

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)

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 **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 three 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 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 - front carriage only used**, so to alight you need to be in the front carriage. Not all trains have inter-connecting carriages. **All trains (but not all stations) should have toilet facilities.**

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

DOGS - Guide Dogs and Assistance Dogs only

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 or call 0117 933 4998

Saturday 18 May

Trains: **BTM** 09.49 arr. **Avoncliff** 10.19 or **W** 08.53 arr. 10.53
C, 7½ miles - walk to Freshford, Iford Manor and Westwood. River and canal and maybe flora.

Return trains: to **BTM** 15.53 or to **W** 15.19

Leader: Dorothy Greaves - 0117 966 9070

Wednesday 22 May **BU**

Train: **W** 08.53 arr. **BTM** 11.28

LN, 4½ miles - walk to St Mary Redcliffe, Bathurst Basin, Harbourside, SS Great Britain, Merchants Quay and Clifton Suspension Bridge. Bus back to **BTM**.

Return trains: to **W** 14.48 or 16.48

Leader: Julie Boston - 07791 867 512

Saturday 25 May (Bank Holiday Weekend) SO

Trains: **BTM** 09.49 arr. **Bruton** 10.58 or **W** 08.53 arr. 10.01
C, 8 miles - walk from **Bruton** to **Castle Cary** and back again by a different route. Can finish walk at **Castle Cary**.

Return trains from **Bruton**: to **BTM** 17.23 or to **W** 15.55
Leader: David Burrows - 07428 949 433 or 0117 973 0846

Wednesday 29 May

Trains: **BTM** 08.41 arr. **Dorchester West** 10.48 or **W** bus or train
C, 6 miles - Dorchester round walk to include visit to Thomas Hardy's cottage.

Return trains from to **BTM** 15.21 or to **W** bus or train

Leader: David Bethell - 07916 164 366 or 01225 401 219

Saturday 1 June

Trains: **BTM** 08.40 arr. **Dorchester West** 10.54 or **W** bus or train
LN, 11 miles - walk to Weymouth, via Came, Cipton, Osmington and Bowleaze.

Return train: from **Weymouth** to **BTM** 17.30

Leader: Steve Ryder - 07966 521 577 or 01305 262 839

Saturday 8 June

Trains: **BTM** 10.49 arr. **Oldfield Park** 11.03 or **W** 08.53 arr. 11.11
C, 8/9 miles - walk along the River Avon to Corston, past Lake to Newton St Loe, Redland and Twerton Woods, Bath City Farm and Linear Park.

Return trains: to **BTM** 17.13 or to **W** 17.03

Leader: Joy Harrison - 0117 933 4998

Wednesday 12 June

Trains: **BTM** 08.41 arr. **Yeovil Pen Mill** 10.14 or **W** 08.53 arr. 09.41
C, 9 miles - walk to Sutton Bingham Reservoir via East Cocker and Barwick.

Return trains: to **BTM** 16.53 or to **W** 16.24

Leader: Mike - 07711 090 656

Saturday 15 June

Trains: **BTM** 08.41 arr. **Frome** 09.42 or **W** 08.53 arr. 10.16

C, 6½ miles - walk to Rodden Church, Chapmanslade and Welshmill.

Return trains: to **BTM** 14.45 or to **W** 15.43

Leader: Mike - 07711 090 656

Wednesday 19 June **SO**

Train: **BTM** 08.41 arr. **Weymouth** 11.03

C, 9½ miles - walk via Radipole Lake and **Upwey**. Option to leave walk at **Upwey** after 6 miles.

Return trains: from **Upwey** to **BTM** 15.13

from **Weymouth** to **BTM** 17.30

Leader: Margaret Kettlewell - 07889 246 685 or 01202 522 467

Wednesday 26 June **BU SO**

Trains: **BTM** 10.47 arr. **Bath Spa** 11.06 or **W** 08.53 arr. 10.44

LN, 8 miles - walk to **Avoncliff**. An easy but historical and picturesque walk along the Kennet & Avon Canal. (Option of continuing to **Bradford-on-Avon**).

Meet Leader outside station.

Return trains from **Avoncliff**: to **BTM** 16.56 or to **W** 17.19

Leader: Sylvia Popham - 0117 979 3828

Saturday 29 June

Trains: **BTM** 09.49 arr. **Trowbridge** 10.29 or **W** 08.53 arr. 10.44
C, 8/9 miles - walk to Bliss Meadows, Stourton Water, West Ashton and Yarnbrook.

