

A LONG DISTANCE CITY WALK approx 23 MILES / 37KMS

This city walk was devised 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 Avon Valley, Stockwood Nature Reserve, Dundry Hill, Ashton Court and the Waterfront as well as the heart and history of the City.

Vehicle parking and public transport are available at points A, D, E and F. There are cafés, public toilets, and public houses along the route. At Clifton Suspension Bridge and Temple Meads you can link with the Triangle Walk (see separate Leaflet)

You may start the walk at any given point, but we suggest you follow the guide below 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/>

SOUTH BRISTOL CIRCULAR (approx 37 kms/23 miles)

A to D Temple Meads Station to Brislington Village (approx 8 km / 5 miles) From the railway station's main booking hall follow Ferry and Waterbus signs. From the railway station's main booking hall follow Ferry and Waterbus signs. TR and continue over Mead's Reach bridge, CO into Chimney Steps, TR at the rusty edifice into Barton Road and TL into Oxford St and CO to the (1) Dings Park.

TR into Kingsland Rd, then TL to Silverthorne Lane. TR before railway bridge using FP and FB to cross Feeder Canal. TL and follow canal to TL again over Marsh Rd Bridge. TR into Netham open space and walk uphill on LHS through trees and across playing fields to opp RH corner. After crossing playing field TR into Cooperage Rd and TL into Netham Rd. TR into Grindell Rd. At Three Crowns PH, TR. CO Blackswarth Rd and walk through (2) Avon View Cemetery. (when closed TL after Three Crowns PH, CO Blackswarth Rd and TR into Beaufort Rd)

Walk to Cemetery Chapel at the far end. Exit cemetery. TR onto Beaufort Rd. TR to take lane to left of Strawberry Lane. Stay up on path between allotments. Past two bungalows on RHS take tarmac path. Take first LH path to skirt the side of the hill. Continue through wooden kissing gate bearing to the right, then through another kissing gate to arrive at (3) Troopers Hill Chimney viewpoint.

With chimney behind you, go down the hill to Troopers Hill Rd (Optional walk along riverside FP to Conham Vale CP and toilets,) TR to cross Crews Hole Rd, TR and take first left down Quayside Lane to riverside walkway. TR for ¼ mile and CO River Avon

FB. Now cross St Anne's Rd and SA use FP through Nightingale Valley keeping left along mesh fence and stream to pass (4) St Anne's Wishing Well.

Continue over FB, turn immediately right and climb to Wick Rd and exit woodland to the left. Follow pavement along Wick Rd, cross the railway line, and TL into St Anne's Terrace. Now pass Oak Cottage on RHS side and Brislington Boat Screen on LHS side. TL over stone FB and TR by pylon, and after ¼ mile cross another FB. On leaving Nightingale Valley, CO Allison Rd, SA onto path behind house No. 58a and TL. Follow second right turn, (over bridge) and onto Clayfield Rd to the end. TL and CO School Rd (with care). Take first right entrance into (5) Victory Park. TR uphill keeping cemetery to the right. TR into Church Hill and second left to St Luke's Church Yard. Exit church's main gate and CO to a path leading through to the (A4) Bath Road shops, opp White Hart Inn.

D TO E Brislington Village to Whitchurch

(approx 4 km / 2.5 miles)

After crossing FB over A4 TR into Runnymede Ave and take lane on left (West Town Court). CO to continue along West Town Lane. TL into Hungerford Rd. After ¼ mile TR Opp Hungerford Social club into Hungerford Gardens. Follow path into open space with Knowle Golf Club on RHS. Climb up steps to far end to (6) Stockwood Open Space viewpoint.

