more/walking

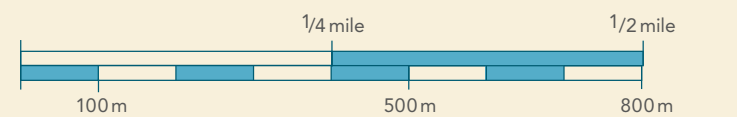
CYCLE PARKING

On the map we have highlighted some of the local attractions that have some cycle parking available, but across the area there are many places to park your bike – many of the local attractions, green spaces, amenities and schools have convenient cycle parking and more is being added all the time.

KEY

	Green Spaces		Bike parking
	Grassland		Community Centres
	Woodland		Health Centre
	Paved routes* (off-road)		Libraries
	Unpaved routes (off-road)		Shopping / retail
	Avon Cycle Way		Restaurants / eating / drinking
	Bus stops		Playgrounds
	Car parks		Schools
	Electric vehicle charging points + car parks		Places of worship

* Paved routes include paved footpaths for pedestrian use only, and some shared-use paths which can also be used by cyclists. Please check local signage and respect your fellow path users.



1 BRINSHAM FIELDS PARK AND SPAR POOLS

As well as being a popular local fishing site, Coopers Lake and the surrounding marshland are an important habitat for wildlife. Enjoy a stroll through the park, visit the wildlife pond just off the walking trail around the water, or set your little ones loose in the children's play area.

At one time, quarries in this area accounted for over 70% of the world's production of celestine (spar). This valuable mineral was first dug in the 1880s and was used primarily for refining sugar beet. It was later used in pyrotechnics, flares and more recently in the electronics industries. The extraction of celestine ended in 1994 when supplies were exhausted, leaving a series of 'spar pools'. Most were eventually filled for safety reasons but the lake is a surviving reminder of the area's mining past.

2 MILLSIDE OPEN SPACE

There's lots for families to explore in this green space, including play equipment and wooden carvings by local sculptor Andy O'Neill. Andy travels across the country, collecting storm damaged and diseased trees, and carving intricate and beautiful sculptures with his chainsaw. Take a wander to the pond and see how many characters you can spot on the way. Keep an eye out for the octopus, a local favourite!

3 TYLER'S FIELD

This community woodland was planted by local residents, schools and the Avon Wildlife Trust. Walk the dog, fly a kite, and soak up the spectacular views of the Severn and its two crossings.

4 PEG HILL SKATEPARK

Skate, scoot or wheel your way over to this community park. The 'bowls', ramps and rails on offer are good for beginners and those looking to hone their skills.

5 FROME VALLEY WALKWAY

This tranquil stretch of the Frome Valley Walkway provides a peaceful walking route from the foot of the Cotswolds in Old Sodbury, through the medieval town of Chipping Sodbury, Yate, and all the way out to Castle Park in Bristol. The footpath is surrounded by woodland and runs alongside the beautiful river Frome (otters have recently been spotted in the stretch in Yate). The entire walkway is 18 miles-long in total and passes through breathtaking countryside. From Yate, you can continue eastwards for the valleys of Winterbourne Down, the pretty village of Frenchay and the bright lights of the city.

6 LYE FIELD PARK

This green, open space is a great spot for a kick-about, a picnic with friends, or for sitting in the shade of a tree at the Community Orchard and watching the world go by.

7 RIDGE WOOD

Take a peaceful walk through this ancient woodland and discover a stunning variety of flora and fauna. As you wander through the dappled shade, look up and discover native trees alongside huge, exotic parkland specimens like giant redwoods and corsican pines. The woods are home to wildflowers, woodpeckers, hawks, badgers, deer and many species of butterfly. Take one of the clearly-marked paths and explore ornamental stonework remains that hint at Ridge Wood's former life – a history that is still shrouded in mystery! A great place for adventures and learning about nature.

8 YATE COMMON (FORMERLY WESTERLEIGH COMMON)

When exploring these 124 acres of green space, you and your family will find ponds, a stream, woodland and football pitches with an 800m running course. Teeming with local wildlife, the common is perfect for ball games, walks, picnics and kite-flying. Much of this land was used during both WWI and WWII as a Prisoner of War encampment, and was levelled in WWII to grow crops.

