

## 'WESSEX WANDERERS' GUIDED WALKS 2008

The Heart of Wessex Rail Partnership is pleased to support a new season of the popular summer walks programme devised and organised by experienced leaders from the **Ramblers' Association**.

### SYMBOLS

-  Bring a picnic lunch
-  Easy / leisurely pace
-  Pub lunch
-  Moderate pace
-  Drinks stop
-  Strenuous

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**National Rail Enquiries 08457 484950**

**X Request Stop** Please see our route map.

**No need to book.** Buy a day return ticket to the relevant station. For linear walks (which go from one station to another) buy a ticket to the station that is furthest from your departure point.

**Please wear strong shoes/walking boots and waterproofs, and bring drinks and food.**

**Sorry, but NO DOGS can be allowed on the walks.**

Any other enquiries about the walks, call the programme coordinator on 01305 263759.

## 'WESSEX WANDERERS' PROGRAMME 2008

### Saturday, 7 June

**Train:** 08.53 from **Weymouth** arriving **Bristol Temple Meads** 11.29 Meet leader outside station.  
**Circular, 7 mile** walk. Bristol: Byzantine, Classical, Poster Modern, with opinionated commentary and sedative cider  
**Return train:** 16.49 to Weymouth  
**Leader:** Peter Gould, Bristol Group: 0117 9733059

### Wednesday, 11 June

**Train:** 08.40 from **Bristol Temple Meads** arriving **Weymouth** 10.55  
**Circular, 8 mile** walk. Bus from Weymouth to **Isle of Portland** to include Sailing Academy, Portland Castle, coastal paths and bus back to Weymouth from Portland Bill. (Bring bus pass if you have one)  
**Return train:** 17.30 to Bristol Temple Meads  
**Leader:** Austin Knock, South Dorset Group : 01305 788467

### Saturday, 14 June

**Train:** 08.53 from **Weymouth** arriving 09.36 **Yeovil Pen Mill** or 08.40 from Bristol Temple Meads arriving 10.07  
**Circular, 8 mile** walk. Taking 10.35 bus to Sherborne, then visiting Gainsborough Hill, North Wootton, Sherborne Estate. Return bus to Yeovil at 15.08. (Bring bus pass if you have one)  
**Return trains:** 16.12 to Weymouth and 16.59 to Bristol Temple Meads  
**Leaders:** Ken and Audrey Worden, South Dorset Group: 01935 389840

### Wednesday, 18 June

**Train:** 08.50 from **Weymouth** arriving 10.49 **Bradford-on-Avon** or 09.49 from **Bristol Temple Meads** arriving 10.23  
**Linear, 10 mile** walk to **Bath** via Limpley Stoke and Frome Valleys – hills and views. Can be shortened to 5 miles by returning from **Freshford** by arrangement with leader  
**Return train:** 18.07 to Weymouth - frequent trains to Bristol Temple Meads  
**Leader:** Margaret, Bristol Group: 0117 9441761

### Saturday, 21 June

**Train:** 08.53 from **Weymouth** arriving **Maiden Newton** 09.17 or 08.40 from **Bristol Temple Meads** arriving 10.31.  
**Circular, 10 mile** hilly walk to Staggs Folly, Cattistock, Higher Chalmington. This is Maiden Newton's "War" weekend so there will be lots going on in the village (www.maidennewtonatwar.co.uk)  
**Return trains:** 18.55 to Weymouth or 17.55 to Bristol Temple Meads  
**Leaders:** Kevin Aplin and Susan Blake, South Dorset Group: 01305 263759

### Wednesday, 25 June

**Train:** 08.40 from **Bristol Temple Meads** arriving 10.49 **Upwey**  
**Linear, 9 mile** undulating walk to pretty village of Martinstown (ice cream stop), continuing on to Poundbury for tea stop and then into Dorchester  
**Return train:** 17.45 from **Dorchester** West to Bristol Temple Meads  
**Leaders:** Dave Ace: 01305 787790 and Derek Munts 01305 784668, South Dorset Group