TR to follow FP with rear of houses on Left. (31-17) and continue along (49-41)(21-13)(10-24). TL. Turn into Sideland Close. TR into The Coots. TR into Harrington Rd. TR after Harvester Pub and follow FP towards Scout Hut, continue past metal barrier, and walk across open space to CO Craydon Rd. Continue with rear of red brick houses on RHS to emerge to TR onto Stockwood Lane and immediately TR over stile into meadow and follow FP to LH corner. TR onto Staunton Lane, continue to CO Bristol Rd A37 (take care). TL to CO Church Rd (note (7) St Nicholas Church)

E TO F Whitchurch to Bedminster Down

(approx 12km/ 7.5 miles)

Continue, to TR into Blackacre. Continue past cottages on LHS and through kissing gate, after 10 metres TL through kissing gate and cross FB and four fields to junction of four footpaths TR through kissing gate, continue ahead across field towards the rear of houses. Through gate and across FB into Emmett Wood (road). TL to walk along Stoneberry Rd. TL into Holbeach Way. TL into Longacre Rd and TL again into East Dundry Rd. Proceed uphill with Hill Farm sign to RHS. Just before the top of the hill, the stile at LHS may be used for spur walk to (8) Maes Knoll Hillfort viewpoint.

Return to proceed for a further 1.25 miles/2.3kms along East Dundry Lane. At the first lane on RHS with steel barrier TR and TL to walk along a green lane with radio mast

ahead. TR at (9) North Hill Farm with radio mast now on your RHS following another green lane.

SA over two stiles with hedgerow on RHS. Walk SA to hedgerow (do not cross stile). TL with hedgerow on RHS .Proceed to RH corner of field passing trig point, hidden in the hedgerow. Continue over two stiles to walk along one more green lane. Pass Roslyn bungalow on LHS to bring you at the end of Middleway Lane to CO Broadoak Hill.

Walk SA towards Dundry church tower. As Oxleaze Lane bears right go through second metal farm gate to your left and follow the RH hedgerow to TR through first gap in hedge, then TL. Follow marker stones along old packhorse track to metal gate next to a stile. Climb over it to follow FoA FP. Pass Hill Farm to LHS to CO a series of metal stiles. Continue along Hill Rd to (10) Dundry Church viewpoint.

By the churchyard wall in Hill Rd TR immediately down Ham Lane and walk between pretty cottages to a metal gate at the far end. At Lower Grove Farm, CO metal stile. TL to follow a path across a field boundary into the next hilly field. Ignoring stile uphill, TR downhill and through dense undergrowth towards the LH field boundary. CO metal gate marked Samaritan's Way FB(SWSW). Follow LHS of this field downhill to a metal stile and gate into a short lane leading to Highridge Rd.

TR past 'Windy Ridge' bungalow along lane passing Oxleaze Lane and cross the road with care to TL on SWSW FP with the Peart on RHS. CO stile and walk SA to next stile . Once over stile follow RHS hedge and beyond broken field boundary bear diagonally downhill using landmark of the city hospital chimney seen on the skyline. At next stile cross it and TR to follow along fenceline to top of the field. CO metal gate and follow along green tree-lined lane. Exit lane, TL onto Highridge Road to proceed across (11) Highridge Common .

Continue along tarmac road at first, then to furthest LHS passing Grove House, Highridge Manor house, Highridge Farm and Hamlet Drive TL into Elsbert Drive. Now CO stile into field and TR to walk along fields with the backs of houses on RHS. Continue over next four stiles to A38 road. (Do not cross) Instead follow roadside FP to RHS towards Bedminster Down.

F to A Bedminster Down to Temple Meads

(approx 13 km/ 8 miles)

At(12) Kings Head PH CO A38 (take care) to use FP with field and fence to the left and tall hedge on RHS. Proceed to rear of The Pavilion's offices and CO stile to descend SA to FB. TR to join FoA FP. Pass under railway arch, bear right with industrial units to RHS. At next junction do not turn left but continue SA, CO stile and in so doing leave FoA FP to head towards A370 with Long Ashton 'Park n Ride' to LHS. CO metal gate across Ashton Brook. TL CO at traffic lights skirting 'Park 'n Ride' on LHS. Bear right over FB and under road bridge (A370).Continue along Ashton Rd to CO to enter (13)

Ashton Court Estate -South Lodge continue along drive and TR on FP to house gardens.

