

Bemerton Heath Walks

Start point: Bemerton Heath Centre, Pinewood Way for all walks

Walk 4a: Folly Walk – ¾ mile

See: Woodland, wildlife

1. From the Bemerton Centre turn L and go straight ahead to **Bemerton Folly Local Nature Reserve**. Follow the tarmac path a short way and where another path joins from the right and the path curves left turn L and take a small path through the woods for a circular walk.
2. As you get near the top end of the wood, close to two houses, turn sharp R. There are lots of different paths to choose from but keep bearing right and eventually you will reach the tarmac path again. Turn R and follow this to return to the Bemerton Heath Centre.

Walk 4b: Playground Trail – 1¼ miles

See: Open grass areas, quiet lane and 3 play areas to enjoy on the way

1. Cross the road in front of the Centre to **Pinewood Park** and walk to the play area. Continue downhill along the edge of the woods to Westwood Rd. Cross over at the crossing point and go through the trees to the next play area.
2. Continue downhill across **Harlequin and Castle Park**, with lovely views across the valley, cross the access road to the Football Ground and down to the third play area. Climb up the slope again and walk along beside the fence past the football ground and the allotments.
3. Go through a gap in the hedge to **Penning Rd.** and turn R. Walk up the lane until you reach the entrance road to **Sarum Academy**. Turn R., walk down to Westwood Rd., cross over and turn R again, then L into Pinewood Way to return to the Bemerton Heath Centre.

Walk 4c: Bemerton Heath to Five Rivers Leisure Centre – 2 miles

See: Woodland, riverside, valley views

1. Walk to the **Folly** as in Walk 4(a). Keep on the tarmac path through the woods, walk down the road to a T-junction and turn L. Turn R down St. Michael's Rd keeping to the left hand side, cross The Valley and take the footpath opposite, which goes uphill through a wooded area to reach the Devizes Rd.
2. Cross over and walk down the steep path opposite. At the bottom of the hill turn R and follow this path to where it bends left. From here, either take the boardwalk along the river or the path beside the allotments to reach the recreation ground.
3. Go straight ahead across the grass and follow the river bank, cross the footbridge to reach the **Leisure Centre** or go straight on to walk into the city centre. To return by bus walk along Ashley Rd. to Devizes Rd. or to walk back retrace your steps the way you came.