

## Bristol to Bath Railway path

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### United Kingdom

#### Description of the travel proposal:

#### We suggest...

This path begins in the historic port of Bristol, and passes via Mangotsfield, Warmley and Salford before arriving in the heart of Bath.

**Day 1.** We can start the journey exploring the town of Bristol which is the largest city in the southwest. There you can see historic sites like ruins of a Norman castle, museum like the Bristol Museum and Art Gallery or take one of the many walking or audio tours.

The Bristol-Bath railway path created in 1997 was the first major project undertaken by Sustrans and inspired the creation National Cycle Network in UK. The greenway is open to walkers and cyclists with access provided for disabled users.

**Day 2.** Head to the Temple Meads Railway station to start the path. Along the way one can notice changes in scenery and sculptures allow the way with several rest stops. There are also old train stations that have been turned into cafes along the way. The path can be done in one day and is accessible for anyone.

The greenway Bristol to Bath has several stops along the way and is perfect for a one day trip or for a weekend. The best time to go on the path is from spring to September where it's a bit warmer and the rest stops are opened. But you can go any time during the year. The path can start in any of the two towns, but if one finishes in Bath in a few meters more you can find another very attractive cycle or walking greenway the Two Tunnels greenway.

**Day 3.** For the final day, you can take a tour around the UNESCO World Heritage site of Bath. There you can visit the old Roman baths, stunning architecture like the Pulteney Bridge, museum and the scenery. If there is extra time, one can go to the Two Tunnels Railway and explore it by bike or cycling (a one day or less journey).

The path also features a variety of sculptures (including a drinking giant!) and working steam engines at the old train station at Bitton.

If it's a one day trip, You can start in Bristol and explore the town. The path takes about 2-3 hour to get to Bath, not including pit stops. Then in Bath you can explore the town and take a train back to Bristol or take a train or bus to another location.

**Bath** is part of the **World Heritage Site by UNESCO** since 1987. One can explore different architecture and learn a bit of our past while exploring the ancient Roman bath and relaxing, art galleries, shopping and Botanical Gardens.

#### Route gpx download

This route is available as a gpx download that is compatible on all major gps devices.

In **Bristol** one can walk and see the historic harbour, the Clifton Suspension Bridge; there are several museums and one take more cycling or walking paths. Also discover the Banksy's street art.

Download: [Bristol and Bath Path.gpx](#)

- **Distance:** 13 miles / 27 Km aprox.
- **Terrain:** Disused railway path, traffic free and flat. Tarmac surface.
- **National Cycle Network:** National Route 4

The greenway offers a variety of view; it is also an important wildlife corridor and a commuting route for several people. Along the way one can see the old train stations that have been converted into shops or you could go to one of the pubs in the two towns or along the way.



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## What you can't miss



**Bath:** A World Heritage Site mostly known for its Roman Baths and 18<sup>th</sup> Century architecture. Its social settings and 18<sup>th</sup> century town planning are other two elements that make it a UNESCO site.

Most of the old Roman remains in the city are centered around the Roman baths and the remains of a Roman temple of the Goddess Sulis Minerva. Aquae Sulis is an old Roman town that is walled in. There are hill forts, field systems and villas from the Roman and Iron Age beyond the city walls.

Buildings with a neoclassical architectural style dominate the city. With the use of local limestone and a uniform scale and height of the buildings. In the 18<sup>th</sup> century Bath was reformed to a fashionable health resort and with this came and expansion of the city limits. This architecture reflected the 18<sup>th</sup> century social ambitions of a city designed for pilgrimage and a high end spa culture.

The city of Bath lies within the hollows of the hills. From every point of the city center you can enjoy views of green landscape. In those green landscapes one can find elegant terraces and villas due to the 18<sup>th</sup> century architects and ideas.

The **Bristol and Bath Railway Path** is one of [Sustrans Art Trails](#). Sustrans worked with artists Cod Steaks, Steve Joyce, Gordon Young, Barbara Disney, Kevin Hughes, Jim Paulsen to commission and install unique and memorable art.