Return trains: to **BTM** 16.16 or to **W** 17.29

Leader: Joy Harrison - 0117 933 4998

Wednesday 3 July **BU SO**

Trains: **BTM** 08.41 arr. **Weymouth** 11.03

LN, 8 miles - walk Isle of Portland. Bus from **Weymouth** and to/from Portland and for shorter options.

Return train: from **Weymouth** to **BTM** 17.30

Leader: Sylvia Popham - 0117 979 3828

Saturday 6 July

Trains: **BTM** 08.40 arr. **Bruton** 09.54 or **W** 08.53 arr. 10.01

C, 6½ miles - walk Bruton and South Brewham.

Return trains: to **BTM** 14.32 or to **W** 15.55

Leader: Mike - 07711 090 656

Wednesday 10 July

Trains: **BTM** 08.41 arr. **Frome** 09.42 or **W** 08.53 arr. 10.15

C, 6 miles - River Frome, climb to older parts of the town. Time at end for food or exploring before return to station.

Return trains: to **BTM** 14.42 or to **W** 15.47

Leader: Maurice Eveleigh - 07867 006 100 or 01373 473 014

Saturday 13 July **BU SO**

Trains: **BTM** 08.40 arr. **Upwey** 11.01 or **W** bus or train

LN, 9 miles - walk to **Weymouth** via Sutton Poyntz and Osmington. Shorter option is to catch 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 - 07836 365 820 or 01935 473 951

Wednesday 17 July

Trains: **BTM** 10.47 arr. **Bath Spa** 11.08 or **W** 08.53 arr. 11.06

C, 6 miles - Key highlights of **Bath**.

Return trains: to **BTM** frequent service or **W** 17.17

Leader: Lynne

Saturday 20 July

Trains: **BTM** 09.49 arr. **Chetnole** 11.29 or **W** 11.14 arr. 11.51

LN, 5 miles - New this year. walk from **Chetnole** to **Yetminster** in the Blackmore Vale. Could be muddy.

Return trains from **Yetminster**: to **BTM** 16.51 or to **W** 16.22

Leader: Sylvia Popham - 0117 979 3828

Wednesday 24 July

Trains: **BTM** 08.41 arr. **Castle Cary** 10.00 or **W** 08.53 arr. 09.55

C, 11 miles - walk to Ditcheat, Lamyatt Beacon and Colt.

Return trains: to **BTM** 16.10 or to **W** 16.09

Leader: Carl - 01460 301 163

Saturday 27 July

Trains: **BTM** 10.49 arr. **Keynsham** 10.55 or **W** 08.53 arr. 11.19

C, 5 miles - walk a beautiful rural section of River Avon with optional pub garden at end. ½ mile additional walk for those arriving from **BTM**.

Return trains: to **BTM** 14.55 or to **W** 14.58

Leader: Jeff R - 07985 024 650

Wednesday 7 August

Trains: **BTM** 08.41 arr. **Thornford** 10.18 or **W** 08.53 arr. 09.32
LN, 7½ miles - walk to **Yeovil Penn Mill** via Beer Hackett, Wyke, Bradford Abbas and Nine Springs.

Return trains from **Yeovil Penn Mill**:
to **BTM** 15.56 or to **W** 16.24

Leader: Sonia Chant - 01935 321 607

Saturday 10 August

Train: **BTM** 11.41 arr. **Yate** 12.01 or **W** 08.53 arr. 12.01

C, 8/9 miles - walk new area to Yate Common, Mayshill, Nibley, Engine Common, Yate Rocks and Goose Green.

Return train: to **BTM** and **W** 17.11

Leader: Joy Harrison - 0117 933 4998

Saturday 17 August

Trains: **BTM** 08.40 arr. **Chetnole** 10.26 or **W** 08.53 arr. 09.26

LN, 10/11 miles - walk to **Maiden Newton** via Woolcombe, Frome St Quentin, Lower Wraxall and Chilfrone.

Return trains from **Maiden Newton**:
to **BTM** 17.55 or to **W** 16.38

Leader: Kate Gocher - 07733 171 499

Tuesday 27 August

Trains: **BTM** 09.46 arr. **Trowbridge** 10.27 or **W** 08.53 arr. 10.44

LN, 5½ miles - walk to **Bradford-on-Avon** via Wingfield.

