

## Riverside Heritage Walks

# Two Brass Mills Circular Walk

A landmark hill provides the backdrop to evidence of 18th century brass-making powered by the Bristol Avon

**Route Description: Starts and ends at Saltford Brass Mill, The Shallows, Saltford, BS31 3EY**



Saltford Brass Mill is the best remaining example of a group of 18th century mills making copper and brass goods in the Avon Valley between Bath and Bristol. The mill retains its furnace, cone-shaped chimney and working water wheel. The Mill is a Scheduled Ancient Monument cared for by volunteers.

Why not combine your walk with a visit to the mill? Find out more about the mill's fascinating history and when you can visit:

[www.brassmill.com](http://www.brassmill.com)



◀ Brass compass bowl for domestic use, made at the Mill

**1** From Saltford Brass Mill, walk north along 'The Shallows', up the slope to the Bird in Hand pub. At the T-junction, turn right onto Mead Lane then take the steps up on to the Bristol & Bath Railway Path via the Bird in Hand car park.



Look out for fast bicycles!

**Route difficulty:**  
Some gentle slopes, steep steps, rough ground and high stiles

**Parking:**  
The Shallows Car Park

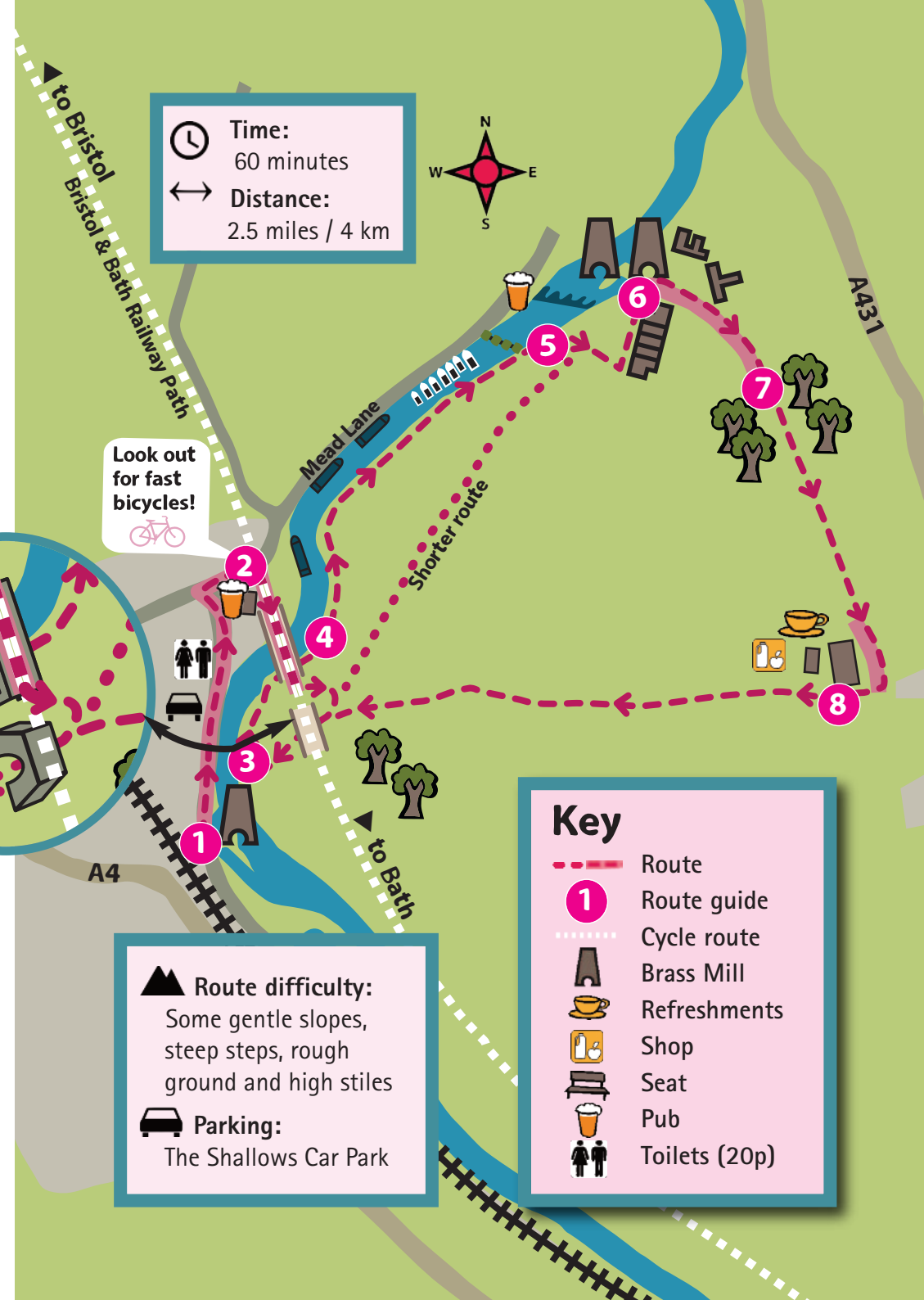
**Time:**  
60 minutes

**Distance:**  
2.5 miles / 4 km

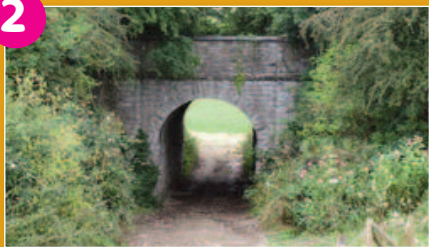


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- Route
- 1 Route guide
- Cycle route
- Brass Mill
- Refreshments
- Shop
- Seat
- Pub
- Toilets (20p)



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Turn right along the Railway Path, cross the bridge, pass the interpretive panels and bench. Look for the break in the trees on your left a few paces after. Go through this gap to reveal your position on top of a small bridge. Drop down the far side of this bridge.

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Go under the bridge, and straight across the field to meet the riverside path. Turn right towards, and then under the river bridge. See attractive riverboats moored beyond.

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To your right, across the fields the distinctive landmark, Kelston Round Hill, is revealed.

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Follow the riverside path – you may be lucky enough to see a heron. After the big alder tree on your left you will see a boom across the river, closely followed by a large weir. Enjoy the sounds of the rushing water before you bear right away from the river.

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A view of one of two chimneys at Kelston Brass Mill (privately owned) will be in view before you go through a wooden kissing gate. Pass in front of the row of cottages and follow the road around to your right.

*This walking trail has been produced by the WaterSpace Partnership working to revitalise the River Avon and Kennet & Avon Canal in Bath & North East Somerset.*

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Go through the old kissing gate at the shop and café entrance. Follow the track back towards the river, keeping in a straight line until you reach the small bridge that leads back onto the Railway Path. Retrace your steps to where you started.

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