

Campus Walking Tour Map



Did you know?



6 East is a relatively late addition to the central campus having been completed in 1988. It was designed by architectural pioneers Alison and Peter Smithson for the School of Architecture & Building Engineering equipped with purpose-built studios, crit spaces, workshops and laboratories. The modern concrete forms of the roofline and courses between floors were informed by the string courses and cornices of historic Bath. The Smithsons described the building as having, 'walls, ceilings and floors that bend and creak and go up and down and curve and impact one upon another in ways rich in difference.'



Route tip: From the bottom of the stairs, turn left away from Arrivals Square and walk towards The Chancellors' Building.

Route tip: Continue past the Chancellors' Building, turn left at the road and then right through the wooden gates to the Woodland Walk.



The Chancellors' Building

The Chancellors' building, opened in November 2013, houses the largest array of solar panels in Bath on its roof. The 200 module system has a capacity of 50kWp, with 100% of the energy produced used on site.



Woodland Walk

The campus is home to all sorts of wildlife. Roe deer, muntjac and foxes are regularly encountered in different locations across the site. Hedgehogs have been spotted on campus, badgers visit on occasion, a tawny owl lives near the Medical Centre and buzzards have been known to frequent the lacrosse pitch, while carp, koi, ducks, frog spawn and herons populate the lake and ponds. As well as a huge range of garden birds, peregrines sometimes visit to hunt and woodpeckers can often be heard along the woodland walk.

Polden & The West Car Park

As you exit the Woodland walk by Polden, our newest student accommodation on campus, your walk is at an end. You can now head back towards the Coat of Arms and onwards to Parade and the heart of campus.

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1 University of Bath Coat of Arms (8 West – on the front of the building above the main entrance)

The University of Bath was established by Royal Charter in 1966 'to advance learning and knowledge by teaching and research, particularly in science and technology, and in close association with industry and commerce'. The coat of arms was designed to signal the new University's identity and reference its historic connections in Bath and Bristol. The central sword is taken from the arms of the City of Bath and the Watt governor denotes engineering, technology and the power of control and good government. The heads of Sul, whom the Romans identified with their own goddess Minerva, represent learning and wisdom. The motto *Generatim discite cultus* is a quotation from the Latin poet Virgil and may be translated as 'Learn each science (or art of culture) according to its own nature'.

Route tip: Go up the red path (ramped) towards Wessex House but stop when you get to the open courtyard on your left. Go through the doors on your right, signposted to the Print Unit, and go down the stairs.

2 Stothert & Pitt Ltd. Engine (Wessex House Level 1: Underdeck)

This is one of two historic steam engines on permanent loan to the University from Stothert and Pitt Ltd since 1977. The Bath-based engineering company founded in 1855 went out of business in 1989. Prior to installation the engines were thoroughly overhauled in the workshops of the School of Engineering. Their transfer to the campus was marked by a formal presentation attended by Stothert & Pitt Ltd representatives, Vice-Chancellor Paul Matthews, Professors Joseph Black and Frank Wallis of the School of Engineering and Professor Angus Buchanan, Director of the Centre for the Study of the History of Technology.



Route tip: Exit the building turning left and left again, then follow the signs for 1 to 5 South, skirting past the lake.



3 Preliminary Building (4 South)

The first building on campus, known as the 'Preliminary Building', was officially opened by the Mayor of Bath, Mrs Elsie Hanna, on 14 October 1965. It provided accommodation for approximately 220 students and 36 members of staff. It was the new home of the School of Biological Sciences, also containing teaching and research space, a library, senior common room facilities and a language laboratory.

Route tip: Continue left on the path, skirting around the building towards the Milner Centre.

Milner Centre

The Milner Centre for Evolution opened in September 2018 and is named after University of Bath alumnus, Dr Jonathan Milner, who provided founding capital to establish the Centre. The Alignment Wall on the side of the building looks like a piece of abstract art, but it's actually a series of colour-coded gene sequences showing the evolution from fish to humans.



Route tip: At the end of the building turn right and follow the path east alongside the South car park, then use the crossing and turn left to get to the Sports Training Village, entering the main entrance.



5 The Sports Training Village Hall of Fame

Team Bath's Hall of Fame for Sport recognises the outstanding contribution made by athletes, coaches and administrators to sport at the University of Bath and Team Bath. Located on the concourse of the Sports Training Village, the Hall of Fame was unveiled in 2014, when Jason Gardener and Ben Rushgrove became its first inductees, and now honours 24 individuals who excelled in their endeavours.



