

Swindon Summer Trails Challenge

Trail #3

Around Swindon's Railway
Village to STEAM Museum
The Bear 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: 1.1 miles

Starting Point: The trail starts near Emlyn Square, at bus stop on Bristol Street, outside the tunnel under the railway tracks. You can get here by bus - plan your journey at <https://www.swindontravelchoices.co.uk/plan-a-journey/>.

What Three Words: ///wishes.turkey.rugs

1. Walk along the pavement with the high wall on your right and workers' cottages on the left. Keep following the road past the water tower and the University Technical College. Soon you will come to St Mark's Church on the right.
2. Continue towards the end of the road and before the bus stop, carefully cross the road. On the left you will see an entrance into the GWR park. This park was purchased in 1844 for the railway workers to enjoy sport and nature.
3. Continue on a clockwise loop of the park.
4. Exit the park through its gates onto Church Place. The heart of the railway workers' cottages are in front of you. The size of the house reflected the status of the worker, and it wasn't uncommon to have 10 - 12 people sharing these tiny two-roomed properties.
5. Turn right and head down to the main road (Faringdon Road) and turn left. On the right you will see the side of the Milton Road Baths (now referred to as the Health Hydro). This iconic building has met the health and leisure needs of Swindonians since the 1890s. It included a suite of doctors' and dental surgeries, a dispensary, and a small and large swimming pool.
6. As you continue, on the left is the Central Community Centre. This started out as the medical fund hospital for the workforce. After this building turn left. At the pedestrian crossing you will see the Mechanics Institute Building, and the Glue Pot pub. Continue ahead and you will return to the Bristol Street tunnel.
7. Go through the tunnel and past the historic buildings on the right. Follow the walking route and you will see the STEAM Museum ahead of you. This is where you can post your prize draw entry and collect a badge.

If the STEAM Museum 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.*



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

ENTRY FORM - Trail #3

Tear off this entry form and post at STEAM

Name: _____

Home postcode: _____
(for statistical purposes only)

Question: What is the most interesting thing you have learnt today about the Railway Village?

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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