

This map shows the parks, community gardens and other green spaces across Thornbury 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. Most of the spaces are wheelchair accessible, with many offering suitable paths too.

We’ve marked out some possible walking routes on the map. Drop into Thornbury town hall to pick up specific walking route materials and find out about local events. For up-to-date information on local events, visit: mythornbury.co.uk



Discover Thornbury

1 THORNBURY CASTLE

Budding time travellers are well-advised to visit this stunning 16th century castle, which stands in 15 acres of regal splendour and has a Tudor garden. The castle started life as a manor but was given a major upgrade in 1511 by Edward Stafford, an English nobleman who became the 2nd Duke of Buckingham and whose subsequent accusation and execution are depicted in Shakespeare’s Henry VIII. Thornbury Castle is now renowned for being one of the finest country house hotels in England – even if you are not a guest you can join the likes of Sophia Loren and Lawrence Olivier by visiting the hotel restaurant for some fine dining, or take a stroll through its historic landscaped grounds. Be sure to check the website for details of upcoming events – for more info, visit: thornburycastle.co.uk

Adjacent to the castle is St Mary’s Church. It was built in the 12th Century making it the oldest surviving building in Thornbury, and one of 7 churches in the area.

2 THORNBURY MEDIEVAL FISHPONDS

The ponds are fed by the springs and a stream to the west and are an important habitat for local wildlife. Constructed on arable fields forming part of the field system of Kington Tything by Edward Stafford, 3rd Duke of Buckingham, in the early 16th century (the very end of the medieval period) Thornbury’s medieval fishponds were recorded as being established in 1520. Edward Stafford was executed for treason by Henry VIII in 1521 and whilst the ponds were surveyed as being intact in 1522, when surveyed in 1583 they were described as being ‘utterly decayed’. They were scheduled as an Ancient Monument by Historic England in 2011. Works to maintain the ponds are, in 2025, taking place prior to the erection of new signboards and viewing platforms to aid the public’s enjoyment & understanding of the monument.

Did you know that some of the worst jobs in British history involved ponds: consider the poor leech collector, who had to use himself as a human trap, wading through ponds, bogs, and marshes to collect these blood-sucking worms for use in medicine. Ponds were also used to farm fish, ret cloth (the process of soaking hemp, flax, or other materials in water to soften and expose the fibres) and provide water for livestock and draft animals. Nowadays ponds are crucial for biodiversity – they support a huge diversity of life, including dragonflies, aquatic beetles, mayflies, caddisflies and other endangered amphibians such as the great crested newt.

3 COMMUNITY ORCHARD

This community orchard is a great place to visit – pop along at various times in the summer and autumn, and choose from a selection of apples, plums, blackcurrants, damsons, blackberries, and elderberries (just make sure you only take a couple, and leave enough for others). If you have little ones, this is a great way to teach them about different plants as you can bring them along and let them have a go at picking (and eating) some of the ripe fruits. When you sample some of the fruit in this orchard, consider that you are tasting the character of Thornbury – the literal fruits of its history, people, climate, soil, and water. Certainly food for thought!

4 THE CHANTRY

Lots of fun activities take place at this beautiful listed building which is home to The Chantry Community and Arts Centre. Exercise classes, quiz nights, courses and clubs, murder mystery nights, plays, and Duke of Edinburgh are just a few examples of activities which have taken place here. Located at the bottom of Castle Street, The Chantry is one of the most easily identifiable buildings in Thornbury. You can hire its rooms (including six meeting rooms, two halls, and a walled garden) for meetings or functions, and the venue also offers a variety of audiovisual equipment, and a fully-equipped kitchen.

5 THE THORNBURY PUMP

This iconic pump would have once formed the centre of Thornbury town life, as locals gathered to collect their water. Though these community pumps are not widely used nowadays, we still use the expression ‘parish pump’ to describe places or forums where local matters are discussed.

6 THORNBURY TOWN CENTRE

Thornbury is known to be one of the best places to live near Bristol, and with its traditional shops and old-world feel it’s not hard to see why this bustling market town is so sought after. With a mix of traditional shops and High Street brands, plus a shopping centre and two supermarkets, Thornbury High Street has everything you need for a day’s shopping. In the summer you’ll find it decked out with beautiful floral displays which regularly win awards in the Royal Horticultural Society’s Britain in Bloom competition. Be sure to visit the farmers market, which is held every Saturday (St Mary car park), Thursday fortnightly (St Mary shopping centre) and the 4th Saturday of the month Thornbury High St. Hungry visitors to the town are spoilt for choice, with a large selection of very good restaurants and cafes – from high quality pub fare, to Italian cuisine, there is something to suit all tastes and wallets.

Thornbury town also has a thriving community scene, which caters to a wide-range of interests – including over a dozen musical and drama groups, sports clubs, scouts, air, and sea cadets, plus history, charity, and social organisations. Thornbury also has a leisure centre, library, doctors, dentist, opticians and medical centre. There are ample opportunities to stay or get fit, with football, rugby, cricket, badminton, tennis, golf and a skate park.

