

Welcome to THE Wildlife Connections TRAIL



Green Recovery Challenge Fund



We've created this trail to help
CONNECT people with nature

And to promote the benefits of green spaces for our wildlife, environment, infrastructure, health and wellbeing. Much of the 5.4 mile route travels through once industrial and urban spaces. But with help from local communities, they've been redeveloped and handed back to nature so wildlife can flourish once again.

Improving and protecting our **HEALTH**, our habitats and our precious native wildlife

Time spent around natural spaces can improve our mental health and feelings of wellbeing. It can foster and enhance a positive relationship with nature and our local biodiversity. We can build better natural habitats in the spaces we use every day to improve both our own health and the quality of the wildlife around us.

Our trail connects **Chester Zoo Nature Reserve** to the **City Forest Garden**, passing through some unique and diverse **wildlife-friendly** spaces.

You can begin your journey anywhere you want along the route, and pass through **green spaces** such as...

1. Chester Zoo Nature Reserve



Where you'll find wildlife such as dragonflies, water voles, herons, waterfowl and a wide variety of wetland plants along the tranquil waterway.

3. Countess of Chester Country Park



A green oasis on the edge of the City with a nature reserve, grasslands, wetlands and amazing views. It has a focus on health and links to the nearby hospital.

4. Millennium Greenway



Connecting Micklegate and Connah's Quay as part of Sustrans' National Cycle Network. The walking and cycling path is full of diverse wildlife, tranquil farmland and river scenes.

7. City Forest Garden

With its stunning environmental steel structures, this is a haven for wildlife in the City Centre. Situated near main transport hubs for easy onward travel.



2. Shropshire Union Canal



With a variety of thriving habitats including woodland, reedbeds, wildflower meadows and plenty of observation points.

5. Northgate Ponds

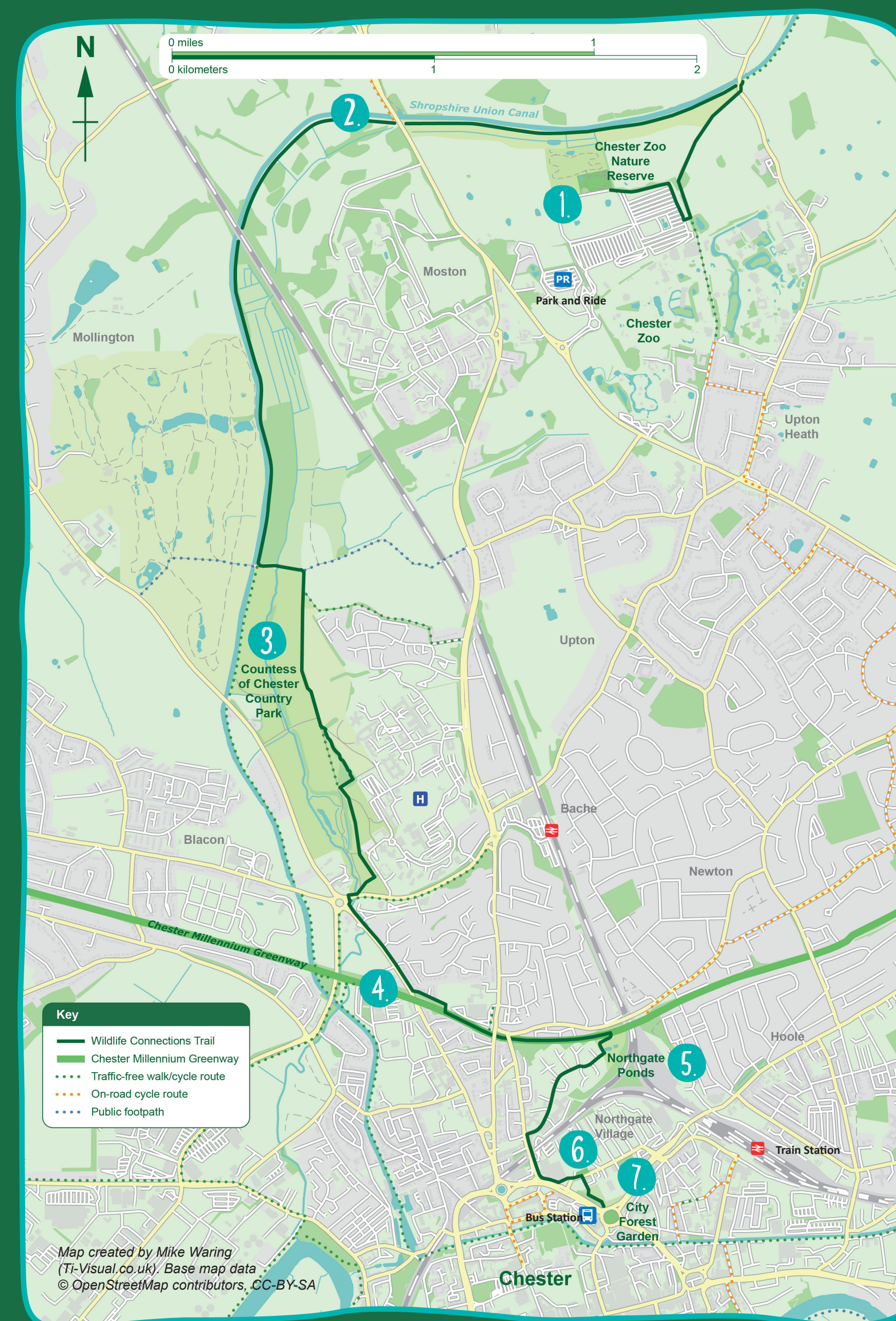


Sitting as a hidden gem for local communities, full of flowers, trees, ponds and plenty of recreational opportunities in this inner city green space.

6. Chester Fire Station and Spider Project Café71



Chester Fire station and Spider Project Café71 / with their wildflower garden and stunning mural.



Artworks, sculptures, wildlife and local information

You'll find way markers along your route, as well as different artworks, community projects, signage and points of interest.

Come and explore our **Wildlife Connections Trail** and join us on a journey to improve our green spaces together.

Scan the QR code to download this map and see what you can do help native species. You can also report wildlife you spot along the trail.

