

Bristol Triangle Walk
A LONG DISTANCE CITY WALK

18 MILES / 28.2 KMS

This city walk was devised in 2001 by members of the Bristol Group of the Ramblers' Association with funding and assistance from Bristol City Council. Offering wonderful views within and across the city, this walk combines to bring the rambler, occasional walker or beginner to explore the Waterfront, Durdham Downs, Avon Gorge and Blaise Castle Estate as well as the heart and history of the City.

Public transport and vehicle parking are available along the route and at points A, B and C. Refreshments and public toilets are also found at these points, with some public houses along the route. You may start the walk at any given point, but suggest you follow the written guide and walk in a clockwise direction.

Whichever way you choose you will be sure of a memorable, historic and scenic walk.

Good Luck

To order a copy of the walk leaflet and maps complete the online travel information form link at <http://www.bristol.gov.uk/ccm/navigation/transport-and-streets/walking/>

A to B Temple Meads Station to Clifton Suspension Bridge.

Approx. 4 Miles/6.1kms

From the station's main entrance, take the exit road towards The Reckless Engineer ph. SA COX, TR. TL into Redcliff Mead Lane, continue past round kiln opposite (1) The Bell ph and into Prewett Street. TR on Dr White's Close just before Methodist Church.

Go diagonally through (2) St Mary Redcliffe churchyard and exit at west door and down steps. If the churchyard is shut go SA into Colston Parade, TR into Redcliffe Hill. COX and pass in front of The Colliseum ph. You are now in Redcliffe Parade East. TR half-way along at carpark, (3) Harbour viewpoint. Take slipway down to the quayside. TL to The Ostrich ph. Cross swingbridge at Bathurst Lock. TR at Trin Mills to follow a line of townhouses, bearing left to Merchants Quay. CO Wapping Road to (4) Industrial Museum lhs. Follow the quayside for 800m to (5) Maritime Heritage Centre & SS Gt Britain, TL. Opposite Caledonian road sign TR and follow fp, past Albion Dry Dock on your right and TR to (6) Boatyard and Marina. Then TL after public toilets, walk alongside the marina and continue SA into Cumberland Close. TL to Mardyke Ferry Road. CO Cumberland Road using fb and TR down steps to join riverside fp/cycleway. Continue towards red brick warehouse on rhs and TL over Ashton Railway Bridge. TR to follow River Avon towpath.

Walk downstream towards Clifton Suspension Bridge following the Ashton & Pill fp pass first railway bridge. TL over redstone railway bridge, TR on permissive fp winding through National Trust woodland for 1km up 3 flights of steps to Burwalls Road. TR uphill to Bridge Road and (7) Clifton Suspension Bridge.

B to C Clifton to Westbury on Trym

Approx. 8 Miles/ 12.8 kms

Cross Suspension Bridge on lhs (northwest) to Clifton. TL up first pathway (before public toilets), to (8) Clifton Observatory. Follow fp past front of Observatory parallel to cliff edge. Take any paths (with steps) ahead to join up eventually to reach The Promenade. Bear left to follow wide tarmac path which leads to Bridge Valley Road. CO and follow fp uphill and onto (9) Clifton Down. TL and follow Circular Road with (10) Sea Walls and several viewpoints.

At houses take second left, Julian Road. Walk down rhs of this road and SA into Pitch and Pay Lane and fp to meet Church Road. CO to continue down Mariner's Path, past St Mary's Church. At Old Sneed Park TR and CO. At FoA waymark take short fp leading to Avon Way. TL following Roman Way. Near junction with Branscombe Road, take signed fp to (11) Sea Mills Lane. TR on Sea Mills Lane but leave road to follow banks of River Trym now on your lhs, use steps to cross a minor road and continue through some woodland to Shirehampton Road. CO or COX to The Millhouse ph.

Follow the fp behind ph, in Bell Barn Rd, which follows River Trym upstream via a fb and open pasture until the road bridge, walk underneath it to reach The Dingle over a storm drain.

Blaise Estate and Hamlet, Henbury Church

CO into Blaise Castle Estate (Coombe Dingle car park entrance). Follow wide path for 500m that crosses a stone bridge, now keeping River Trym on lhs. Follow main fp to (12) Stratford Mill that bears left up to Blaise Castle House. Walk across to playgrounds exit estate on lhs of toilets, CO Kings Weston Road, TL into Hallen Road to (13) Blaise Hamlet National Trust. Retrace your steps to Kings Weston Road, CO and TL.

TR immediately into Church Lane. At village hall TR into (14) the churchyard and Henbury Church. Follow rhs fp to south church door (via interesting gravestones) to metal railings with steps down and through a dark tunnel, across Hazel Brook, up steps, returning to Blaise Estate. Follow path ahead, but soon bear right uphill to a wooden bench and through woods to Gamekeeper's Wooden Cottage (may be shrouded in galvanised iron).

TR on fp to join Rhododendron Walk bearing left uphill, passing a little way ahead, (15) Goram's Chair and Lover's Leap. At junction of a few paths stay on main fp leading

slightly downhill here but eventually edging Henbury Golf Course. Keep the wall on your lhs.

