B BLOCK
RIVERSIDE RAMBLE

Time: 2hrs | Distance: 5miles | Abitilty: Average

Breathing fresh air and feeling the sun on your cheeks is great for you. The forests, rivers and meadows around B Block give you the chance to do just that whilst you explore the different wildlife and flowers Keynsham has to offer.

1 Leave B Block and follow Trajectus Way onto Somerdale Road. Turn left by the Fry's Somerdale gates and follow the footpath down and alongside the River Avon until you reach the train station.

2 Head left and down the A4175, across the River Avon until you reach the turning for the Portavon Waterside & Marina.

3 Turn right into Portavon Marina and head back on yourself towards the old stone bridge. Just before you reach the bridge, turn right onto the River Avon Trail and follow the footpath under the A4174. Continue along the footpath keeping the River Avon on your left.

4 You will reach a small bridge over Siston Brook. Cross the bridge and keep to your left as you follow the footpath to the next gate.

5 After the gate, take a right and head up the hill. After the pylon take a slight left and look for a gate, which will reveal a footpath into the woods.

6 The path will bring you out onto an open field. Carry on straight down to the river before looping back on yourself again and walking back along the footpath.

7 The footpath will bring you back to the small bridge over the Siston Brook, where you can follow the route you came, back to B Block.

B Treat yourself to a well-earnt drink and a pizza!

i — Portavon Waterside & Marina allows over 84 berths and is surrounded by calm waters and lots of wildlife.

ii — Along the river, you will find several narrowboats that provide a beautiful array of colours and themes. If you're lucky, you may even see one leisurely glide past.

iii — On your left-hand side will be the canal lock, constructed almost 300 years ago following legislation passed by Queen Anne.

iv — Cross the Siston Brook using this bridge. The brook is a tributary for the River Avon and was once used to provide power for watermills and battery mills.

v — Make sure to enjoy the wildflowers, such as the beautiful mustard flowers in the surrounding fields next to the River Avon.

vi — Venture into the woods, experience the autumn colours, feel the crunch of leaves beneath your feet and be careful of the wild horses.