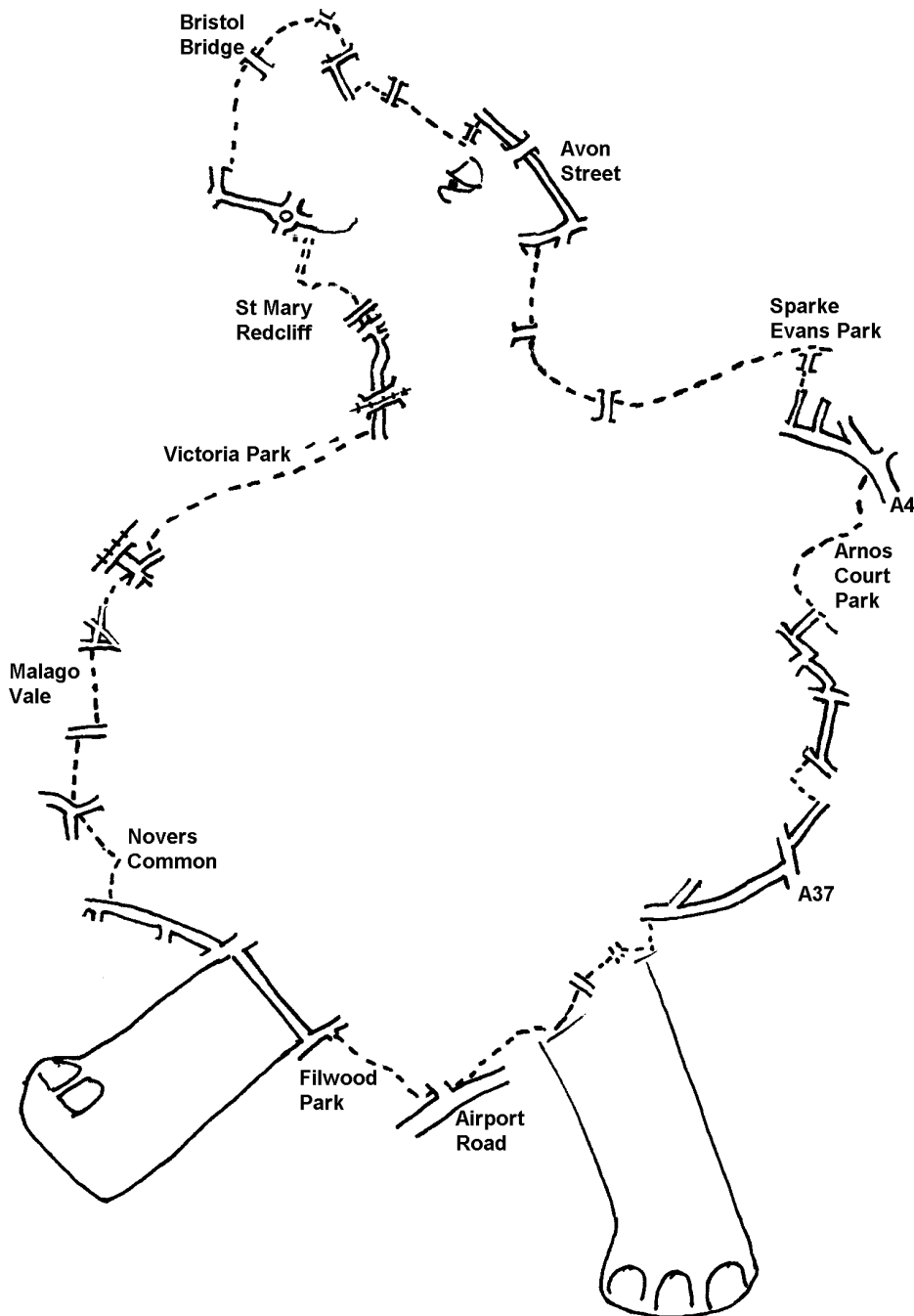


# Rhino Maiden

A cross cultural route of just under 10 miles, starting on the pavement at the corner of Baldwin Street and Bristol Bridge.



Descend the steps to the riverside on Welsh Back.

Go past the Glass Boat and the Cider barge and keep as close to the river as

you can until it becomes impractical and you need to turn right and then left along Welsh Back to a roundabout.

Turn left to cross Redcliff Bridge and keep left to cross Redcliff Street.