Thornbury is home to the Armstrong Hall and Cosham Hall where theatre and community groups with a wide range of performances, productions, and activities took place. Plans are moving forward to upgrade and re-open the much loved site.

One-way motorised vehicle access is only permitted through the High Street when accessing the limited waiting, loading, and blue badge parking bays.

7 MUNDY PLAYING FIELDS

Grab your goggles, because Mundy Playing fields boasts a large open air water play area for children (and their adults) to splash around in. Bring a picnic rug and sit on one of the grassy bank slopes to get a good (and dry!) view of your children playing. The park also has a well-equipped children’s play area, featuring a zip wire, embankment slides, roundabout, climbing frame, and balance bars. For those looking to get or stay fit, there is a range of adult exercise equipment, football pitches, a sports ground, and tennis courts. Located just off the High Street, you can easily pop to the shops for refreshments, but there is usually an ice cream van on site.

Mundy Playing fields were named after Violet Mundy, a local woman who generously bequeathed £6000 to Thornbury Parish Council in 1934 (an enormous sum, in those days) to create these much-loved playing fields.

8 THORNBURY & DISTRICT MUSEUM

If you are interested in local history, this is the place for you – with a comprehensive collection of exhibits and artefacts about life in Thornbury throughout the ages, this museum is the place to discover more about the history of your area. Take a peek into the lives of the local people long since gone – find out who they were, and how they lived. For little historians, there are a number of educational games and activities to enjoy, with a dedicated children’s corner. To find out more about upcoming events and exhibitions, visit: thornburymuseum.org.uk

9 THORNBURY COMMUNITY GARDEN

The English country garden can be traced back to the 19th century, when households grew medicinal and culinary herbs alongside strikingly coloured flowers in humble garden plots. From the Roman period and for hundreds of years subsequently, the English garden was characterised by grandeur, order, and formality, demonstrating man’s skill and mastery over nature. In contrast, the humble ‘cottage garden’ with its overflowing borders, tangled vines, and riotous colour seemed natural, effortless, and in harmony with nature, despite being as carefully and artfully constructed.

This RHS award-winning garden is the perfect place to view the classic cottage style in all its abundantly planted glory. Bursting with herbaceous perennial plants and annuals, it is a haven for bees, butterflies, and small birds, and is a wonderful place to while away a lazy afternoon in relaxed contemplation. There are also plenty of things for little ones to do; whether learning about the beautiful plants, spotting the various animals who come and go, or playing on the mosaic hopscotch. This garden is open to everyone to enjoy, has good wheelchair access, and is kept in top condition by a group of committed volunteers.

10 STREAMLEAZE GREEN

This small play park is a great place to climb, bounce, slide, and swing. Suitable for children and big kids alike. Featuring a multi-play piece, trampoline, new springer, and swings, there is lots to keep little ones entertained.

11 FILNORE ALLOTMENTS

Keen gardeners need look no further, as these allotments are a great place to grow quality organic produce and plants, meet new people, and increase your knowledge. Welcoming beginners and experienced growers alike, this friendly community allotment hosts regular socials, plant and produce swaps, and work parties to improve the site. The area is fenced off, fitted out with a storage container, and communal water collection facilities. If you are interested in what they do, or think you would like a plot, get in touch at allotments@sustainablethornbury.org

12 FILNORE WOODS

Woods are strange and magical places – the home to many of our folk traditions and the settings of stories. We have all heard tales about travellers who stray from the main path and find themselves deep in the woods, face-to-face with the unknown. Once upon a time, the boundaries of the mapped world ended at the edge of the woods – after that, stretched the unknown...

We know more about the woods now – we know that the flora, fauna and fungi are essential to local biodiversity and landscape. Filnore Woods is a Community Woodland maintained by passionate volunteers, which provides a diverse range of habitats for wildlife. It is a great place to visit and learn more about the natural world. Check the Filnore Woods blog for details of upcoming events and more: filnorewoods2.blogspot.com

WALKING ROUTES

- Streamside Walk
- Heritage Walk
- Parish Walk

Streamside Walk A 1 mile (approx. 20 minute) quiet waterside route linking the new neighbourhoods of Thornbury Fields and The Orchards to Thornbury Town Centre. Shaded by a huge variety of trees, including the community orchard, this wildlife corridor provides a peaceful habitat for all kinds of nature. Look out for frogs and sticklebacks in the pond, where you turn south towards the town centre.

Heritage Walk A 2.25 mile walk (approx. 50 minute), created by the Thornbury and District Heritage Trust as a Millennium project, the ‘Heritage Trail’ encompasses the town’s historic buildings. There are forty way-markers indicating the route, which starts outside the town hall, in the town centre.

Parish Walk A 2.3 mile (approx. 45 minute) circular leisure walk around Thornbury Parish taking in lots of sights and green areas. The trail starts at The Plain facing the Town Pump. Mainly on surfaced paths.

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 many 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.