During your visit, you might also discover the famous 'Road to Nowhere' – a curious, unfinished stretch of tarmac that was abandoned by the council in the 1970s and never completed. The 'road' is still a regular filming location for the BBC television drama Casualty and other productions. Visitors are still drawn to its eerie strangeness and an unmissable photo opportunity!

9 KINGSGATE PARK

Stretch your legs and relax in this beautiful parkland. Run riot in the playground, spot wildlife and native trees in the nature reserve, marvel at Andy Neill's new tree carving or sail a model boat across the lake. Ready for a spot of lunch? There are plenty of picnic tables dotted around, or you can visit the historic Stanshaws Court and Stables, built in the 13th Century, with its well-loved pub and cafe. The park is a much-loved hub for community activities and the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Music Festival are not to be missed! The playground has a range of activities suitable for all ages, including adult exercise equipment, and the site offers easy access for wheelchair users and pushchairs.

10 LILLIPUT PARK

This local green space with a small community orchard is a perfect spot for meeting friends or stretching your legs – quite literally if you jump on the adult exercise equipment! The park and its green-fingered Friends were awarded the 2016 RHS Britain in Bloom award for community gardening.

The park was originally the ornamental garden of Lilliput Court – a grand house that once stood here. You will find the original house's steps and terraces at the east end of the site, and in the top field, in the Winter sun, you can spot the old 'ridge and furrow' marks from when this land was used for crop cultivation.

11 WITCHES HAT PLAY AREA AND SKATE PARK

Come for a clamber in the 'Iron Age fort' playground with trampoline, fantastic sand pit, 'jungle maze' ropeways and of course the 'Witches Hat' spinning climbing net and climbing frame. Bring your wheels to the skate park and halpape, or burn off some energy at the football and basketball mini-courts. The park is accessible via the footpath running parallel to Westerleigh Road.

12 WAPLEY BUSHES NATURE RESERVE

A perfect escape for quiet strolls and peaceful picnics, this nature reserve is a haven for wildlife. Visit the colourful wildflower meadows that are a sanctuary for butterflies, bees and birds throughout the warmer months. The serene woods are home to oak, ash, hawthorn and hazel. Search out secret spots like the Lower Pond that is hidden in a copse, and the ancient Dragon Tree. The reserve is volunteer-run with support from Avon Wildlife Trust.



Yate is bursting with places to explore, and this fold-out map is packed with local knowledge about the best places to visit and how to get around.

We asked you to share your favourite places with us, and your gems are included in this map. Discover the best places to go for a walk, cycle, view nature, learn about local history, or just get from A to B. There are lots of fun activities for you to try, plus amazing facts about your area, beautiful local wildlife, and the best routes to walk, cycle, skate, or wheel around your way.

When enjoying all the wonderful green spaces, please do take your litter home with you. Or go one further by helping out a litter pick to help keep the spaces beautiful for everyone – search for the 'Sodbury and Yate Clean Up' group on Facebook.

GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

DISCOVER ONLINE

Want to view this map online? Visit travelwest.info/aroundyourway

View an interactive version, where you can also access our range of free offers, including free bus tickets, cycle training, expert guided walks, electric vehicle tasters, motorcycle training, and much more. There is lots of useful info relevant to your neighbourhood, including local groups and websites, and links to other Discover maps across the West of England area.

TRAVELWEST.INFO

Travelwest is the one-stop website for travel information across the West of England and is funded by the four Local Authorities comprising the West of England: Bristol, South Gloucestershire, Bath & North East Somerset and North Somerset. The site is packed with useful information relating to public transport, walking, cycling, car sharing and electric vehicles as well as providing useful resources for schools, businesses and developers. However, you like to travel, visit travelwest.info to find the best ways to get around.



GET INVOLVED

FRIENDS OF BRINSHAM PARK

Join this group to ensure this beautiful green space remains a welcoming environment for everyone to enjoy.

Facebook: [BrinshamParkFriendsGroup](https://www.facebook.com/BrinshamParkFriendsGroup)

FRIENDS OF KINGSGATE PARK

The Friends are looking for volunteers to help protect and improve the park that is valued by the whole community. The group organises work days and helps the Council with the Easter Egg Hunt, the Yate Rocks music festival, and Carols in the Park. Facebook: [Friends-of-Kingsgate-Park](https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Kingsgate-Park)

FRIENDS OF LILLIPUT PARK

Based in Chipping Sodbury, this friendly group of active volunteers plan and manage aspects of the park's nature conservation.

