

Congresbury/Iwood Circular

Distance: 3 miles
Walking Time: 2 hours
GRADE: Easy 2

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This riverside walk beside the Yeo starts at Congresbury Millennium Green and follows the 'Two Rivers Way' route to Iwood. It then leaves the river to follow Iwood Lane and return over fields to Congresbury, crossing the route of the former Wrington Vale Railway opened in 1901.

Maps:

Explorer 154 Bristol West and Portishead
1:25 000 scale

Landranger 172 Bristol & Bath
1:50 000 scale

Grid Ref: ST 437 638



PUBLIC TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Bus

Catch the X1 Bristol to Weston services from Bristol Bus Station to Congresbury on Monday to Saturday and the 353 on Sundays and Bank Holidays. The X1 takes about 30 minutes and operates half hourly. The 353 takes about 40 minutes and operates every hour. Leave the bus at the Ship & Castle in Congresbury, ask the driver if you are unsure.

We recommend you check your journey times by logging on to www.firstgroup.com or by calling the Traveline number below.

PUBLIC TOILETS

At the Ship and Castle car park, Congresbury.

PUBLIC HOUSES/CAFES

Ship and Castle, The Cross, Congresbury 01934 832794

The Old Inn, Paul's Causeway, Congresbury 01934 832270

Paddington's Café, Broad Street, Congresbury 01934 838908

CREDITS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

The information for this walk has been provided by Yatton Ramblers.

PLACES AND FEATURES OF INTEREST

Congresbury

Congresbury has always been an important village, being granted a weekly market and annual fair in 1227. The market cross still stands opposite the 'Ship and Castle'. There has been a stone church here since the early 8th Century. The Corporation of Bristol were Lords of the Manor at one time, hence the coat of arms 'Ship and Castle'.



Ship & Castle Inn at Congresbury

Millennium Bridge

A modern feature is the new Millennium Bridge over the River Yeo. Boats came up to the wharf which was by Congresbury Bridge until late in the 19th Century.

Iwood near the manor house is the site of one of several water mills which once worked along the river.

