

Swindon Summer Trails Challenge

Trail #4

Along the canal from Wichelstowe
to Swindon Town Centre
The Dragonfly Trail



Follow the trail below, answer the question, and at the end of the trail show this leaflet at the partner location to claim your free badge and enter into the prize draw.

Distance: 2 miles

Starting Point: The trail starts on the canal side outside Hall and Woodhouse pub. There is a ramp onto the canal path, as well as steps. You can get here by bus - plan your journey at <https://www.swindontravelchoices.co.uk/plan-a-journey/>.

What Three Words: ///trail.safe.select

1. Walk along the canal path with the water on your right and Hall and Woodhouse on the left. Keep following the canal under the road bridge and past the new housing.
2. Keep straight and you will go under Bevan's Bridge. This used to be a farm access, but today's bridge was built in the year 2000 by Wilts and Berks canal volunteers. It was the first new stone arch bridge built over the canal in living memory.
3. The next bridge along the canal is the Skew Bridge, built in the 1880s to carry the then Midland and South West Junction Railway over the canal. The tracks are long gone but the path is now the Old Town Railway Path, which can be accessed from the canal. For our trail, continue on along the canal.
4. You will pass the Rushey Platt Nature Reserve on the left. It's a vital area for wildlife and dragonflies can be abundant in the pond.
5. Continue towards town, and you will soon emerge onto Dunsford Close. Cross the road and then use the pedestrian refuge to carefully cross the busier Kingshill Road. In front of you to the left of the bus stop/shelter there is a path, which becomes the Southern Flyer route.
6. Keep walking straight along the Southern Flyer, taking care when crossing the side road. You'll go under Cambria Bridge Road and a little further on, emerge onto Farnsby Street. Take care crossing this road and head through the tunnel at Brunel West car park into the pedestrianised town centre.
7. When you get to the 'crossroads' with Vodafone store on the left and the Metro bank ahead of you, turn right onto Regent Street. Walk along Regent Street to the top, where there is a red brick building, which houses Swindon's Central Library. This is where you can post your prize draw entry and collect a badge. The library is open 10am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday, and 10am to 4pm on Saturdays.

If the library is closed, you can enter the prize draw via this QR code or at <https://www.swindontravelchoices.co.uk/home/activeswindonchallenge/>

**Badges are available for the first 200 people to complete the trail.*



Getting back to the start: Bus 11 and 9 leave from the Princes Street stops (outside Wat Tyler House - The Council offices) and travel via Old Town to drop you back at Waitrose in Wichelstowe. The buses run every 30 minutes, Monday to Sunday.

Congratulations on finishing the walk and we hope you had fun exploring!

ENTRY FORM - Trail #4

Tear off this entry form and post at Swindon's Central Library

Name: _____

Home postcode: _____
(for statistical purposes only)

Question: What wildlife have you seen on the trail today?

Email address (Please print carefully):
(We will only use your email to inform you if you have won)

How many people did the trail in your group?

Adults: _____ Children: _____

Deadline to enter prize draw: Midnight on Sunday 8th September 2024





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