### Saturday, 28 June

**Train:** 08.53 from **Weymouth** arriving **Avoncliff** 10.53 or 09.49 from **Bristol Temple Meads** arr 10.19  
**Circular, 10 mile figure of eight** walk via Farleigh Hungerford (a.m) and Kennet & Avon Canal to Conkwell and Winsley (p.m). By arrangement with leader, walkers can join or leave at Avoncliff  
**Return trains:** 17.18 to Weymouth or 17.52 to Bristol Temple Meads  
**Leader:** Erin Bland, Bristol Group

### Wednesday, 2 July

**Train:** 08.50 from **Weymouth** arriving **Keynsham** 11.17 or 10.40 from **Bristol Temple Meads** arr 10.56  
**Circular, 9 mile** walk. Bus to High Littleton, returning through pleasant wooded North Somerset countryside to **Keynsham**. (Bring bus pass if you have one).  
**Return trains:** 17.56 to Weymouth or 17.17 to Bristol Temple Meads  
**Leader:** Bryan Butlin, Bristol Group: 01761 490599

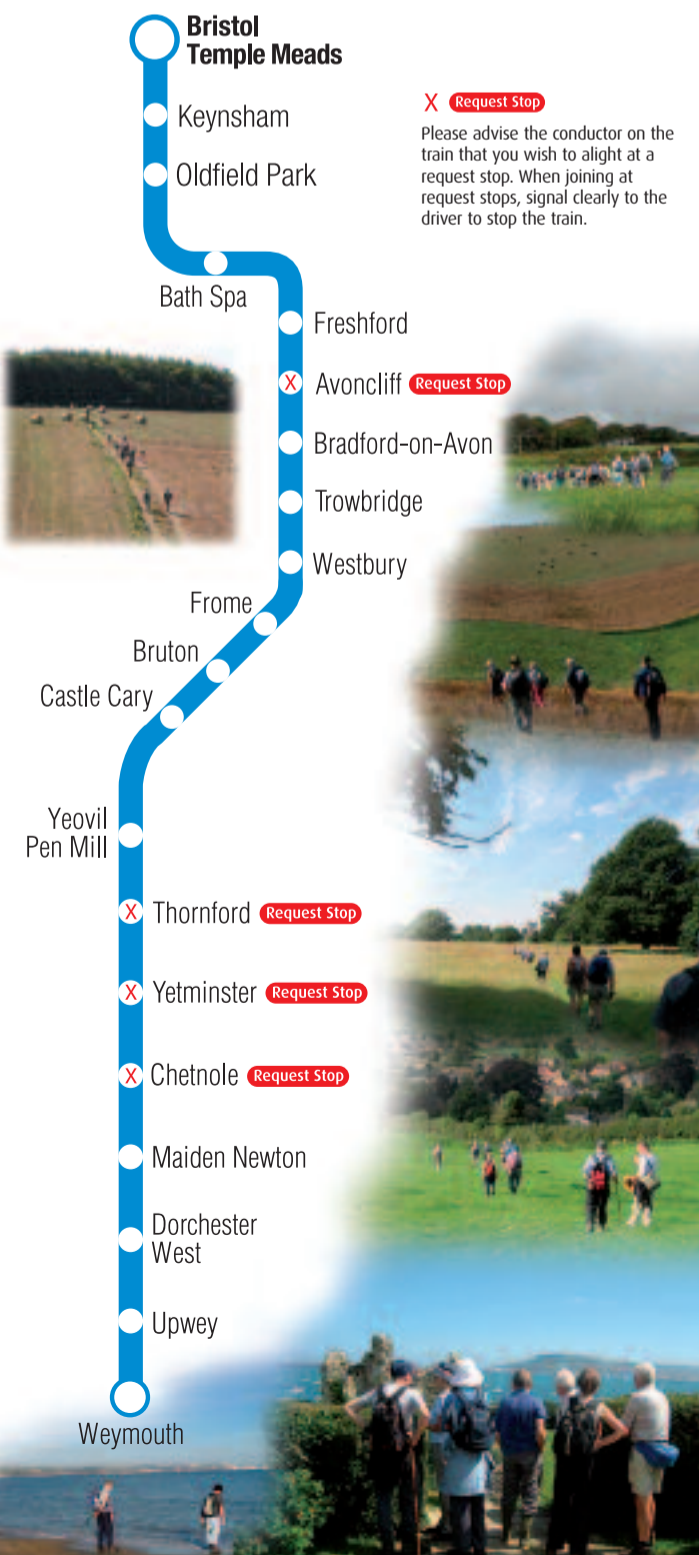
### Saturday, 5 July

**Train:** 08.53 from **Weymouth** arriving **Castle Cary** 9.56 or 08.40 from **Bristol Temple Meads** arriving 09.54  
**Circular, 12 mile** walk following Macmillan Way West to East Lydford and returning along the River Brue  
**Return trains:** 16.00 to Weymouth or 17.11 to Bristol Temple Meads  
**Leader:** Carl Earl, South Somerset Group: 01460 30163

