

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Symbols

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

**Pace**  
 Leisurely      Moderate      Strenuous  
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. Not all trains have inter-connecting carriages.

**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 12 May

Trains: **BTM** 09.49 arr. **Avoncliff** 10.19 or **W** 08.53 arr. 10.53  
**C, 7 1/2 miles** - walk to Freshford, Iford Manor and Westwood. River and canal and hopefully bluebells  
Return trains: to **BTM** 15.53 or to **W** 15.19  
Leader: Dorothy Greaves - 0117 966 9070

### Wednesday 16 May

Trains: **BTM** 10.49 arr. **Bath Spa** 11.06 or **W** 08.53 arr. 11.06  
**C, 5/6 miles** - Parks and Gardens of Bath in Spring. Meet Leader outside station.  
Return trains: to **BTM** frequent service or **W** 15.06 or 17.06  
Leader: Sylvia Popham - 0117 979 3828

### Saturday 19 May

Trains: **BTM** 08.39 arr. **Maiden Newton** 10.38 or **W** 08.53 arr. 09.18  
**C, 7/8 miles** - walk to The Kingcombe Centre with time to explore the beautiful Kingcombe Hay Meadows (optional extra walking). Café 64 in 64 News, High Street, should be open for early arrivals.  
Return trains: to **BTM** 17.55 or to **W** 16.47  
Leader: Sylvia Popham - 0117 979 3828

### Saturday 2 June

Trains: **BTM** 10.48 arr. **Keynsham** 10.55 or **W** 08.53 arr. 11.19  
**C, 9 miles** - walk Eastwood Farm, Beese's Tea Garden and Avon Valley Woodlands. Bring change for ferry.  
Return trains from to **BTM** 16.18 or 17.20 or to **W** 16.56 or 17.56  
Leader: Betty Maidment - 0117 977 7927

### Saturday 9 June

Trains: **BTM** 08.40 arr. **Dorchester West** 10.48 or **W** bus or train  
**C, 5 or 10 miles** - walk via Came, Broadmayne and Whitcombe.  
Return trains: to **BTM** 17.43 or to **W** bus or train.  
Leader: Val Ingram - 01202 731363

### Wednesday 13 June

Train: **W** 08.53 arr. **BTM** 11.28  
**LN, 8 miles** - walk from urban to rural along the River Avon. Meet Leader outside station.  
Return trains from **Keynsham**: to **BTM** 17.21  
or to **W** 16.55 or 17.56  
Leaders: Jon and Monica Davis - 07745 118226

### Saturday 16 June

Trains: **BTM** 09.49 arr. **Freshford** 10.16 or **W** 08.53 arr. 10.56  
**C, 10 miles** - a walk exploring the remains of the Somerset Coal Canal.  
Return trains: to **BTM** 18.06 or to **W** 18.16  
Leader: David Burrows - 01179 973 0846

### Sunday 24 June

Trains: **BTM** 08.23 arr. **Upwey** 10.36 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** 16.15 or 18.01  
Leader: Richard Colls - 01935 473951

### Thursday 28 June

Trains: **BTM** 10.47 arr. **Bath Spa** 11.04 or **W** 08.53 arr. 11.06  
**LN, 7 miles** - walk from Bath to **Bradford-on-Avon** cross country. Meet Leader outside station.  
Return trains from **Bradford-on-Avon**:  
to **BTM** 16.53 or 17.25 or to **W** 17.24  
Leader: David Bethell - 01225 401219

### Saturday 30 June

Trains: **BTM** 08.40 arr. **Frome** 09.42 or **W** 08.53 arr. 10.15  
**C, 6 1/2 miles** - walk to Welshmill, Hapsford and Vallis. Frome and Mells rivers and East Mendip Way.  
Return trains: to **BTM** 14.45 or to **W** 15.43  
Leader: Mike Plaskitt - 01373 472101