Pineapple Farm

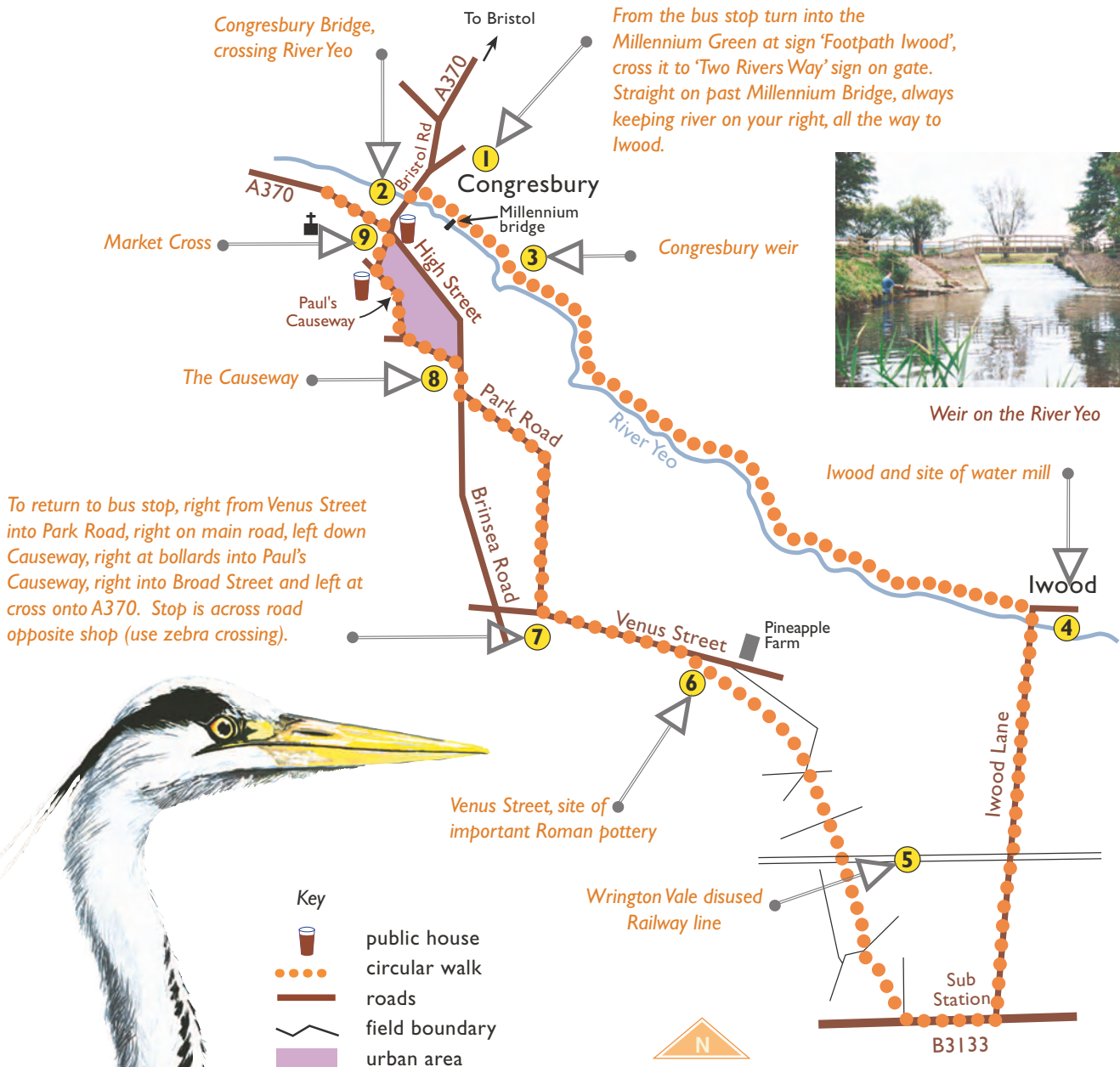
Pineapple Farm was an inn in the 18th Century on the packhorse route along what is now Venus Street, and nearby Yeoman's Orchard is medieval and possibly the oldest building in the village.

River Yeo

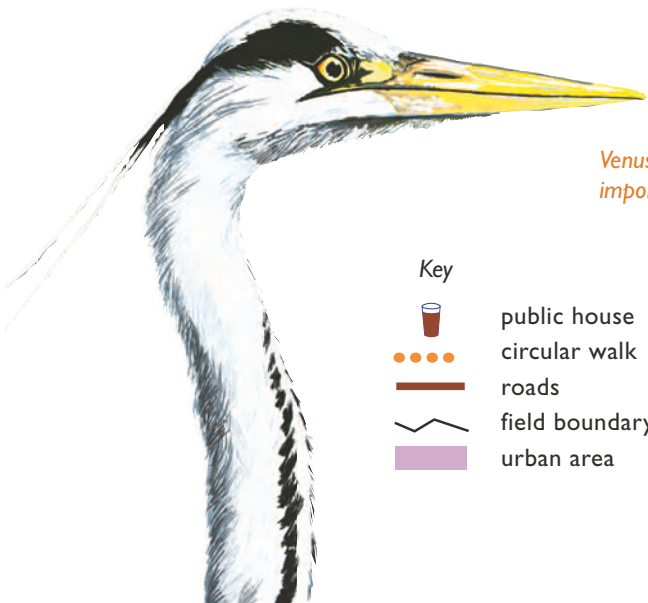
Swans, ducks and herons live along the river and sometimes a kingfisher is seen. The weir is also popular with local anglers. The varied woodland on the hills to the north of Wrington Vale is seen at its best in the winter. It is easy to see why there was so much Roman settlement in this beautiful valley.



Millennium bridge over the River Yeo



Weir on the River Yeo



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