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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.

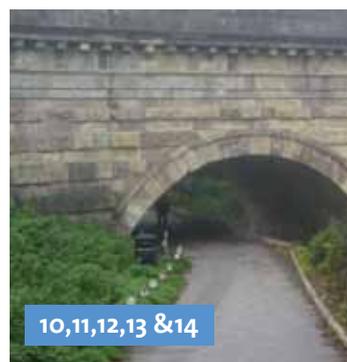
7 Pass the packhorse bridge and immediately bear right onto the tarmac service road. The river is now on your right.

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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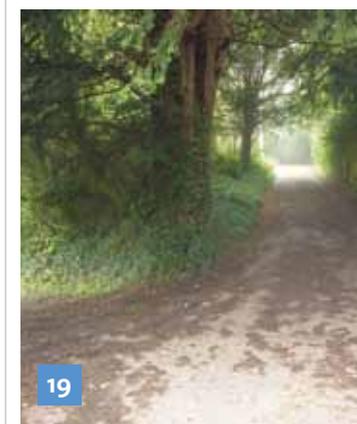


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18a & 18b A clear path ahead now climbs half right, into the woods. Look out for several short sections of metal rail that carried the quarry trucks. One of these is part of a set of points.



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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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**24,25,26** Turn right in front of the garages and then bear left, passing a bin storage area on your left. Ascend the tarmac road (Quarry Close) as far as the next road. You're now on the western edge of the village of Winsley.



**27** Cross over this road and turn right. At the cross roads take the first turning left to wind between the houses as far as the church.

**28** Take the wide path that passes to the left of the church and just before reaching the road turn right on the tarmac footpath alongside No. 2 leading on to King Alfred Way.



**29** Continue ahead on this road all the way to the end where you turn left then continue to the cross roads at the by-pass.



**30** TAKE CARE!! Cross the by-pass and go through the wooden pedestrian gate on the other side, to the left of the junction. This takes you through some allotments and onto the drive leading to Hartley Farm Café and Shop – a great place to stop and refresh.

**31** Pass through the farm buildings, keeping the shop on your left, to the road.



**32** Turn right, then left at the crossroads, signposted Haugh and Ashley, into a narrow lane.

**33** Follow this lane for about 200 metres and, at the first bend, where you see the footpath signs turn off right. Go through the wooden kissing gate, bear half left, then right to pass between two fields with horses in.



**34** Cross the stile at the end and turn half right on the faint footpath to the corner of the field. You will see the Bradford on Avon Rugby Club field over to the right and will probably hear skylarks chirping high above you.

**35** Go through the metal kissing gate and turn right, following the field edge with the hedge on your right. Shortly you reach a wooden kissing gate, go through this, turn left and follow the path keeping the fence on your left.

**36** You soon reach two stiles very close together in the corner of the field. TAKE CARE when crossing the second stile as it goes



straight onto the lane at a blind bend – listen out for vehicles/bikes/horses.

**37** Cross straight over to go over another stone stile onto a short, narrow path with hedges either side. Cross a further stile into a field and walk straight ahead keeping the fence on your right.

**38** Cross another stone stile to follow the clearly marked path through the centre of the field to a metal kissing gate. Pass through this onto the St Laurence School playing fields.

The large slabs of the stone stiles are thought to be the remains of door linings from the large Roman villa that was sited where the



school playing field now is, behind the Wiltshire Music Centre.

**39** Now bear slightly left to head straight across the field towards some houses and garages with white doors. Go through the green metal gate onto Magnon Road.

**40** Continue straight ahead onto Churches, passing the car parking area on the left. Aim for the red telephone box ahead and at the end of the road turn left on to the main Winsley Road.



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**41** Just after the bus shelter cross the road at the pelican crossing then immediately right into Buddbury Place, which you follow round to the left and all the way to the end.

**42** The road now becomes a footpath and at the T junction just ahead you will get great views over the town of Bradford on Avon and towards Salisbury Plain

**43** At this T junction turn left to descend some shallow steps that soon become a path; follow this to your left along the backs of the houses (you are now behind Tory) and at the bottom turn left then between the two bollards and immediately right into Conigre Hill.

**44** Continue downhill as far as the road opposite Priory Steps; cross here and turn right. At the end of the building, by the black bollard,



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turn left downhill on some steep steps that soon become a path.

**45** At the bottom bear left, then right downhill as far as the road (Church Street) where you turn right to soon climb the steps ahead to cross the McKeever footbridge over the river.

**46** At the end of the footbridge turn left down the steps (car park on your right) and head for the opening in the wall that you came through at the start of the walk. Go through the opening and you'll see the War Memorial on your right. If you look behind you at this point you'll see the 1882 flood level mark on the stone wall.