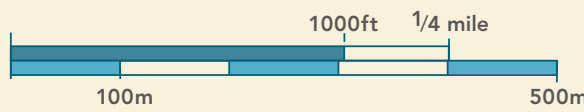
BUS STOPS

Bus routes change from time to time so not all the bus stops shown are currently served by regular buses. Many of these stops may be served by the on-demand WESTlink minibus service and will have a WESTlink sticker at the bus stop to show this. Scan the QR code at the stop or visit travelwest.info for all your travel needs.



KEY

- Places of Interest
- Grassland
- Woodland
- New development
- Paved route (off-road)
- Unpaved route (off-road)
- Coming soon
- Bus stop
- Bike parking
- Car park
- Car park + electric vehicle charging
- Toilets
- Restaurants / eating / drinking
- Shopping / retail
- Convenience store
- Post Office
- Community Centre
- Health Centre
- Place of worship
- School
- Library
- Playground





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

Thornbury is bursting with places to explore. This fold-out map is packed with local knowledge about the best places to visit and includes the new developments of Cleve Wood, Crossways, Morton Meadows, The Orchards and Thornbury Fields.

GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD WITH THIS OUTDOOR GUIDE TO THORNBURY

Want to view this map online? Visit travelwest.info/aroundyourway to view an interactive version. Here you can find 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, now known as WEST, is the one-stop website for travel information across the West of England and is funded by the four Local Authorities: & North East Somerset and North Somerset. The site is packed with useful information relating to public transport, community 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.



DISCOVER ONLINE

GET INVOLVED

KRUNCH

Helping young people to discover who they are, what they want to be and how to get there. The Pod is located at Thornbury skate park. Visit: krunch.org.uk

THORNBURY LITTERBUSTERS

Friendly voluntary group helping to keep Thornbury litter free with regular litter-picks usually meeting on the first Saturday of the month at The Swan on the High Street. Email: thornburylitterbusters@gmail.com

MY THORNBURY

Online information about events, businesses, and organisations in and around Thornbury. Visit: mythornbury.co.uk X [mythornbury](https://mythornbury.co.uk)

SUSTAINABLE THORNBURY

A group of people in Thornbury looking to save energy, reduce re-use & recycle waste, grow food, improve the local economy, and promote sustainable travel. Visit: sustainablethornbury.org

THORNBURY AND DISTRICT MUSEUM

The community museum for Thornbury and Severn Vale. Also see their community history website: thornburyroots.co.uk and archive: thornburymuseum.org.uk

THORNBURY CYCLING CLUB

A cycle group sharing group rides, planned routes, and general cycling updates. groups/thornburycyclingclub

THORNBURY FIELDS

A facebook page for local residents at Thornbury Fields to share news, information, and informal chat. [Search:ThornburyFields](https://www.facebook.com/ThornburyFields)

THORNBURY IN BLOOM

A group of volunteers planting all year round to enhance the town for residents, visitors, and businesses. [thornburyinbloom](https://thornburyinbloom.org)

THORNBURY MUSICAL THEATRE GROUP

A long established and successful local theatre group, organising 3 productions per year. Visit: tmtg.org.uk

THORNBURY PARK RUN

A friendly group meeting at Mundy Playing fields at 9am every Saturday for a free timed run. To register visit: thornburymusictheatre.org

THORNBURY RADIO

A local radio service, delivering the latest on what's happening for the people of Thornbury and its surrounding area. The club has an active social element, welcoming anyone keen to try out walking. Visit: thornburyramblers.org.uk

THORNBURY RAMBLING CLUB

Affiliated to the Ramblers Association, you can join a number of regular walks near Thornbury, mostly on Sundays. The club has an active social element, welcoming anyone keen to try out walking. Visit: thornburyramblers.org.uk

THORNBURY RUNNING CLUB

A friendly local running club, offering a variety of runs for beginners or experienced runners. They also organise 3 races per year, the Thornbury 10k road race, Oldbury Power 10 Miller and the Riverbank Rollick. Visit: thornburyrunningclub.co.uk [thornburyrunning](https://thornburyrunningclub.co.uk)

THORNBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Representing the town, looking after local interests, and supporting the work of different community groups. Visit: thornburytowncouncil.gov.uk [thornburytowncouncil](https://thornburytowncouncil.gov.uk)

FURTHER AFIELD



Discover more at travelwest.info/aroundyourway

ESCAPE OUTSIDE AND EXPLORE THE GREAT OUTDOORS IN THORNBURY

Amble along the streamside walk by Pickedmoor Lane Rhine or venture south to Filnore Woods. Discover the history of the castle, and admire the Thornbury pump on the heritage trail. Let the kids loose in Streamleaze Green or climb, swing and slide at Mundy Playing Fields. Or get involved with the flourishing community garden, orchard and wildflower meadow.

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



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 (NCN). Plus, the main destinations and other attractions in the area. Visit: betterbybike.info/maps-and-guides/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 team at: travel.planning@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 WEST. The project is funded by the Department for Transport and contributions from housing developers.



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