

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Symbols

**⚠** Bring food/drink      **SO** Shorter options  
**BTM** = Bristol Temple Meads    **W** = Weymouth  
**C** = Circular                    **LN** = Linear  
**BU** = Bus used (and for some shorter options)

**⚶** Leisurely      **⚶⚶** Pace      **⚶⚶⚶** Strenuous  
Moderate

Some walks may include hills.

**No need to book:** Walks start at the arrival station indicated. For linear walks buy a ticket to the station that is furthest from your departure station. Note that return tickets are much cheaper than two singles.

**Ticket Bargains: Group Save tickets** - groups of 3 to 9 people can travel together with all getting 1/3rd discount on **Off Peak Day Returns**. A **Day Ranger ticket** may be cheaper for a longer journey if you do not have a rail card. A **PlusBus ticket** is available in some areas. For further details see [www.plusbus.info](http://www.plusbus.info) **Concessionary Bus Passes** (in lieu of a railcard) can be used for 1/3rd discount off tickets (restrictions apply). Only available between Westbury/Weymouth/Westbury.

**Non-members** are welcome to join the walks, but after two walks will be encouraged to join the Ramblers.

**Train times: Please check timetables, call National Rail Enquiries on 03457 484950 or go to [www.gwr.com](http://www.gwr.com) as times may vary.**

**Request stops:** Thornford, Yetminster and Chetnole are Request Stops. Please advise the conductor on the train that you wish to alight at a request stop. When joining at request stops, signal clearly to the driver to stop the train. Note that Avoncliff and some request stops have **short platforms**, so to alight you need to be in the front carriage.

**Please wear strong shoes/walking boots and bring waterproofs, food and drink.**

**DOGS - No dogs (except Registered Assistance Dogs) are allowed on walks.**

For enquiries about the walks call the walk leader or the Programme Co-ordinator on 0117 933 4998.

**Whilst every care will be taken to keep to the advertised programme, walks leaders reserve the right to make changes to suit weather conditions, the needs of the party or any other unforeseen circumstances. Any known updates can be found on our website [www.wessexrailwaywalks.org.uk](http://www.wessexrailwaywalks.org.uk) or call 0117 933 4998**

### Saturday 20 May      **⚶⚶ ⚠**

Trains: **BTM** 08.39 arr. **Castle Cary** 09.53 or **W** 08.46 arr. 09.48  
**LN, 6 miles** - walk to **Bruton** via Knaps Hollow.  
Return trains from **Bruton**: to **BTM** 14.26 or 16.16  
or to **W** 15.57

Leader: Peter Gould

### Wednesday 24 May      **SO BU ⚶⚶ ⚠**

Train: **BTM** 08.41 arr. **Weymouth** 11.03  
**LN, 8 miles** - Isle of Portland. Bus to and from Portland and for shorter options.  
Return train: to **BTM** 17.30  
Leader: Sylvia Popham - 0117 979 3828

### Wednesday 31 May      **⚶⚶ ⚠**

Trains: **BTM** 10.49 arr. **Keynsham** 10.55 or **W** 08.53 arr. 11.18  
**C, 8 miles** - Willsbridge Mill, Upton Cheney and River Avon.  
Return trains: to **BTM** 16.18 or to **W** 16.56  
Leader: John Davis - 0117 909 0535

### Saturday 3 June      **⚶⚶ ⚠**

Trains: **BTM** 09.49 arr. **Avoncliff** 10.19 or **W** 08.46 arr. 10.53  
**LN, 8-9 miles** - walk the Limpley Stoke Valley via Winsley, Bathford and Kennet & Avon Canal to **Bath Spa**.  
Return trains from **Bath Spa**: to **BTM** frequent service  
or to **W** 17.07  
Leader: Barrie Womersley - 07791 492224

### Wednesday 7 June      **⚶ ⚠**

Trains: **BTM** 10.49 arr. **Bath Spa** 11.06  
or **W** 08.53 arr. 11.06  
**C, 6 miles** - Kennet & Avon Canal, the 'gems' of classical Bath, first part of the Cotswold Way and return via riverside. Time for tea near the Abbey - optional.  
Return trains: to **BTM** frequent service  
or to **W** 17.07  
Leader: Margaret - 0117 986 4140

### Saturday 10 June      **BU ⚶⚶ ⚠**

Trains: **BTM** 10.49 arr. **Bath Spa** 11.05 or **W** 08.46 arr. 11.08  
**LN, 8-9 miles** - bus to Lansdown Park & Ride car park. Walk via North Stoke, Upton Cheney and Willsbridge to **Keynsham**.  
Return trains from **Keynsham**: to **BTM** 17.19  
or to **W** 16.56  
Leader: Jonathan Cooper - 0117 986 1052