### Sunday 8 July

Trains: **BTM** 08.23 arr. **Dorchester West** 10.28  
or **W** bus or train  
**LN, 6, 8 or 10 miles** - walk via Sutton Poyntz and Bowleaze Cove (for shorter options) to **Weymouth**.  
Return train from **Weymouth** to **BTM** 16.23 or 18.09  
Leader: Sylvia Popham - 0117 979 3828

### Wednesday 11 July

Train: **W** 08.53 arr. **Bristol Temple Meads** 11.28  
**C, 5 miles** - Central Bristol including the Harbourside and Banksy pictures. Meet leader outside the station.  
Return train: to **W** 14.48 or 16.48  
Leader: Lynne

### Saturday 14 July

Trains: **BTM** 09.49 arr. **Westbury** 10.36 or **W** 08.53 arr. 10.25  
**LN 6 or 12 miles** - walk to **Trowbridge** via Beckington, Rode, Tellisford, Wingfield and McMillan Way. For shorter option - bus to **Frome** from Rode. Meet leader outside station.  
Return trains from **Trowbridge**: to **BTM** 17.54 or to **W** 17.29  
Leader: Joy Harrison - 0117 933 4998

### Saturday 21 July

Train: **BTM** 08.40 arr. **Weymouth** 11.09  
**LN, 8 miles** - bus to Chickerell. Walk Dorset Coast Path to Ferrybridge. Rodway Trail to **Weymouth**. Shorter option takes the bus from Ferrybridge to **Weymouth**.  
Return train from **Weymouth**: to **BTM** 16.08 or 17.30  
Leader: Alan Horlock - 01202 513090 (after 6pm)

### Saturday 28 July

Trains: **BTM** 08.40 arr. **Dorchester West** 10.48 or **W** bus or train  
**C, 10 miles** - walk via Charminster, Forston and the River Frome.  
Return trains: to **BTM** 17.43 or **W** bus or train  
Leader: Joy Harrison - 0117 933 4998

**Note!** It is recommended that you sit in the front carriage if alighting at **Freshford** as some trains open the doors of the front carriage only at this station.

## Saturday 4 August

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Trains: **BTM** 09.49 arr. **Westbury** 10.36 or **W** 08.53 arr. 10.25  
**C, 7½ miles** - walk Penleigh, Imber Range Path (great views) and Frogmore. Meet leader outside station.  
Return trains: to **BTM** 15.38 or to **W** 15.34  
Leader: Mike Plaskitt - 01373 472101

## Saturday 11 August

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Trains: **BTM** 10.48 arr. **Bath Spa** 11.05 or **W** 08.53 arr. 11.06  
**C, 5 miles** - walk to Widcombe and up to the Bath Skyline and come back via K&A Canal and River Avon.  
Return trains: to **BTM** frequent service or to **W** 15.02  
Leader: Jeff Rowland - 07985 024650

## Saturday 18 August

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Trains: **BTM** 08.40 arr. **Chetnole** 10.26 or **W** 08.53 arr. 09.26  
**LN, 11 miles** - walk to **Maiden Newton** via Melbury Bubb and Sydling St Nicholas.  
Return trains from **Maiden Newton**: to **BTM** 17.55 or to **W** 16.38  
Leader: Kate Gocher - 01305 772126

## Thursday 23 August

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Trains: **BTM** 08.41 arr. **Thornford** 10.18 or **W** 08.53 arr. 09.32  
**LN, 7 miles** - walk to Wyle Farm, Bradford Abbas, Clifton Maybank, Barwick and Yeovil Nine Springs.  
Return trains from **Yeovil Penn Mill**: to **BTM** 15.56 or to **W** 16.24  
Leader: Sonia Chant - 01935 321607

## Saturday 25 August (Bank Holiday Weekend)

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Trains: **BTM** \*09.49 arr. **Bradford-on-Avon** 10.22 [\* or **BTM** 10.22 arr. **Bradford-on-Avon** 10.47 (*this train only stops at Bath*)] or **W** 08.53 arr. 10.50  
**C, 6½ miles** - walk Bradford-on-Avon circular.  
Return trains: to **BTM** 15.00 or to **W** 15.22  
Leader: Angela Womersley - 01225 866671