Return trains from **Bradford-on-Avon**:
to **BTM** 15.04 or to **W** 15.22

Leader: Angela Womersley - 01225 866 671

Thursday 29 August

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

C, 6/7 miles - walk to include a visit to Maiden Castle.

Return trains: to **BTM** 15.21 or to **W** bus or train

Leader: Barrie Womersley - 07791 492 224

Saturday 31 August

Trains: **BTM** 09.49 arr. **Avoncliff** 10.19 or **W** 08.53 arr. 10.53

LN, 8½ miles - walk to **Bradford-on-Avon** via Monkton

Farleigh and South Wraxall.

Time for tea before return trains.

Return trains from **Bradford-on-Avon**:

to **BTM** 17.22 or to **W** 17.23

Leaders: John & Monica Davis - 07745 118 226

Saturday 7 September **BU** **SO**

Train: **BTM** 08.40 arr. **Weymouth** 11.09

C, 7/8 miles - walk to Lodmoor, Littlemoor, Upwey, Nottingham and Radipole.

Shorter option: bus back from Upwey.

Return train from **Weymouth**: to **BTM** 17.30

Leader: Alan Horlock - 01202 513 090 (after 6pm)

Wednesday 11 September

Trains: to **BTM** 10.46 arr. **Freshford** 11.15 or **W** 08.53 arr. 10.56

C, 6 miles - a circular walk in the **Freshford** area.

Return trains: to **BTM** 15.10 or to **W** 15.15

Leader: David Bethell - 07916 164 366 or 01225 401 219

Saturday 21 September

Trains: **BTM** 08.39 arr. **Yeovil Penn Mill** 10.15 or **W** 08.53 arr. 09.41

C, 9 miles - walk follows River Yeo, north to Mudford then joins the Macmillan Way to Trent and Nether/Over Compton.

Return trains: to **BTM** 15.56 or to **W** 16.24

Leader: Joy Harrison - 0117 933 4998

Wednesday 25 September **BU**

Trains: **BTM** 10.47 arr. **Bath Spa** 11.06 or **W** 08.53 arr. 11.06

LN, 8 miles - take P&R bus (pass or £3.40) to Lansdown and walk Racecourse to Kelston Round Hill, Kelston - Bath Soft Cheese Shop (optional tea), Saltford and River Avon to **Keynsham**.

Return trains from **Keynsham**: to **BTM** 17.21 or to **W** 16.55

Leaders: John & Monica Davis - 07745 118 226

Wednesday 2 October

Trains: **BTM** 08.41 arr. **Castle Cary** 10.00 or **W** 08.53 arr. 09.55

LN, 6 miles - walk to **Bruton** with variation on annual route.

Time to explore Bruton and Hauser & Worth Gallery in the afternoon. Lunch options include al fresco, pub or cafés.

Return trains from **Bruton**: to **BTM** 14.24 or 16.16 or to **W** 15.58

Leader: Peter Gould

Saturday 5 October

Special - Dursley Walking Festival

Trains: from **W** 06.44, 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 - £9.50)

Option 2: C, 10 miles - walk via Cam Peak and the Cotswold Way to **Dursley** with time to explore with 1 hour lunch break. Lunch options include local pubs, cafés/ restaurants or bring a picnic lunch. Discount vouchers may be available.

Return trains: to **BTM / W** 16.56

Leader: Mick Thorpe - 01453 542 082

Wednesday 9 October

Trains: to **BTM** 10.47 arr. **Trowbridge** 11.27 or **W** 08.53 arr. 10.44

C, 5 miles - a circular walk taking in the both town and country areas of this town.

Return trains: to **BTM** 14.58 or to **W** 15.28

Leader: David Bethell - 07916 164 366 or 01225 401 219

Wednesday 16 October **SO**

Trains: **BTM** 09.46 arr. **Bradford-on-Avon** 10.20 (*or **BTM** 10.22 arr. 10.46) or **W** 08.53 arr. 10.50

LN, 5 or 10 miles - walk Frome and Limpley Stoke Valleys to **Bath Spa**. The second part has a significant climb and descent. By arrangement with Leader, walkers can leave at **Freshford** after 5 miles.

Return trains from **Freshford**:
to **BTM** 14.02 or 14.56 or to **W** 15.15

Return trains from **Bath Spa**:

to **BTM** frequent service or to **W** 17.06

Leader: Margaret - 0117 968 4140

* **BTM** 10.22 arr. **BOA** 10.46, does not stop at **Keynsham** and **Oldfield Park**.

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 2019

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