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# Walking Wiltshire

## Kennet & Avon Canal Walk

With Bradford on Avon Walkers are Welcome

This varied six mile walk takes in the K&A Canal, River Avon and woods and fields around the Bradford on Avon and Winsley area. It passes by a couple of pubs and cafés and some fascinating industrial archeology.

The walk starts in Westbury Gardens, by the War Memorial, BA15 1DE and was devised and written by Bradford on Avon Walkers are Welcome [www.walkbradfordonavon.org](http://www.walkbradfordonavon.org)



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1 & 2 From the War Memorial head away from the road towards the river and go through the opening in the wall to your left. This takes you to the St Margaret's Street car park.



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3&4 Cross in front of St Margaret's Hall and down the side of the building aiming for the path that runs in front of Timbrell's Yard. Follow this path, which goes alongside the River Avon, on your right.

5 & 6 Pass through the barriers under the railway bridge and continue on the tarmac path. You'll soon see a children's play area on your left, some stone buildings ahead and the packhorse bridge over the river on your right.

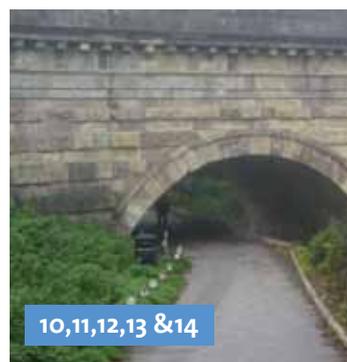
7 Pass the packhorse bridge and immediately bear right onto the tarmac service road. The river is now on your right.

8 & 9 Follow this tarmac road for about 600 metres when it bears left and rises to join the canal



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path. Turn right onto the canal path to Avoncliff (canal is on your left).



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10, 11, 12, 13 & 14 Don't cross the aqueduct but turn right to pass underneath it then up the steps on the left to continue on the canal path across the aqueduct; the canal is now on your right.

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15 Follow the canal as far as the next stone bridge, number 174 and turn right to cross it.

16 At the other end of the bridge, before joining the lane, go down the first set of steps on the left onto the narrow, grassy path that runs alongside the canal (which is now on your left).

17 Follow this path for about 300 metres as far as Murhill wharf. This is where stone was brought down from the quarry above in the early 19th century to be loaded onto barges.



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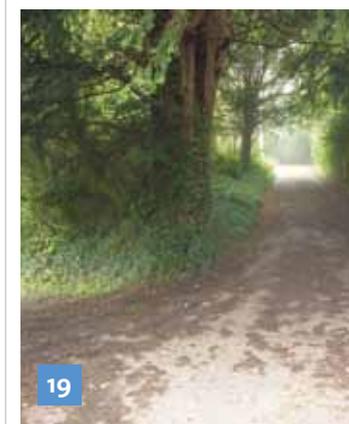


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18a & 18b A clear path ahead now climbs half right, into the woods. Look out for several short sections of metal rail that carried the quarry trucks. One of these is part of a set of points.



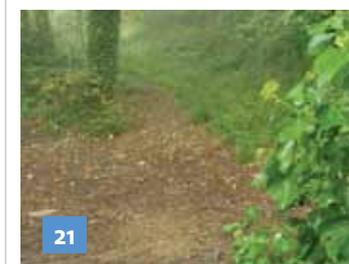
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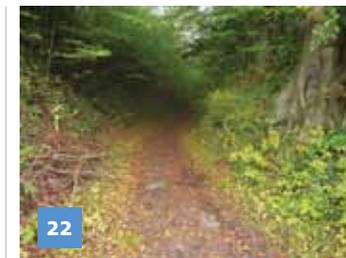
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19 The path soon becomes a tarmac road that climbs very steeply, known locally as "Trolley Road".

20 At the top, cross the lane onto some steep, stone steps that join a road. Turn left to follow the road for about 20 metres then, where the hedge ends, bear off to the right where you'll see the old quarry, once owned by the K&A Canal Company.

21 A clear path heads diagonally uphill into the wooded area. Look out for the mine entrance further up on your right.



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22 Near the top the path bears right and becomes wider as it passes through a cutting. Continue straight ahead, ignoring a wide path that climbs away to your right.

23 Bear left in front of the wooden fence towards some garages.



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