## Tuesday 28 August

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Trains: **BTM** 08.41 arr. **Dorchester West** 10.47 or **W** bus or train  
**C, 6/7 miles** - walk a Dorchester West circular.  
Return trains: to **BTM** 15.21 or to **W** bus or train  
Leader: Barrie Womersley - 07791 492224

## Saturday 1 September

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Train: **W** 08.53 arr. **Bristol Temple Meads** 11.27  
**C, 9 miles** - walk Royate Hill, Troopers Hill and Arnos Vale via parks and Greenways. Meet leader outside station.  
Return train: to **W** 16.49 or 17.49  
Leader: Betty Maidment - 0117 977 7927

## Wednesday 5 September

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Trains: **BTM** 08.40 arr. **Maiden Newton** 10.37 or **W** 08.53 arr. 09.16  
**LN, 10 miles** - walk to **Dorchester** along the Frome Valley. A couple of hills, Café 64 in 64 News in High Street should be open for early arrivals.  
Return train from **Dorchester West**: to **BTM** 17.43 or to **W** bus or train  
Leader: Sylvia Popham - 0117 979 3828

## Saturday 8 September

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Train: **BTM** 08.40 arr. **Weymouth** 11.09  
**LN, 7/8 miles** - walk Weymouth to Castleton Incline and Portland. Rufus Castle to Easton, Based on Julia Bradbury's Railway Walk. Bus back to **Weymouth**.  
Return train from **Weymouth**: to **BTM** 16.08 or 17.30  
Leader: Alan Horlock - 01202 513090 (after 6pm)

## Wednesday 12 September

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Trains: **BTM** 10.47 arr. **Keynsham** 10.54 or **W** 08.53 arr. 11.18  
**LN, 8 miles** - walk to **Bath** via Bitton, North Stoke, Lansdown and Newbridge Park & Ride.  
Return trains from **Bath Spa**: to **BTM** frequent service or to **W** 15.35 or 17.07  
Leaders: Jon and Monica Davis - 07745 118226

## Thursday 20 September

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Train: **W** 08.53 arr. **Bristol Temple Meads** 11.28  
**C, 6 miles** - walk Docks and City of Bristol. Meet leader outside station.  
Return train: to **W** 16.48  
Leader: David Bethell - 01225 401219

## Saturday 22 September

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Trains: **BTM** 08.39 arr. **Frome** 09.36 or **W** 08.53 arr. 10.15  
**C, 6/7 miles** - walk to Blatchbridge and East Woodlands countryside.  
Return trains: to **BTM** 14.45 or to **W** 15.49  
Leader: Joy Harrison - 0117 933 4998

## Wednesday 3 October

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Trains: **BTM** 08.41 arr. **Castle Cary** 10.00 or **W** 08.53 arr. 09.55  
**LN, 6 miles** - walk from Castle Cary to Bruton via Pitcombe. Time to explore Bruton and Hauser & Wirth Art Gallery in the afternoon. Lunch options include al fresco, pub or cafes.  
Return trains from **Bruton**: to **BTM** 14.26 or 16.16 or to **W** 15.58

Leader: Peter Gould

## Saturday 6 October

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**Special - Dursley Walking Festival**  
Trains: from **W** 06.38, change at **BTM** 09.41 arr. **Cam & Dursley** 10.15  
**Option 1:**  
**C, 7½ miles** - a level walk to Slimbridge to allow a visit to the Wildfowl Trust (3 hours visit - £8.50)  
**Option 2:**  
**C, 10 miles** - walk via Cam Peak and the Cotswold Way to Dursley with a 1 hour lunch break. Discount voucher at Old Spot Lunch options include al fresco and local facilities.  
Return train: to **BTM / W** 16.56  
Leader: Mick Thorpe - 01453 542082

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

# WESSEX WANDERER

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## May to October 2018

## 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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