Walk up stone steps. TL immediately up steps to follow gravel path to front of mansion. At far end of mansion TL to the cafe, toilets and visitor centre. Exit cobbled area by main gateway to double roadway. Keep a metal fence on your RHS, after 100m take FP on left, now with a view of the fenced deer park on RHS. Walk uphill, keeping woodland to LHS and fence on RHS. CO stile continuing uphill along the path to the top and a sculptured viewpoint. You have now rejoined the FoA FP. Exit(14) Ashton Court Estate - Clifton Lodge East.

XOX Rownham Hill to XOX to LHS of Bridge Rd .TR and continue to TL to Church Rd. (Optional- walk through churchyard) TR onto Vicarage Rd. Then TR onto North Rd, which meanders past the Amitabha Buddhist Centre (open daily 2-4pm) before reaching Bridge Rd again. CO Bridge Road to cross (15)The Clifton Suspension Bridge on RHS. (Note at this point you can join the Triangle Walk)

After crossing bridge, take RHS FP at signpost marked 'To the lookout'. You are now next to the Avon Gorge Hotel at the top of the Zig Zag path. Continue along Sion Hill to pass Caledonia Place.

CO to use high level path to walk along to Royal York Crescent. At No 22 descend steps opposite York Gardens and across gardens. TR into York Gardens. CO Cornwallis Rd and TL into Glendale and continue left around the Paragon to TR and descend Polygon Lane South to Adam and Eve PH. TL to walk around Dowry Square, and then walk with the traffic flow towards Holy Trinity Church, Hotwells. TR here to walk SA, XOX and follow along A4 LHS of Merchants Road to TL to(16)Pump House Inn.

Continue along Pooles Wharf, with floating harbour on RHS. Walk along waterside path. At Capricorn Quay CO Hotwell Road at roundabout(take care) and proceed under block of flats to climb White Hart steps and TR along Bellevue Crescent. TL into Constitution Hill and climb to top. C.O Clifton Hill and continue along St Andrews Walk. On exit TR into Clifton Road then TL into York Place. TR at Dover Place to descend steps passing Dover Place Cottages. Continue down steps with Bellevue Cottages on L.H.S. TR and CO Jacobs Wells Road to the Avon Wildlife Trust HQ and climb Brandon Hill via the nature reserve to(17) Cabot Tower by keeping to LH paths.

With Cabot Tower behind you and facing attractive Victorian terrace houses walk downhill to Charlotte Street South. TL into Great George Street. At the junction TR down Park Street across College Green to TR at Royal Hotel and continue down Trinity Street between the Hotel and Bristol Cathedral. XOX Anchor Road to(18) @ Bristol and turn sharp left heading across Anchor Square CO (19) Pero's Bridge.

CO Narrow Quay SA to XOX Prince Street and continue SA on Royal Oak Ave passing the Hole in the Wall PH. XOX and across Redcliffe Bridge on LHS. CO Redcliffe St. Continue SA into Portwall Lane with(20) St Mary Redcliffe Church on RHS. Where

Portway Lane meets Redcliffe Way XOX at a large roundabout and continue SA to Temple Gate. Walk along The Friary and TR into Temple Meads Station and onto your final destination.

Key:

(1)-(20) = places of interest/viewpoint

CO = cross over

CP = carpark

FP = footpath

FoA = Forest of Avon waymark

FB = footbridge

LHS = left hand side

Opp = opposite

PH = public alehouse

RHS = right hand side

SA = straight across/ straight ahead

SWSW = Samaritan's Way waymark

TL = turn left

TR = turn right

XOX = cross over using pedestrian crossing/pelican/island crossing.

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