### Thursday 15 June      **⚶⚶ ⚠**

Trains: **BTM** 10.49 arr. **Oldfield Park** 11.03  
or **W** 08.53 arr. 11.10  
**LN, 10 miles** - 'Two Tunnels Walk' visiting Midford and Monkton Combe and then along the Kennet & Avon Canal to **Bath Spa**.  
Return trains from **Bath Spa**: to **BTM** frequent service  
or to **W** 17.07  
Leader: David Bethell - 01225 401219

### Wednesday 21 June      **SO BU ⚶⚶ ⚠**

Trains: **BTM** 08.41 arr. **Upwey** 10.55 or **W** bus or train  
**LN, 9 miles** - walk to **Weymouth** via Sutton Poyntz and Osmington. Shorter option is to catch a bus into Weymouth from the coastal road within a few miles of the end.  
Return train from **Weymouth**: to **BTM** 17.30  
Leader: Richard Colls - 01935 473951

### Saturday 24 June      **BU ⚶ ⚠**

Train: **BTM** 08.39 arr. **Weymouth** 10.57  
**LN, 6 miles** - bus to Portland Heights then walk via Chesil Causeway and Northe Fort coastal path to **Weymouth**.  
Return train: to **BTM** 16.08 or 17.28  
Leader: Bridget Gregory - 0117 923 1680

### Saturday 1 July      **⚶⚶ ⚠**

Trains: **BTM** 09.06 arr. **Frome** 10.16 or **W** 08.46 arr. 10.07  
**C, 6-7 miles** - walk to Blatchbridge and East Woodlands countryside.  
Return trains: to **BTM** 14.39 or to **W** 15.46  
Leader: Joy Harrison - 0117 933 4998

### Saturday 8 July      **⚶⚶ ⚠**

Trains: **BTM** 10.49 arr. **Keynsham** 10.55  
or **W** 08.46 arr. 11.18  
**C, 9 miles** - walk from Keynsham along the River Avon to Bitton, Willsbridge Nature Reserve and Bickley Wood. Steep sections.  
Return trains: to **BTM** 16.18 or 16.52 or to **W** 16.56  
Leader: David Burrows - 0117 973 0846

### Wednesday 12 July      **⚶⚶ ⚠**

Train: **W** 08.53 arr. **Bristol Temple Meads** 11.28  
**C, 6-7 miles** - Highlights of Bristol including the Harbourside. Meet leader outside the station.  
Return train: to **W** 16.49  
Leader: Lynne

### Saturday 15 July      **SO ⚶⚶ ⚠**

Trains: **BTM** 08.39 arr. **Bruton** 09.48 or **W** 08.46 arr. 09.54  
**C, 10 or LN 6 miles** - walk from Bruton via Pitcombe to **Castle Cary** station (shorter option) or continue on through Wyke Champflower to **Bruton**.  
Return trains from **Castle Cary**: to **BTM** 14.20  
or to **W** 13.04 or 16.09  
from **Bruton**: to **BTM** 16.16 or to **W** 15.57  
Leader: Michael Plaskitt - 01373 472101

### Saturday 22 July      **⚶⚶ ⚠**

Train: **BTM** 08.39 arr. **Weymouth** 10.57  
**C, 8 miles** - the Parks and Gardens of Weymouth.  
Return train: to **BTM** 17.28  
Leader: Alan Horlock - 01202 513090 (after 6pm)

### Wednesday 26 July SO BU **kk** **A**

Train: **BTM** 08.41 arr. **Dorchester West** 10.48  
or **W** bus or train

**LN, 8 or 10 miles** - walk from Dorchester to **Weymouth** via Bowleaze Cove (bus into Weymouth for shorter walk).  
Return train from **Weymouth**: to **BTM** 17.30  
Leader: Sylvia Popham - 0117 979 3828

### Sunday 30 July **kk** **A**

Trains: **BTM** 09.25 arr. **Maiden Newton** 11.30  
or **W** 11.05 arr. 11.32

**LN, 10 miles** - walk from Maiden Newton to **Dorchester**.  
Return trains from **Dorchester West**: to **BTM** 18.09  
or to **W** bus or train  
Leader: Sylvia Popham - 0117 979 3828

### Saturday 5 August **kk** **A**

Trains: **BTM** 09.49 arr. **Freshford** 10.16  
or **W** 08.46 arr. 10.56

**C, 11 miles** - walk to Hinton, Norton St Philip and Wellow.  
Return trains: to **BTM** 18.04 or to **W** 17.16 or 18.16  
Leader: Joy Harrison - 0117 933 4998

### Wednesday 9 August **kk** **A**

Trains: **BTM** 08.41 arr. **Yeovil Penn Mill** 10.14  
or **W** 08.53 arr. 09.41

**C, 10½ miles** - walk Country Park to East Coker, Sutton Bingham Reservoir and Barwick.  
Return trains: to **BTM** 15.56 or to **W** 16.24  
Leader: Sonia Chant - 01935 321607