### Wednesday, 9 July

**Train:** 08.50 from **Weymouth** arriving **Maiden Newton** 09.15 or 08.40 from **Bristol Temple Meads** arriving 10.31  
**Circular, 11 mile** walk to Sydling St Nicholas and Cerne Abbas  
**Return trains:** 16.47 or 18.47 to Weymouth or 17.56 to Bristol Temple Meads  
**Leader:** Jack Cade, Devon Area: 01626 854170

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[www.firstgreatwestern.co.uk](http://www.firstgreatwestern.co.uk)

### The Heart of Wessex Rail Partnership

This brings together nine local authorities, various community and voluntary groups and First Great Western. The partnership works to help you get the most from this friendly local rail line, and is a member of the national Association of Community Rail Partnerships (ACORP). Look out for some of our other publications, including the Bristol to Weymouth Line Guide. For more information on things to do along the line and about the partnership's work see

[www.heartofwessex.org.uk](http://www.heartofwessex.org.uk)

### Buying tickets on the day:

Where a staffed ticket office is open, you must buy your ticket **before** boarding the train. Otherwise, tickets can be obtained from the conductor on the train.

These guided walks are devised and led by local members of the Ramblers' Association.



[www.ramblers.org.uk](http://www.ramblers.org.uk)

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### Saturday, 12 July



**Train:** 08.50 from **Weymouth** arriving **Bath** 11.06 or 10.49 from **Bristol Temple Meads** arriving 11.07  
Meet leader outside station  
**Circular, 8 mile** walk along the Bath Skyline. Hilly at first, then flat and then downhill

**Return train:** 17.07 to Weymouth - frequent trains to Bristol Temple Meads

**Leader:** Marietta Starbuck, Bath Group: 01225 333295

### Wednesday, 16 July



**Train:** 08.50 from **Weymouth** arriving **Frome** at 10.15 or 08.40 from **Bristol Temple Meads** arriving 09.39  
**Circular, 10 mile** undulating walk of fields, woods and roads taking in Rodden, Corsley, Chapmanslade and Berkley

**Return trains:** 17.47 to Weymouth and 16.29 to Bristol Temple Meads

**Leaders:** Sandra Hopkins and Dave Wilcox, Mendip and West Wiltshire Groups: 01373 301797

### Saturday, 19 July



**Train:** 08.53 from **Weymouth** arriving **Keynsham** 11.17 or 10.49 from **Bristol Temple Meads** arr 10.56  
**Linear, 7 mile** walk. Attractive route of railways and rivers, via Avon Valley to Saltford and Avon Walkway to Newbridge. Bus to **Bath** for return train. (Bring bus pass if you have one)

**Return train:** 17.07 to Weymouth - frequent trains to Bristol Temple Meads

**Leader:** Norman Browne, South Somerset Group: 01935 479129

### Wednesday, 23 July



**Train:** 08.50 from **Weymouth** arr **Bradford-on-Avon** 10.49 or 09.49 from **Bristol Temple Meads** arr 10.23  
**Linear, 9 mile** walk by canal to Avoncliff, then up to Winsley, Conkwell descending to Avon Valley at Warleigh, then via Dundas Aqueduct to **Freshford**

**Return trains:** 17.17 to Weymouth and 16.55 to Bristol Temple Meads

**Leader:** Ted Walker, Bath Group: 01225 866457

### Wednesday, 27 August



**Train:** 08.50 from **Weymouth** arriving **Bradford-on-Avon** 10.49 or 09.49 from **Bristol Temple Meads** arriving 10.23  
**Circular, 9 mile** walk from via River Avon and Kennet & Avon Canal to Staverton Marina. Then to Staverton village, outskirts of Holt, Bradford Leigh and Woolley Green then back through Bradford.