### Main attractions:

- [Bristol Cathedral](#)
- [Explore-At-Bristol](#)
- [SS-Great Britain, Bristol](#)
- [Banksy's street art](#).
- [Bitton Station](#)
- [Thermae Bath Spa](#)
- [Bath Abbey](#)
- [Roman Baths, Bath](#)

## How to get there

You can get to Bristol and Bath by road, rail, bus and coach.

Train services run from Bristol to Bath Spa every 10 minutes and take a mere 12-15 minutes. By bus: there is an hourly direct bus link from Bristol airport to Bath city centre. More information about how to get to the cities is on their sites (Bristol <https://visitbristol.co.uk/your-visit/travelling-to-bristol/>, Bath <https://visitbath.co.uk/plan-your-visit/travelling-to-bath/>)

Access by train: [Bristol Temple Meads](#) & [Bath Spa railway station](#) link to the greenway.



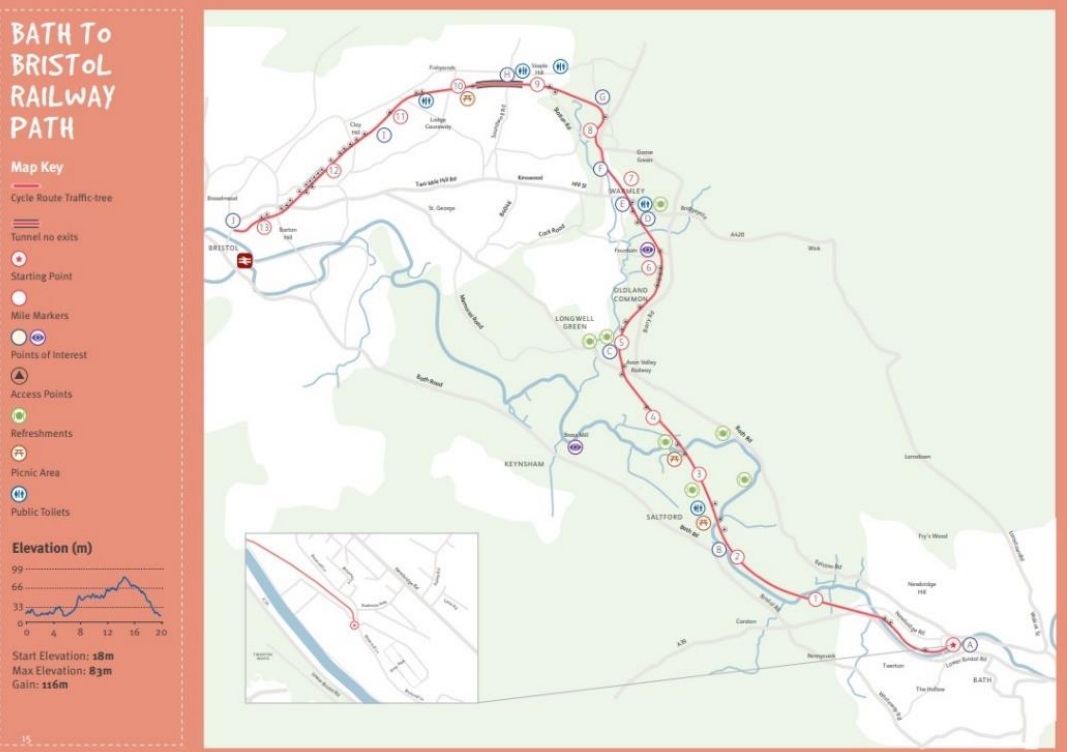
Bikes are allowed on the train.



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Map:



Entity managing the Greenway :

The Avon Frome Partnership of

Bristol City Council

South Gloucestershire Council <https://www.southglos.gov.uk/>

Bath & North East Somerset Council <https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/>

Sustrans <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/>

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Photo Gallery:



Video

<https://betterbybike.info/rides/bristol-bath-railway-path-3>

*Greenways Heritage project aims to promote greenways and UNESCO heritage sites in the vicinity as common destinations. For more information: [www.greenwaysheritage.org](http://www.greenwaysheritage.org)*

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