



This soundwalk explores the green spaces of the B37 postcode and offers a new way to experience the local environment by leading you through an immersive journey of audio encounters. Discover the hidden sounds of bats and underwater life, listen to wind and rain on metal structures and learn to identify different trees and forage for food, guided by local people passionate about wildlife. Created by SOUNDkitchen in association with B37 Project the walk is hosted on the SOUNDwalker app.

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A soundwalk by SOUNDkitchen exploring the green spaces of B37

DOWNLOAD THE APP!

To experience this location-based walk please download the free SOUNDwalker app to your smartphone. The app will stream audio if you have a good connection, but this can use up your data and battery life. We recommend using wifi to download the audio files in advance so it will run offline. Open the app, select B37, click the download button.

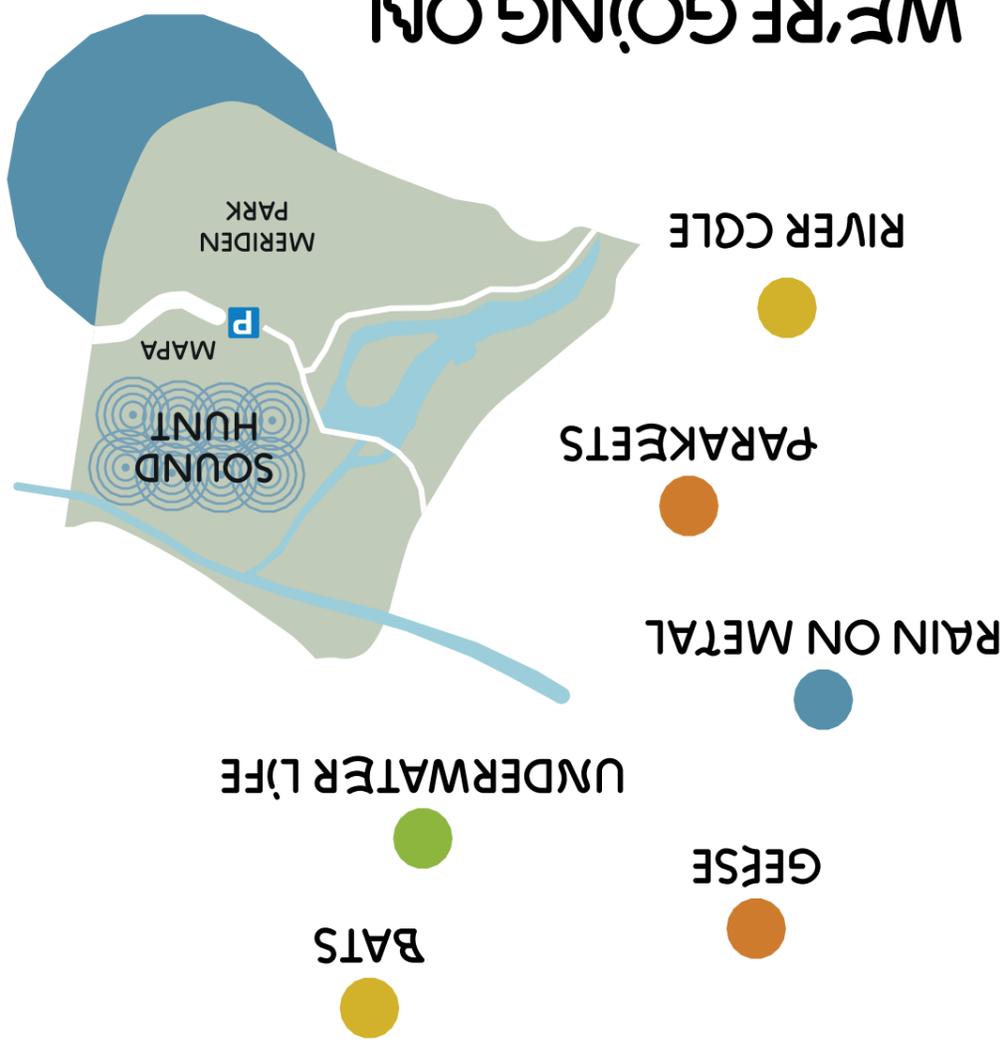
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Once downloaded, travel to one of the walking routes shown on this map, open the app and select the B37 walk from the menu. Plug in your headphones then make your way to the listening points shown in the app where the audio tracks will begin to play.



WE'RE GOING ON A SOUND HUNT!

We've hidden some sounds on the park playing field. Can you find them all? Use the SOUNDwalker app and headphones to listen for the sounds as you explore the field and check them off here when you find them.



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Link + Shift Artists Walks are commissioned by Eastside Projects and supported by West Midlands Railway and support communities to tell their own stories and re-imagine the place in which they live.

SOUNDkitchen are a collective of Birmingham based artists with an interest in experimental electronic music and sound art. We create soundwalks, sound installations, perform our own music and curate live music events. Our soundwalks are available on the free SOUNDwalker smartphone app which hosts several other walks in and around Birmingham.

The B37 Project is a grass roots community group supporting projects in art, food and the environment in North Solihull and surrounding areas.



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BABBS MILL LAKE LOOP

Explore the plants and wildlife around Babbs Mill lake. Enjoy the sounds of birds and underwater life and learn about the history of the area, different species of trees and foraging for food.

There are accessible flat tarmac paths on the north side of the lake and packed gravel that may be uneven on the south side. There's an alternative narrow dirt path between the lake and the river on the south side, but it can get a bit muddy!

Duration: around 45 minutes



RIVER COLE LOOP

Hear the story of the River Cole, where it begins and ends and the sounds it makes. Discover the hidden sounds of wind and rain on metal structures and learn about the Jubilee Community Garden at Kingshurst Allotments.

There are accessible flat tarmac paths on the north side of the river and packed gravel that may be uneven on the south side.

Duration: around 25 minutes
Recommended starting point: Babbs Mill Park Car Park

MERIDEN PARK

Join a bug hunt in the woods, learn about MAPA (Meriden Adventure Playground) and the management of the River Cole.

You can also discover all kinds of hidden sounds by completing the Sound Hunt that you'll find on the back of this map.

There are accessible tarmac paths in the park, the Sound Hunt is on a grassy field and the woodland has narrow dirt paths.

Duration: around 40 minutes

KINGSHURST BROOK

Join a bat walk along Kingshurst Brook, explore Alcott Woods and learn about the built environment and tree planting projects.

There is an accessible tarmac path along Kingshurst Brook. There are narrow dirt paths in Alcott Woods but listening points are accessible from the tarmac path on the edge of the woods joining Chichester Grove.

Duration: around 20 minutes