

Ride 3. Shared Spaces

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Timings:

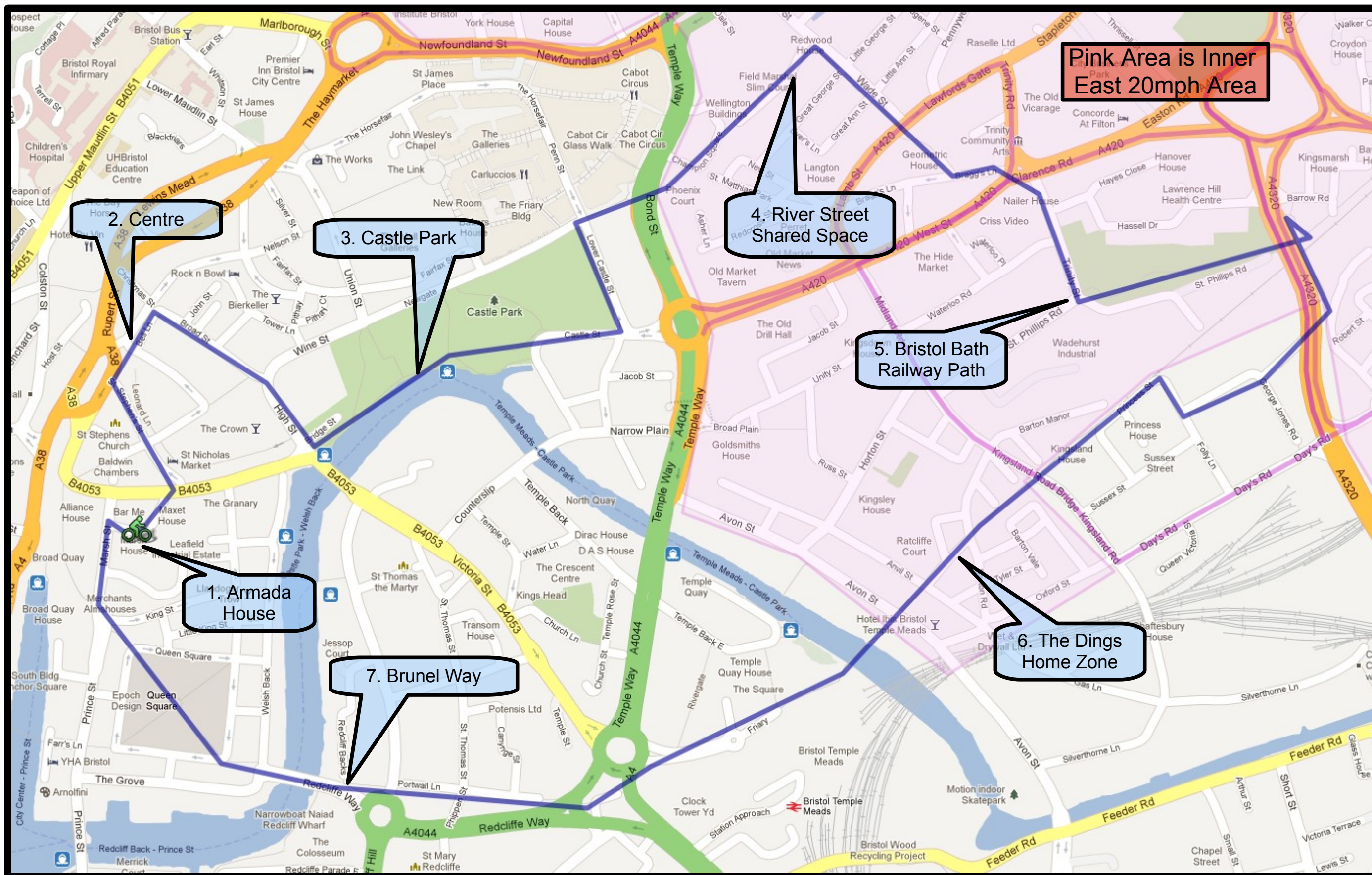
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Arrive: 11:30am
Distance: 3.5 miles

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1. Key Points on Ride

- Different kinds of shared spaces ranging from Home Zones to shared use pavements
- Some many years old and others more recent
- Inner East 20mph Area
- Bristol Bath Railway Path and Frome Greenway are part of the radial network of signed quiet and off road routes



2. Centre

- Plans for reduced car access with new BRT schemes.
- Signing, code of conduct and segregation have been major themes in use of shared space
- Contraflow schemes extending permeability through central streets



3. Castle Park and contraflows

- 5m wide path with segregation as part of the design and surface treatment.
- Works well due to width even when heavily used during rush hours and at lunchtimes as people head into the retail centres
- Links into the central area contraflows which increase permeability for cycling, and to Frome Greenway and Bristol-Bath path out of the city



4. River Street and 20mph Area

- Inner East 20mph area with prominent signing on entry and smaller repeater signs.
- Frome Greenway passes through River Street development as it leaves the centre
- Shared space and housing development funded through Section 106 as part of Cabot Circus.
- Parking controls but subtle visual cues and absence of prominent signing means cars are cautious and respectful when entering the area.
- Wide zebra crossing at end to enable comfortable use by bikes and walkers.
- Signing, code of conduct, segregation and enforcement are pressing shared spaces issues



5. Bristol Bath Railway Path

- Started in 1977 on former Midland Railway by cycling group that became Sustrans. Can be considered first link in the 10,000 mile National Cycle Network
- Carries over 1 million trips a year and experiencing congestion
- Recently extended lighting and signing but has significant pinch-points and extension into city is not to same standard



6. The Dings Home Zone

- Home Zone set up in the late '90s as new housing development linked to existing community.
- Compromised by limited parking controls
- The line of the Midland Railway has been extended across the Cheese Grater Bridge to Temple Meads as originally planned in 19th century but never achieved



7. Brunel Way

- Main walking and cycling route between centre and station
- Basculer Bridge was the only significant section of road re-allocated to bikes during Cycling City
- Unusual wide raised crossing with priority for bikes and walkers
- Queen's Square had a dual carriageway through the centre until 2000