

## Summer Route 6 – Skyline Trail

**SHORT** 5.1 Miles (approx)

Track beside the Avenue, past Shooting Range, then left for 25 mtrs. Through kissing gate (KG) across field to next KG then right side of field past Bushy Norwood. Drop into woods and follow path through trees – cross over Dry Arch – emerge into open field. When joining the field go uphill to Golf Course and join public footpath. Follow footpath over the top of Bathampton Down and head for Sham Castle and Golf Club. Go right towards Golf Club then left down access road for 75m. Take stile, cross field (heading steeply down) and emerge to cross North Road. Head downhill (right) for 75m and take footpath and turn left onto Cleveland Walk. Cross Bathwick St and head downhill. Left into Darlington Place. Go to end, take footpath straight ahead to end. Turn left on next footpath uphill. Cross field, past steel five-bar gate, continue ahead through to stile. Down steps, over to Smallcombe Wood. Follow path through field (first right, then left) up to KGs onto Widdcombe Hill. Go up small tree-lined path between junction of Macaulay Bldgs and Bathwick Hill to top.

**Short Route ending:** Turn left at the top onto footpath, past houses then cross Widcombe Hill, along Copseland, over Bathwick Hill, then back into University.

**LONG** 7.1 Miles (approx)

As per SHORT run to top of path from Widcombe Hill, then...

Instead of turning left for University, **TURN RIGHT** on footpath and follow path past woods on right. Take a 90 deg. right followed by steps heading down. Follow path left (spectacular view of Bath so try not to fall over while looking). Follow path back to playing fields then along right-hand edge of playing fields to the second exit. Take KG, through trees, past ancient tennis court on right, drop down into glade. Left when you get to the glade and curve round right towards KG. Left after KG for 25m, then right into Rainbow Woods. Wooded footpath through Rainbow Woods to end. Turn left and head towards Rainbow Wood Farm. Cross Claverton Down Road then left, 75m, then turn right to cross University Playing fields.

Advanced addition – **Eiger**. Down to Prior Park then back (add 0.6m and take away 250 calories extra!)