Route tip: Continue straight on inside the STV, passing the gym below you to your right and sports courts to your left. You'll see the mural before you reach the café.

6 The 50th Anniversary Mural

The mural in the Sports Training Village was designed to commemorate the University's 50th anniversary. It takes a look back at the history of sport at the University, from Bath becoming the first UK university to establish sports scholarships in 1976, to the London Olympics in 2012 when a record number of University of Bath-associated athletes represented their countries on the biggest stage of all.



Route tip: Double back on yourself, exiting the STV through the main entrance. Return to the crossing and edge back around the South car park, this time following the path towards the lake (signposted Parade and Library). Turn right when you reach the lake then veer right to the Jubilee Garden outside 4 East South.

7 Jubilee Garden

The Jubilee Garden, designed and created by the Estates Department to commemorate 25 years of landscaping and planting on the Claverton Down campus, was opened on 28 June 1991. Its circular shape was chosen to echo the influence of the henge monument which may once have stood at nearby Bushey Norwood. Take a moment to look at the construction of the new School of Management building, which is now months away from completion.



Route tip: Turn back towards the lake and walk over the grass verge straight ahead of you, finding the sculpture on the raised, grassy bank.



8 Fish Man Sculpture

During May and June 1985 a sculpture competition was held in Victoria Park to coincide with the Bath Music Festival. Six sculptors were given three weeks to finish their designs in Bath stone for a prize of £500. At least two of the sculptures, including the 'Fish Man' by Colin Foster, were subsequently sited on the campus.



Route tip: Wander towards the amphitheatre

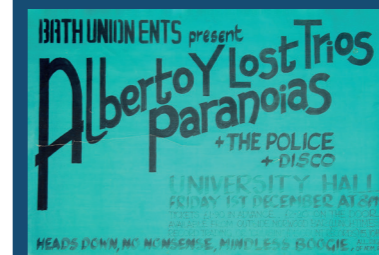
9 Lake & Amphitheatre

In designing the open-air theatre Bill Bowen, the University's Horticulture Officer, aimed to reference the parallel lines of sheepwalks and bowl barrows found in the local Cotswold landscape. As part of an 'Invite Them Out' campus policy over the years the theatre has been the venue for all sorts of formal and not-so-formal events.



Route tip: Head towards the steps up to Parade, pausing before you ascend, to note the entrance to University hall on your left between the ponds.

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University Hall

For many years University Hall was the largest indoor venue on campus. It has hosted academic conferences, guest speakers (Johnny Ball, Baroness Susan Greenfield), prize-giving presentations, degree ceremonies, student and staff theatre productions and musical performances (The Herschel Ensemble, Peter Gabriel). On 1 December 1978 unknown rock band The Police played support to Alberto Y Lost Tros Paranoias shortly before achieving chart success and gaining world-wide popularity.



Route tip: Ascend the steps onto the Parade and note 2 East on your right.

Did you know?

2 East

In December 1968 Shirley Williams, Minister for Education and Science, visited campus to mark the 'topping off' of 2 East. Home to the School of Electrical Engineering, during the early 1970s 2 East also housed the University's central administrative offices. In 1974 these were occupied by students as part of a week-long 'sit-in' occupation protest against rises in the cost of meals and rent.



Route tip: Enter the Library, straight ahead of you, pausing in the foyer with the press to your right.



10 Pitman Printing Press (Inside The Library Foyer)

The Pitman Collection, housed in the Library's Archives & Research Collections, includes the death mask of Sir Isaac Pitman (1813-1896), inventor of a globally successful shorthand system, as well as a wax cylinder recording of his voice made in 1891. In September 2007 an 1839 Columbian printing press from Bath Press (formerly Pitman Press) was added to the Collection, and in 2015 it was used by artist in residence Barry Sykes to create colourful works of art inspired by shorthand writing.



Route tip: Exit the Library and keep left towards the Chaplaincy.

Chaplaincy

The newly completed Chaplaincy Centre held its first open day in May 1972, and not long afterwards in March 1973, the first campus marriage service, between students Don Cole (Economics) and Kris Bax (Sociology), was conducted by University Chaplain Hugh Farlie.



Route tip: Head back to the Parade, turn left and keep left, passing The SU building. Descend the steps and pause at the bottom, noting 6 East on your right by Arrivals Square.