



## Nature in the heart of the city

### Discover a greener and more exotic side to Oxford

Footprints of dinosaurs, exotic fruits, gargoyles of mythical creatures, miniature deer, trees that caused a diplomatic incident and birds that fly 14,000 miles a year.

Discover some unusual stories about the trees, plants and animals of Oxford and their connections to countries round the world. This walk gives you a very different perspective on this much-visited city.

Find out how different animals have been used symbolically in architecture and sculpture. See how many real live species you can spot in the parks and gardens. Explore natural history collections in the museums. Learn about the characters that travelled the world to collect specimens of trees, plants, seeds and animals.



Horse chestnut tree, Lamb and Flag Passage  
Rory Walsh © RGS-IBG Discovering Britain

<b>Location</b>	Oxford, Oxfordshire	<b>Suitable for</b>	Families – Family friendly but some busy roads
<b>Start point</b>	Oxford Town Hall		Wheelchairs –A completely step-free route
<b>Postcode</b>	OX1 1BX		
<b>Finish point</b>	University Botanic Gardens	<b>Refreshments</b>	Numerous cafes, pubs and restaurants in the town centre
<b>Distance</b>	2.5 miles		
<b>Level</b>	Gentle – A town centre route with some pedestrianised streets	<b>Facilities</b>	Public toilets in the town centre and museums

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