**Return trains:** 17.23 to Weymouth and 16.50 or 17.20 to Bristol Temple Meads

**Leaders:** Barrie & Angela Womersley, West Wilts Group: 01225 866671

### Saturday, 30 August



**Train:** 08.40 from **Bristol Temple Meads** arriving **Upwey** 10.48  
**Linear, 10 mile** walk to **Weymouth** via Buckland Rippers & Fleet to Wyke Regis & along Fleet Lagoon.

**Return train:** 17.30 to Bristol Temple Meads

**Leader:** Sylvia Popham, Avon Area: 0117 9793828

### Wednesday, 3 September



**Train:** 08.50 from **Weymouth** arriving **Frome** 10.15 or 08.40 from **Bristol Temple Meads** arriving 09.39  
**Circular, 9 mile** walk to Cley Hill, via Longleat Park, returning via Corsley Heath, Lane End and Rodden

**Return trains:** 15.46 to Weymouth and 16.29 to Bristol Temple Meads

**Leader:** Neil Burlton, Bristol Group: 0117 9096062

### Saturday, 6 September



**Train:** 08.53 from **Weymouth** arriving **Bruton** 10.01 or 08.40 from **Bristol Temple Meads** arriving 09.49  
**Linear, 12 mile** walk to **Castle Cary** via Lamyatt, Ditchat and Alford

**Return trains:** 16.00 to Weymouth or 17.11 to Bristol Temple Meads

**Leader:** Carl Earl, Sth. Somerset Group: 01460 30163

### Wednesday, 10 September



**Train:** 08.50 from **Weymouth** arriving **Bradford-on-Avon** 10.49 or 09.49 from **Bristol Temple Meads** arriving 10.23  
**Linear, 10 mile** walk via Avon and Midford valleys, Westwood, Freshford, Midford, Monkton Combe and Widcombe to **Bath**

### Saturday, 26 July



**Train:** 08.53 from **Weymouth** arriving **Keynsham** 11.17 or 10.49 from **Bristol Temple Meads** arr 11.10  
**Circular, 9 mile** walk via River Avon path to Swineford, Upton Cheyney, Beech, Wick and returning via River Boyd, the Golden Valley and Bitton.

**Return trains:** at 17.56 to Weymouth and 17.18 to Bristol Temple Meads

**Leader:** Norman Till, Bristol Group: 01225 872306

### Wednesday, 30 July



**Train:** 11.10 from **Weymouth** arriving **Chetnole** 11.49 or 09.49 from Bristol Temple Meads arr 11.28  
**Linear, 11 mile** walk to Maiden Newton via Gore Hill. Some hilly sections.

**Return trains:** 18.47 to Weymouth or 17.56 to Bristol Temple Meads

**Leader:** Sylvia Popham, Avon Area: 0117 9793828

### Saturday, 2 August



**Train:** 08.53 from **Weymouth** arriving **Bristol Temple Meads** 11.29. Meet leader outside station.  
**Circular, 8 miles** via Bristol South Circular Walk, open spaces, woods, Arnos Vale Cemetery & River Avon

**Return train:** 16.49 to Weymouth

**Leader:** Julie Boston, Bristol Group: 0117 9428637

### Wednesday, 6 August



**Train:** 08.50 from **Weymouth** arriving **Chetnole** 09.23 or 08.40 from **Bristol Temple Meads** arriving 10.20  
**Linear, 11 mile** walk to **Maiden Newton** through park & farmland, Melbury Bubb, Evershot & Chilfrome

**Return trains:** 18.47 to Weymouth or 17.56 to Bristol Temple Meads

**Leader:** Kate Gocher, S.Dorset Group: 01305 772126

### Saturday, 9 August



**Train:** 08.53 from **Weymouth** arriving **Frome** 10.17 or 08.40 from **Bristol Temple Meads** arriving 09.38  
**Linear, 12 mile** walk to **Bradford on Avon** via Orchardleigh Park, Lullington, Rode and Westwood

