If you're looking for further inspiration for hiking and walking, using Bath as a base. Check our <u>map</u> and <u>self-guided walking routes</u> to find new places. And there are lots of other walks and hikes that you can download.

We've listed lots of them here - the links were accurate in December 2024

Urban trees are extremely important to the look and feel of Bath, and the city has some incredible trees. You can explore them with our four self-guided walking trails available online and as physical maps – <u>Bath urban treescape</u>. These maps and information were put together by a group of volunteers and tree enthusiasts.

Cotswolds National Landscape has <u>self-guided walks</u> in all parts of its 790 square miles. There is map for you to pick your location, and descriptions to download. There are plenty in the Bathscape area. You can also explore the 100 mile <u>Cotswold Way</u> – a National Trail between Bath and Chipping Camden.

The National Trust's popular **<u>Skyline walk</u>** provides 6 miles of views and include a Family Woodland Activity Trail. Or you can do the shorter 3 mile <u>Walk to the View</u>.

Interested in **nature**? <u>Bath Natural History Society</u> has two walks, complete with what wildlife you might see. One around <u>Bathampton Down</u>, and one from <u>Bathwick</u> to <u>Batheaston</u>.

If you'd like a closer look at the River Avon, try the River Avon Trail.

Taking Dundas Aqueduct as its starting point, **Colliers Way** takes you out on disused railway lines and quiet lanes from Bath to Frome via Radstock. <u>Sustrans</u> has produced a useful guide to the 18 mile route.

The <u>Somersetshire Coal Canal</u> is great to explore, combining **industrial heritage** with beautiful green valleys from Paulton to Dundas.

The **Limestone Link** is a 38 mile route which links the Cotswold Way at Cold Ashton, north of the Bath, to the West Mendip Way at Shipham. Mendip AONB has produced a <u>walking guide</u> to the section from Combe Hay to Shipham.

The **Widcombe** Association has created a series of six self-guided walks in Southern Bath covering Widcombe, Lyncombe and Bear Flat. You can see all six walks, together with supporting directions, maps and information about what you can see <u>Widcombe Association Walks here</u>.

If you're looking for walks starting in the **Bathampton**, **Batheaston**, **Bathford** area, then <u>East of Bath</u> publishes walks.

For shorter strolls around the **parks, towns and villages** across Bath & NE Somerset, the <u>Council's website</u> has lots of ideas and information about the wonderful <u>parks</u>.

In the <u>Somer Valley Rediscovered</u> area, there are some really good heritage trails – try <u>Timsbury Heritage Trail</u> (or <u>Timsbury general walks</u>), <u>Westfield Heritage</u> <u>Trail</u> and <u>Radstock Town Council walks</u>.

For a comprehensive set of books about walking in Bath, the historic and literary context, industrial and pub heritage, **Andrew Swift and Kirsten Elliott** have written fourteen, available from <u>Akeman Press</u>.

Look out for the annual **Bathscape Walking Festival** each September, the website includes previous walks, self-guided walking trails and videos.

You can set yourself a **challenge** to increase the amount you walk and keep motivated to walk further by joining the <u>Circuit of Bath walk</u> each September, in aid of Julian House.

Or join a local **walking group**, such as <u>Bath Ramblers</u> (or outside Bath, see the national <u>Ramblers</u>) and <u>Bath Rambling Club</u>. Or you can see Bathscape's own <u>wellbeing walking</u> groups. For free guided tours of the city centre, the <u>Mayor of Bath's Guides</u> offer daily historic walking tours which appeal to both residents and visitors.



