

Discover Lyde Green

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

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

We've marked out some possible walking routes on the map. 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

1 WESTONS HILL PLAY AREA

There's lots for little ones to explore in this play area in Emersons Green, with a basketball hoop, multi-activity unit, seesaw, swings, and more. Find mature trees, pathways for walking, cycling, and running, and a pond.

2 BRISTOL AND BATH SCIENCE PARK & 'THE LAWN'S'

Next door to Lyde Green, the Bristol and Bath Science Park is a world-class business hub and conferencing centre. The airy 'Forum' café and meeting area is open to the public and a favourite local spot for coffee – check out their innovative art and sculptures whilst you're there, or even have a jam on the free 'Play Me' piano or guitar! Outside, you can enjoy the adjacent public Lawns on a sunny day, or play a spot of ping pong on their free public table tennis table – just ask reception for the bats and ball. See if you can find the little copse of fruit trees behind the hedgerow for a spot of foraging.

The Science Park is also part of the electric car revolution with South Gloucestershire's first Rapid Charging Hub providing fast electric vehicle charging for the public.

3 LYDE GREEN PARK & BMX TRACK

Next to the sports field you'll find this park, which has a BMX track and a selection of playground equipment to slide, swing, climb, tunnel, and ride.

4 LYDE GREEN COMMON

The Common has been a loved spot for picnics, games and dog walks for as long as locals can remember. On Common Land you have the 'Right to Roam' which means you can walk, run, watch wildlife and climb about without having to stick to public footpaths.

In the Autumn the hedges around the Common are a great spot for blackberry picking (and eating). Friends of Lyde Green Common was set up by a group of residents to protect and care for the common land, and help the community get to know this special public green space. See the 'Get Involved' section overleaf to find out more.

5 EMERSONS GREEN SKATE PARK

Skateboarding has long been part of the history and culture of the area, and this urban sport is a fun and creative way to engage with local architecture and community. Emersons Green skate park was opened in 2011, and is a smooth concrete park located next to Emersons Green retail park. A quick search on Youtube provides plenty of inspiration as to how to use the space, which is loved by skaters of all age ranges and abilities.

6 EMERSONS GREEN VILLAGE PARK

There's lots for little ones to do at this park, which has a variety of equipment including swings, roundabouts, nets and webs, seesaws, spring mobiles, slides, and more. Located in close proximity to Emersons Green Retail Park, it's a great place to visit with children after a trip to the shops.

7 BRANDY BOTTOM COLLIERY

Time travellers are advised to take a trip to the quaintly named Brandy Bottom, where they can explore the rich coal mining history of the area. Though the life of a coal miner was hard, working long hours for low wages in dangerous conditions, their work once formed the backbone of industrial Britain. Coal was hugely important during the industrial revolution, where it was used to power engines, heat buildings, and generate electricity. The buildings of the Brandy Bottom Colliery are rare examples of the surface layout of a 19th century steam-powered coalmine, and are considered to be of national importance. Fans of industrial architecture and those interested in history are well-advised to take a trip to this evocative place.

8 SHORTWOOD CIRCLE & VIEWPOINTS

This modern stone circle sits upon an artificial hilltop, created when the Avon Ring Road was built. There's a number of viewpoints on the re-sculpted landscape around this area, along with winding pathways, hidden picnic areas and a bridleway.

9 BRISTOL & BATH RAILWAY PATH

This excellent, safe, and popular route connects Bristol and Bath, and was constructed by Sustrans between 1979–1986. Not only is the railway path an easy and fast way to access central Bristol, it's also very picturesque – as Bristol's longest wildlife corridor, this is a great place to spot badgers, sniff wildflowers, listen to birdsong, and pick blackberries.

10 RODWAY COMMON

Stretching across 30 acres, Rodway Common is an open space in Mangotsfield. Beloved by dog-walkers and pigeon fanatics alike, the common is a popular place for walks and also forms the starting point for many pigeon races. In 1899, the common was the site of Rodway Hill Golf Club, and this was just a short walk away from Mangotsfield Station, now disused. A zig-zag path connects the common to the Bristol & Bath Railway Path.

11 POMPHREY HILL

There's lots of ways to get active at Pomphrey Hill, with football pitches, a cricket square and artificial wicket, and 6 high spec changing rooms. In addition to this, the site is home to the Pomphrey Hill Pavilion, which is the base for 5 South Gloucestershire sport clubs. Run by the Pomphrey Hill Community Sports Association, the venue has two function rooms, and a licenced bar and kitchen. There's lots to do in the area – whether you are a parent with young children, a keen sports person, or simply looking for fun ways to get fit and lose weight. It's a great place to get active and make friends.

12 MANGOTSFIELD RAILWAY STATION

Now part of the Bristol to Bath Railway path, by day this old railway station is a popular sunny stop off point for a bench and refreshment break for walkers and cyclists. By night, locals know it as a particularly spooky spot – inspiration for many a ghost story. Indeed, Arnold Ridley of Dad's Army fame wrote *The Ghost Train* after hearing ghostly sounds while stranded at the station one night...



LYDE GREEN COMMUNITY CENTRE

At the heart of the Lyde Green community is this welcoming hub for all offering a large variety of activities. Meet friends at the coffee shop. Take part in one of the many exercise classes, support groups, healthcare sessions, baby classes and other community initiatives. Or look into hiring a room to run your own meeting or event. Visit: lydegreenca.org

Did you know? In 2012 archaeologists stumbled upon the remains of a major roman villa beneath where the community centre now stands. The site, which spanned almost ten-acres, was home to a high-status villa and industrial buildings. Containing large quantities of jewellery – including bronze brooches, babies bracelets, rings, and necklaces – soil samples from the dig suggested that metal working and textile dyeing are likely to have taken place there. It is believed that the site dates back as far as Neolithic times and was occupied throughout the Iron Age into the Roman period.

OVERSCOURT WOOD

Walk to Overscourt Wood Discover breathtaking views of Bristol and the Mendips and get lost in 207 acres of new woodland and open space at this Forestry Commission woodland, which forms part of the Forest of Avon. There are a range of circular walks with commanding views, or venture off the beaten path to meander through tall grasses, stalk old hunting grounds and explore carefully planted woodland. A great place to explore, it's linked to Lyde Green by a waymarked route, starting here. The centre of the wood is a gentle 1 1/4 hour ramble away.

WALKING ROUTES

The Colliery Walk Recommended by Lyde Green locals, this walk is a great route to stretch your legs in the lovely green spaces next to Lyde Green, whilst immersing yourself in the local history mining history at Brandy Bottom Colliery.

The Greens Walk Take a tour of the Lyde Green and Emersons Green neighbourhoods with this route following quiet roads and traffic-free paths – ideal for buggies too! Along the way you can take a break in one of the lovely local parks, and – if going anti-clockwise – stop off for a treat or your shopping in Emersons Green Retail Park before heading home.

CYCLE PARKING

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

KEY

	Green Spaces		Libraries
	Grassland		Car parks
	Woodland		Car club bays + car parks
	Paved routes (off-road)		Electric vehicle charging points + car parks
	Unpaved routes (off-road)		Bike parking
	Coming soon		Community Centres
	Bus stops		Post Office
	metrobus stops		Shopping / retail
	Schools		Restaurants / eating / drinking
	Places of worship		Toilets
	Playgrounds		Playgrounds