Email: richard.astro@southglos.gov.uk

LILLIPUT PARK CONSERVATION GROUP

This small group gets together to maintain the park. You will find them litter-picking, weeding, cutting back brambles, and pruning shrubs all year-round. To lend a hand and meet new people, get in touch today.

Email: lilliputparkconservationgroup@gmail.com

ABBOTSWOOD ACTION GROUP

Help out in the running of many wonderful projects and events for all the community to get involved in, young or older.

Visit: abbotswoodaction.org

FRIENDS OF YATE COMMON

Help with practical conservation and contribute to planning the future management of the common. Visit: myyate.co.uk/yate/yate-common



FRIENDS OF RIDGE WOOD

Join the Friends of Ridge Wood and help to protect this glorious woodland for future generations. The volunteer group undertake conservation action and arrange popular community events, including hedge and wildflower planting, 'Fungus Forays', Owl Frowls, Bat Walks and the hugely successful Festival of Light. Visit: ridge-wood.org.uk

WAPLEY BUSHES CONSERVATION GROUP

This friendly group offers something for everyone to get involved with. Join in with regular workdays and activities that look after this lovely site. The group is affiliated with Avon Wildlife Trust and is a great way to find out more about local nature areas and volunteering opportunities in the area. Visit: wapley.blogspot.com

FURTHER AFIELD

KEY

- Traffic-free route
- Y1 bus route
- Railway Station
- Shopping / retail



PLAN YOUR JOURNEY

Use the Travelwest Journey Planner to plan your journey, where you can find the best routes for different modes of transport, and view real-time information about buses, cycling, park & ride and trains. This travel tool was designed specifically for the South West and contains comprehensive, regularly updated information relating to your area that you will not find in any other online map. Visit journeyplanner.travelwest.info to get your journey started.

BUS SERVICES

Yate is served by frequent bus services connecting to Bristol City Centre (we've marked the most direct route, the Y1, on the Further Field map), and also via a range of local stops such as Winterbourne, Downend and Southmead Hospital. Other local services link to Cribbs Causeway, Thornbury, Wotton-under-Edge and Bath. Use the Travelwest Journey Planner to find your nearest bus stop and services: journeyplanner.travelwest.info

LIVE BUS TIMES

No more waiting around at the bus stop thanks to a range of bus checker apps – just install on your phone or tablet and you can get live information about when your next bus arrives. There are many bus checker apps available, and you can also use some of them to buy tickets. To find the best one for you, visit: travelwest.info/bus/real-time-information-apps

METROBUS

metrobus is the West of England region's growing rapid transport system. The routes currently link South Bristol and the North Fringe with Bristol City Centre, but more routes are being planned including to Yate's new Park & Ride. The Metrobuses use off-bus ticketing, dedicated bus lanes, prioritised traffic lights, fewer bus stops and direct routes for faster, more frequent and more reliable bus services. Visit: travelwest.info/metrobus

TRAIN SERVICES

Yate rail station provides direct train services to destinations including Bristol Temple Meads (22 mins); Bristol Parkway (9 mins); Gloucester (27 mins); Bath (50 mins); Frome (1 hour 30 mins) and Worcester (1 hour 1 mins) via a range of other stations en route.

ELECTRIC VEHICLES

With a rapidly expanding network of charging points, and discounts available to buy all types of electric and plug-in hybrid cars, vans and motorcycles, there has never been a better time to switch. There is a range of advice and support available, for individuals and businesses, including help with finding the right vehicle, accessing grants, dealerships and charging networks. To get started, visit: travelwest.info/electric-vehicles

CAR SHARE

Sharing a lift is a great way to save money, reduce the stress of driving and make your journeys more social. There are a range of services to help you link up with other people making similar journeys to you. Find out more at: travelwest.info/driving/car-sharing



Discover more at travelwest.info/aroundyourway

ESCAPE OUTSIDE AND EXPLORE THE GREAT OUTDOORS IN YATE

Explore acres of parkland, play spaces and wildlife havens across Yate. Discover the lake at Brinsham Fields Park or spot giant redwoods in Ridge Wood. Swing, climb or bounce all day at the Witches Hat Play Area. Let your family run wild across Yate Common's woodlands and fields and seek out the curious 'Road to Nowhere' for the ultimate photo opportunity.