**Return trains:** 17.21 to Weymouth or 17.49 to Bristol Temple Meads

**Leader:** Jim Grant, Bristol Group: 0117 9573450

**Return trains:** 17.07 to Weymouth - frequent trains to Bristol Temple Meads

**Leaders:** Barrie & Angela Womersley, West Wilts Group: 01225 866671

### Saturday, 13 September



**Train:** 08.40 from **Bristol Temple Meads** arriving **Upwey** 10.48  
**Linear, 9 mile** walk via Nottingham, Buckland Rippers, East Fleet, returning through Chickerell and Radipole RSPB Reserve to **Weymouth**

**Return train:** 17.30 to Bristol Temple Meads

**Leaders:** Dave Ace - 01305 787790 and Derek Munts 01305 784668, South Dorset Group

### Wednesday, 17 September



**Train:** 08.50 from **Weymouth** arriving **Oldfield Park** 11.09 or 10.49 from **Bristol Temple Meads** arr 11.03  
**Linear, 9 mile** walk to **Bath**. Somerset and Dorset railway and idyllic Bath fringe.

**Return trains:** 17.07 to Weymouth - frequent trains to Bristol Temple Meads

**Leader:** Peter Gould, Bristol Group: 0117 9733059

### Saturday, 20 September



**Train:** 08.53 from **Weymouth** arriving **Maiden Newton** 09.17 or 08.40 from **Bristol Temple Meads** arriving 10.31  
**Linear, 11 mile** walk to **Dorchester** via Sydling St Nicholas, Godmanstone and River Cerne

**Return trains:** 16.55 to Weymouth or 17.44 to Bristol Temple Meads

**Leader:** Jim Grant, Bristol Group: 0117 9573450



### Wednesday, 13 August



**Train:** 08.50 from **Weymouth** arriving **Maiden Newton** 09.15 or 08.40 from **Bristol Temple Meads** arriving 10.31  
**Linear, 11 mile** walk to **Dorchester** via Hog Cliff, Bushes Bottom, Jackmans Cross and Charminster

**Return trains:** 16.57 to Weymouth or 17.45 to Bristol Temple Meads

**Leader:** Jack Cade, Devon Area: 01626 854170

### Saturday, 16 August



**Train:** 08.53 from **Weymouth** arriving **Castle Cary** 09.56 or 08.40 from **Bristol Temple Meads** arr 09.54  
**Circular, 7 mile** walk in and around Castle Cary

**Return trains:** 16.00 to Weymouth and 17.11 to Bristol Temple Meads

**Leader:** Marge Thomas, Norton Radstock Group: 01761 436398

### Wednesday, 20 August



**Train:** 08.40 from **Bristol Temple Meads** arriving **Upwey** 10.49  
**Linear, 10 mile** walk via Upwey, along the Jubilee Trail to Corton, then Martinstown and **Dorchester**

**Return train:** 17.45 to Bristol Temple Meads

**Leaders:** Val Ingram, East Dorset Group: 01202 731363, and Sue Blake, South Dorset Group: 01305 263759

### Saturday, 23 August



**Train:** 08.53 from **Weymouth** arriving **Frome** 10.17 or 08.40 from Bristol Temple Meads arriving 09.38  
**Circular, 7 mile** walk. Bus to Nunney (bring bus pass if you have one), walking back to **Frome** via Whatley, MacMillan Way, Murder Combe & Bedlam, via woods and rivers with time to view Nunney Castle

**Return trains:** 17.44 to Weymouth or 17.28 to Bristol Temple Meads

**Leader:** Norman Browne, South Somerset Group: 01935 479129

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### Wednesday 24 September



**Train:** 11.10 from **Weymouth** arriving **Yetminster** 11.52 or 09.49 from **Bristol Temple Meads** arr 11.24  
**Circular, 9 mile** easy walk to Bradford Abbas followed by some gentle hills via Thornford and Lillington

**Return trains:** 18.31 to Weymouth and 18.06 to Bristol Temple Meads

**Leader:** Sylvia Popham, Avon Area: 0117 9793828

### Saturday, 27 September



**Train:** 06.40 from **Weymouth** arriving **Bristol Temple Meads** 09.04. Meet leader outside station.  
**Linear, 17 mile** epic walk to end the season, following the River Avon Trail to **Bath**. **Keynsham** is the midway point (**8.5 miles**) and by arrangement with the leader walkers can start or finish here.

**Return train:** 18.07 to Weymouth - frequent trains to Bristol Temple Meads

**Leader:** Ann Light, Bristol and Severnside Groups: 0117 9798628

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