

The University of Lincoln Nature Trail

In the heart of one of the most agricultural counties in the UK, the University of Lincoln encourages students and staff to explore the lesser known areas on campus on this nature trail.

Stop 1 - The Delph Pond

Did you know that the Delph Pond is an integral part of Lincoln's flood defences? The reason it's so low is because it has the capacity to store surface water in the event of a flood, however due to the silt build up it does need to be dredged every 5-8 years. It takes water from both sides of the railway line using the gullies under the railway line which bring water from the Brayford North into the Delph Pond. The Delph Canal links up to the ponds by the hockey pitch, behind the 5-aside pitches and behind the Pavillions; it also goes back under the railway line and up to the pumping station at the Pyewipe.

It's also home to a number of different species, as well as the occasional rowing boat! Did you spot the Moorhens?

Stop 2 - The Flyover Garden

The Flyover Garden, currently being used as part of a sustainable materials project, is the often missed garden by the side of the University flyover. Recently, the Life Science staff and students have built nest boxes to help local birds find somewhere to nurture their hatchlings. How many boxes can you spot?

Sadly this spot can be a bit of an eye sore when passers-by throw their rubbish down the side of the bank. Next year we hope to run a clean-up event to tidy up the area. Keep an eye out on the SU volunteer page for more information.

Stop 3 - The Edible Garden

We're very excited about the progress the edible garden is making on campus. We have three raised beds full of healthy, growing vegetables that are being cared for by both students and staff at the university.

How many different types of vegetables can you spot? What would you like to see planted next year? If you'd like to join the crew of gardening volunteers email environment@lincoln.ac.uk to find out more.

Keep an eye out next academic year where we'll be providing vegetables for students and staff to enjoy.

Stop 4 - The Herb Garden

Have you spotted the herb garden before? Not many people have. Once used by the students based in Bridge House, the garden needs a lot of nurture to bring it back to what it once was. This summer the new occupants of Bridge House will be working hard to clean it up and restore it back to a thriving garden.

How many different types of herbs can you spot in the garden?

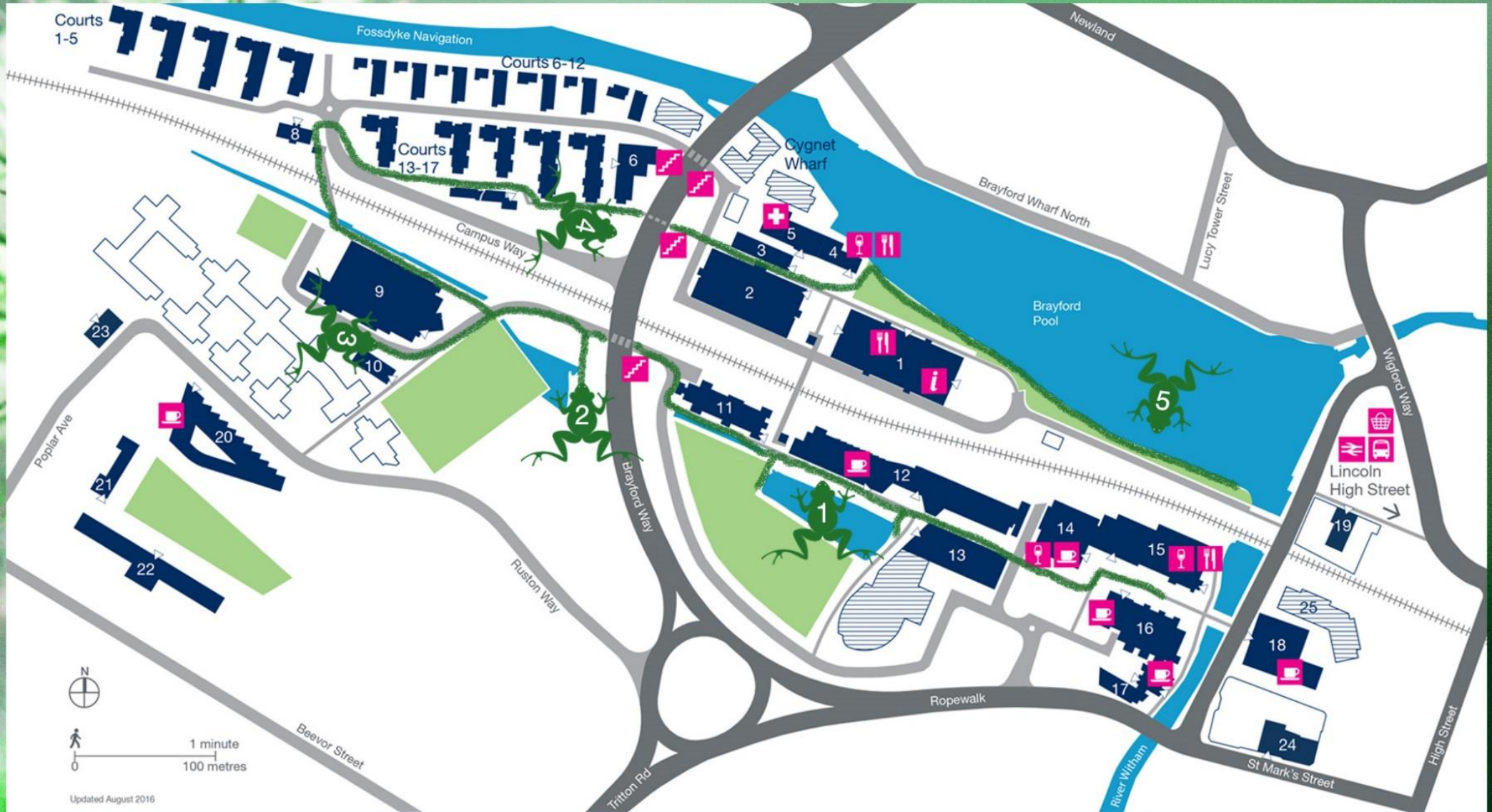
Stop 5 - Swan Island

Everyone knows Lincoln is famous for its cathedral and the swans on the Brayford Pool. The University, working with Network Rail, have built 'Swan Island' a secure cluster of floating man-made islands on the Brayford Pool that gives the wildlife in the area a safe place to nest and rest. We've spotted swans, geese and ducks using it. How many cygnets, chicks and ducklings can you spot on the Brayford?



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Follow the frogs to discover the Nature Trail:



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| 1 (MB) Minerva Building | 6 (BH) Bridge House | 11 (SB) Science Centre | 16 (UL) Library | 21 (MIH) Minster House |
| 2 (MC) Media, Humanities & Technology | 7 (VH) Village Hall | 12 (AAD) Art, Architecture & Design | 17 (--) Enterprise Building | 22 (JBL) Joseph Banks Laboratories |
| 3 (SLB) Stephen Langton Building (Formerly EMMTEC) | 8 (OCW) One Campus Way | 13 (INB) Isaac Newton Building | 18 (DCB) David Chiddick Building | 23 (CSB) Charlotte Scott Building |
| 4 (--) The Swan | 9 (HP) Sports Centre | 14 (PA) Lincoln Performing Arts Centre | 19 (WIW) Witham Wharf | 24 (JUN) Junxion |
| 5 (SS) Student Wellbeing Centre | 10 (WH) Witham House | 15 (--) Students' Union | 20 (THT) Think Tank | 25 (SSB) Sarah Swift Building |