At a walled corner bear left to get down to a crossing path and TL through woods. Take path stepped through broken wall and follow lefthand fp at wooden fencing.

Walk through woods for 500m till you emerge onto the golf course. Follow the track to the right and ahead for 500m more until you reach a metal stile. TR onto fp until you reach the River Trym. TL and follow river fp by backs of houses on lhs, over simple bridge, to emerge onto busy Falcondale Road. TR and COX. Take fp to right of Cooperative petrol station to Westfield Place (staggered barrier).

C to A Westbury on Trym, Badock Wood to Temple Meads Station.

Approx. 6 miles / 9.6kms

The fp leads to Westbury High Street. TR to Post Office and CO to College Road, walk through churchyard (steps) to Chock Lane. If too steep TL on High Street and follow into Passage Rd and rejoin the walk at Dark Lane. TL to cross River Trym TR to Dial House and TL up Channells Hill. Near junction TR to fp Dark Lane. Walk past Greenway Centre. fp follows SA through kissing gate into (16) Badock's Wood. At a dip in fp follow horseshoe shape through woods. Keep to rhs fp with river rhs. TL at tarmac path CO River Trym to exit Wood via a metal or wooden gate. At Lakewood Road, opposite Willowbank, TR into Vintery Leys. If Vintery Leys is too steep, walk SA to Lake Rd and TR. Follow it to Southmead Rd and TR into Eastfield Road and rejoin walk at Cheriton Place. TL at Clover Ground. At Eastfield Road COX, then TR and immediately TL along Cheriton Place. TR onto Eastfield and TL along Grange Park. TR into Brecon Road. Rhs is St Ursula's School with its clocktower entrance. Walk this far to CO to Carmathen Road.

TR along Radnor Road and TR along Cavendish Road to reach A4018 Westbury Road. TL to walk along pavement and across open space towards White Tree roundabout. CO North View to Westbury Park road and walk along pavement or green paths of (17) Westbury Park until at the far end, take second left, Blenheim Road. TL at Coldharbour Road by church, COX to TR into Cossins Road. Take second stepped-entrance on rhs (alternative steep ramp) into Redland Green Park. Stay on main tarmac path up to paths crossing at the bowling green, seen across on lhs. Bear right and follow this path to (18) Redland Parish Chapel. Take path past front of Chapel and facing Redland Road, turn immediately left into Woodstock Road, downhill passing (19) Redland High School on lhs Clarendon Road. TL COX at Redland Road. Walk along (20) Grove Park.

Cross railway metal bridge, Cotham Gardens on lhs and Lovers Walk. SA along Cotham Grove. CO Archfield Road into Pitch Lane. TR on Cotham Road. COX to Cotham Road South, passing shops.

St Michael's Hill to the Centre

TR into Portland Street past Luton Memorial Hall lhs and Kingsdown Sports Centre rhs. TL into Alfred Place. Go past The Bell ph on rhs and TR into Walker Street which becomes Myrtle Road. TL down St Michael's Hill, past University of Bristol main campus (rhs), Maternity Hospital (lhs). COX to (old) Royal Hospital for Sick Children, to walk down on rhs of the hill (21) City viewpoint looking southeast, as far as Kelston Round tump, near Bath. Beyond St Michael on the Mount Church Without (closed) CO Lower Church Lane, down steps to COX at traffic lights on Perry Road. (See Christmas Steps SA, but use safe crossing first).

Continue down steps, COX at Colston Avenue to final flight of (22) Christmas Steps. At the bottom TL past the fish 'n' chip shop and site of St Bartholomew Hospital, walk through a covered walkway. Take double COX Lewins Mead and Rupert Street. TR and TL along Christmas Street and through historical (23) St John's Arch, crossing Quay Street. Continue along Broad Street SA into High Street towards (24) Bristol Bridge. TL along Back of Bridge Street (a fp keeping river on rhs) through (25) Castle Park and Green. Follow fp and river across East Gate Bridge and walk along paved fp, up a few steps to St Phillip's Bridge.

St Philip's Bridge to Temple Meads Station

TR across bridge (Passage Street). CO and into Temple Back. TR to Water Lane, TL into Petticoat Lane and take fp past Temple Church on rhs. Walk through churchyard, TL into The Crescent Centre and TR into Temple Back. TL into Temple Way, take fp on lhs and follow steps leading down and under Temple Way Bridge and walk to the Ferry Station. TR up a flight of steps on to (26) The Square.

TL at the square via a fp through outside carpark into (27) Temple Meads Station (via the Old Station Yard and Brunel Trust and covered car park), and into the station hall and on to your final destination.

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| (1) - (27) | Places of interest / viewpoint |
| CO | cross over road/fb/fp |
| COX | cross over using pedestrian / pelican / island crossing |
| FoA | Forest of Avon waymark |
| TR | turn right TL turn left |
| SA | straight ahead fb footbridge |
| fp | footpath ph public house |

rhs right hand side

lhs left hand side

Every effort has been made to provide accurate information. Use the OS Explorer Map
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