

BATH & BRISTOL

Walk to the view at Bath Skyline

This short circular walk has stunning views, hidden waterways and Georgian history that can be completed in 1½ hours. It's a perfect walk for families or anyone needing to get outdoors for a while. See great views over the Bath Skyline in this green space.

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Watch out for traffic when using the pedestrian crossings and along roads.



Information

Address: Bath Abbey, Bath BA1 1LT

OS map: Explorer 155

Activity: Walking

Easy: Mainly flat, surfaced paths. One ascent at Bathwick Hill, across field

Dog friendly: Dogs are welcome under close control and must be kept on leads when near livestock grazing and through Larchwood for the Woodland Play Area.

Full trail: Miles: 3 (km: 4.8)

Access: Easy

Duration: 1 hour 30 mins

Terrain

Mainly flat, surfaced paths. One ascent at Bathwick Hill, across a field.

Total steps: 9

Start point: Bath Abbey, Kingston Parade

1. From Bath Abbey, Kingston Parade, turn left into York St. Turn left at the end of York St, then soon after turn right over two pedestrian crossings to the stone balustrade above Parade Gardens.
2. Turn left along Grand Parade then right over Pulteney Bridge.
3. Continue straight on to the end of Great Pulteney Street. Cross the main road at the pedestrian crossings into Sydney Place with the Holburne Museum on your left and in 40m turn left into Sydney Gardens. During museum opening times, you can enter Sydney Gardens through the museum grounds.
4. Follow the tarmac path towards a stone 'temple' to meet a wide tarmac path and turn right over railway bridge. Immediately before the next canal bridge turn right beneath a large tree. After 10m go through a white iron gateway on your left onto the canal towpath and turn right. Follow the towpath through the tunnel, up a ramp to cross the canal. Turn right to continue on the towpath. At the boat basin go up cobble ramp and cross road named Bathwick Hill. Turn right, over bridge then sharp left by the supermarket. Go down steep steps to continue right along towpath.
5. At lock 13 cross canal footbridge then go up slope and steps to Sydney Buildings. Cross the road, walk up two flights of steps and continue 300m on the path beside Bathwick Fields. Pass two kissing gates until you reach the end of the black railings. You will see a wooden bench in the field on your right and a magnificent view to reward your efforts.

6. Just beyond the end of the field turn right down narrow footpath with hedge on right. Kennet and Avon Canal, Bath Pass gateway on the right; shortly after, turn right over a small footbridge and stile in the hedgerow.
7. Walk straight across field and through two kissing gates in close succession (into and out of Richens Orchard). After the second kissing gate turn left keeping the field boundary on the left and then go through the kissing gate adjacent to a wide gateway.
8. From the gateway continue straight ahead for 90m to a dip in the field, and then left downhill to a kissing gate. Go onto Sydney Buildings road and turn right. Shortly after turn left retracing your route back to canal tow path and turn right. After 80m turn left onto the footpath going downhill. Continue straight, to the end of cul-de-sac (dead end road), until reaching Pulteney Road beneath the railway bridge. Cross straight over at the pedestrian crossing onto North Parade.
9. Continue along North Parade until the junction with Pierrepont Street. Cross straight over onto Terrace Walk and shortly after turn left into York Street, which leads you back to Bath Abbey.

End point: Bath Abbey, Kingston Parade