Cross the pedestrian crossing towards St Mary Redcliff Church ('the fairest parish church in all England' *per* QE1) and turn left past 3 phalluses, which a sculptor has persuaded the authorities are a suitable fixture outside a church.

Turn right down Pump Lane and go straight on down Ship Lane to the right of the eponymous pub.

Cross over Prewett Street into Somerset Square Gardens and track left to the exit next to St Mary Redcliff School.

Keep the school boundary fence on your right as you make your way past the flats on your left to emerge on Clarence Road near a pedestrian crossing.

Cross over the road and a footbridge over the New Cut and another pedestrian crossing into St Luke's Road.

Go straight ahead under a railway tunnel and then turn right into Victoria Park.

Go past the play equipment and up over the hill ahead.

Bear right when the path forks at the top and make your way past St Mary Redcliff Primary School.

As the path descends the other side of the park, bear right past a play ground to leave the park on the Malago Greenway cycle path alongside the railway.

When the cycle path emerges into Fraser Road, turn right to cross a road emerging from under the railway to find the next section of the cycle path.

When the path emerges into a small industrial estate, follow the Malago to St John's Lane.

Cross the road by the pedestrian crossing to the left. and go straight ahead down Francis Road.

Cross over Bedminster Road into another section of footpath alongside the Malago.

Over a bridge, continue across the grass with the Malago now on your right.

At the end of the park, turn right up the road and then left into another section of the path, which is on the opposite side of the Malago from that shown on the map.

At the end of the path, turn left and make your way towards the steps up Novers Common.

Just before you reach the gate into the Health Park at the top, turn right on the path that follows the metal fence into Park Drive.

Turn right and follow this road and Park Road to a T-junction.

Turn left and then right opposite the police station into Broadbury Road.

At the end, turn left and then right into Filwood Park Open Space.

Bear left to leave the Park in the diagonally opposite corner.

Go straight across Creswicke Road and follow the grassy space to the left of Airport Road.

This route is complicated by the meanders of a tributary of the Brislington Brook, which I call the Bear's Bridge Brook, because that is the name of the bridge by which the A37 crosses it. You start with the brook on your right and follow it until you can cross it by a bridge that carries a path from Throgmorton Road and Asda trolleys. The brook, now on your left, pushes you up to Airport Road (which the brook crosses.) You are now free to cross the grass to the council

offices on Salcombe Road, where you make your way between the car park (on your left and a 5-a-side football court).

After a track, which is an aborted extension to Ilminster Avenue, a side stream apparently originating at Spring Gardens in Knowle Park, forces you back up to Airport Road.

You need to take the next path across the green, which takes you back across the Bear's Bridge Brook (now on your left) and up into Broadfield Road.

Turn right and bear right into Ponsford Road, which takes you to the Wells Road, just above the Bear's Bridge traffic lights.

Cross over the Wells Road when you can and turn left uphill to find Imperial Walk on your right.

Follow this road until you find a footpath up some steps on your left.

At the top, keep going past a cul-de-sac to find a path leading to King Road on your right past a pair of garages.

Turn right and immediately left into Jubilee Road.

Past the Jubilee Pool, cross over Talbot Road into Leighton Road.

At the end turn right (Priory Road), right again (Selworthy Road) and left down Langham Road to a back lane.

If this lane were in Bradford on Avon, it would be a tourist attraction, because it commands magnificent views across to Kelston Round Hill, Lansdown and Freezing Hill. As it is, access to most of it has been blocked by a steel gate erected by the Sea Scouts.

You can, however, turn left along a public right of way that brings you out at the top of Arnos Court Park.

Follow the path down through the park to the Bath Road.

Turn left, keep to the pavement past the hotel and the HTV studios, then cross the road carefully.

Turn left again and look for Edward Road on your right (opposite Arnos Vale Cemetery).

Follow the path at the end of the road, crossing the New Cut by a footbridge into Sparke Evans Park.

Turn left and follow the Avon Walkway all the way to Cattle Market Road.

Cross over and turn right down Feeder Road and then left across the Feeder Canal into Avon Street.

On the other side of a railway tunnel, look for the footpath leading to the Valentine Bridge.

At the other side, turn right and follow the path down to the riverside under Temple Way.

Keep to the riverside path until you are driven inland to Temple Back.

Turn right and right again over St Philip's Bridge, crossing over the road using the refuge to find some steps down to the floating harbour.

Follow the path around the water's edge over a footbridge and up into castle park.

Keep following the river back to Bristol Bridge.