This guide is your starting point for getting to know the neighbourhood in and around Yate – its outdoor spaces, transport links, walking routes, and community.



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MORE JOURNEY PLANNING TOOLS

There are a huge number of resources to help you plan and track your journeys. Here are just a few to help you get started:

PLAN JOURNEYS BY BIKE

Find the best route for your needs whether this is the fastest or the quietest route with the Better By Bike route planner. Visit: cycleplanner.betterbybike.info

PLAN JOURNEYS ON FOOT

Find walking routes, create routes, track distances and calories, and take part in challenges. Visit: mapmywalk.com/gb

PLAN JOURNEYS BY TRAIN

Check live departure and arrival times and see how much your tickets will cost. Visit: thetrainline.com/journey-planner

FREE CYCLE MAPS

Find traffic-free routes, quiet roads, busy roads, contours and the national cycle network (NCT). Plus, the main destinations and other attractions in the area. Visit: betterbybike.info/maps-and-rides/regional-cycle-maps

GET IN TOUCH

If you have any questions about transport in your area, or would like to learn more about the Around Your Way project, please email the Travelwest team at: transport.policy@southglos.gov.uk

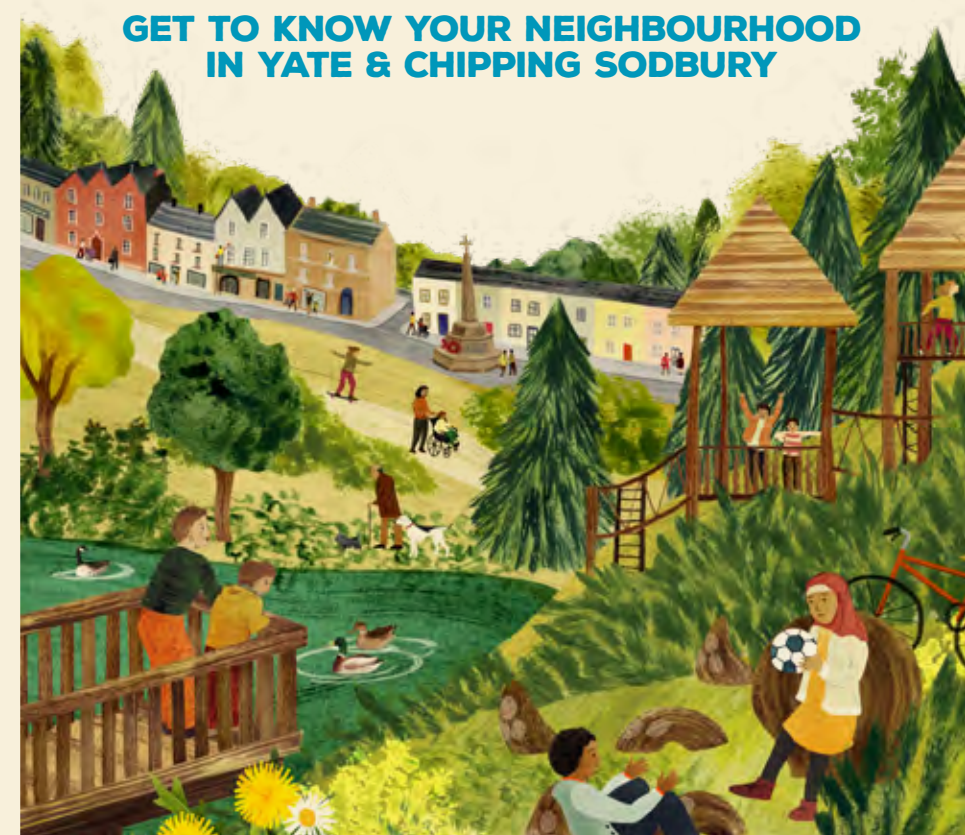
We are also able to post printed copies of the latest bus timetable information and additional copies of this guide.

This map was produced by the **Around Your Way** project, which is here to help you discover the best of your area and the best ways to get around. **Around Your Way** is a completely free and impartial service provided by South Gloucestershire Council and Travelwest. The project is funded by the Department for Transport and contributions from housing developers.



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