### Saturday 12 August SO BU **kk** **A**

Trains: **BTM** 10.49 arr. **Keynsham** 10.56  
or **W** 08.46 arr. 11.18

**LN, 5 or 8 miles** - walk from Keynsham along the River Avon to **Bath Spa**. Walk can be shortened by taking the bus from Newbridge Park & Ride at 5 miles.  
Return trains from **Bath Spa**: to **BTM** frequent service  
or to **W** 17.07  
Leader: Bridget Gregory - 0117 923 1680

### Wednesday 16 August **kk** **A**

Trains: **BTM** 10.49 arr. **Keynsham** 10.56  
or **W** 08.53 arr. 11.18

**C, 8 miles** - follow the River Chew to Compton Dando.  
Return trains: to **BTM** 16.18 or to **W** 16.56  
Leader: John Davis - 0117 909 0535

### Saturday 19 August **kk** **A**

Trains: **BTM** 08.39 arr. **Chetnole** 10.19  
or **W** 08.46 arr. 09.19

**LN, 11 miles** - walk Blackmore Vale, Batcombe Down and Wessex Ridgeway to **Maiden Newton**.  
Return trains from **Maiden Newton**: to **BTM** 17.52  
or to **W** 16.47  
Leader: Kate Gocher - 01395 772126

### Saturday 2 September **kk** **A**

Train: **BTM** 08.39 arr. **Weymouth** 10.57  
**C, 7-8 miles** - walk to Nottingham, Upwey, Littlemoor and Lodemoor.  
Return train: to **BTM** 16.08 or 17.28  
Leader: Alan Horlock - 01202 513090

### Wednesday 6 September **kk** **A**

Trains: **BTM** 10.49 arr. **Bath Spa** 11.06  
or **W** 08.53 arr. 11.06

**C, 5 miles** - Parks, Gardens and Georgian Bath.  
Return trains: to **BTM** frequent service or **W** 15.06 or 17.07  
Leader: Sylvia Popham - 0117 979 3828

### Sunday 10 September **kk** **A**

Train: **BTM** 08.23 arr. **Upwey** 10.37 or **W** bus or train  
**LN, 3½ miles + Tour** - walk from Upwey to **Weymouth**.  
Afternoon historical tour of Weymouth.  
Return train from **Weymouth**: to **BTM** 16.10 or 17.56  
Leader: Sylvia Popham - 0117 979 3828

### Thursday 14 September BU **kkkk** **A**

Trains: **BTM** 10.49 arr. **Bath Spa** 11.06  
or **W** 08.53 arr. 11.06

**C, 10½ miles** - bus to Weston then walk the Cotswold Hills, Bath Racecourse, North Stoke and River Avon.  
Return trains: to **BTM** frequent service or to **W** 18.07  
Leader: David Bethell - 01225 401219

### Saturday 16 September **kk** **A**

Trains: **BTM** 09.49 arr. **Avoncliff** 10.19  
or **W** 08.46 arr. 10.53

**LN, 6-7 miles** - walk via Turleigh, Winsley, Conkwell and Limpley Stoke to **Freshford**.  
Return trains from **Freshford**: to **BTM** 15.06 or to **W** 15.16  
Leader: Joy Harrison - 0117 933 4998

### Wednesday 20 September SO **kk** **A**

Trains: **BTM** 10.22 arr. **Bradford-on-Avon** 10.46  
or **W** 08.53 arr. 10.50

**LN, 5 or 10 miles** - following the Frome and Limpley Stoke Valleys to **Bath Spa**. The second part of the walk will have a significant climb and descent. By arrangement with the leader walkers may leave at **Freshford** after 5 miles.  
Return trains from **Freshford**: to **BTM** 14.02 or 14.37  
or to **W** 15.15  
from **Bath Spa**: to **BTM** frequent service  
or to **W** 17.07  
Leader: Margaret - 0117 968 4140

### Wednesday 4 October **kk** **A**

Trains: **BTM** 08.41 arr. **Bruton** 09.53 or **W** 08.53 arr. 10.01  
**LN, 6 miles** - to **Castle Cary** via Knaps Hollow.  
Return trains from **Castle Cary**: to **BTM** 14.22 or 16.10  
or to **W** 16.09  
Leader: Peter Gould

Bristol  
Temple Meads

Keynsham

Oldfield  
Park

Bath Spa

Freshford

Avoncliff

Bradford-  
on-Avon

Trowbridge

Westbury

Frome

Bruton

Castle  
Cary

Yeovil  
Pen Mill

Thornford  
(Request Stop)

Yetminster  
(Request Stop)

Chetnole  
(Request Stop)

Maiden  
Newton

Dorchester  
West

Upwey

Weymouth

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## May to October 2017

## Public Guided Walks from stations on the Bristol to Weymouth Railway Line

## Organised and led by volunteers who are members of the Avon, Dorset, Somerset & Wiltshire Areas of the Ramblers

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