



KEYNSHAM

WALKERS ARE WELCOME

WALK - No 6

A CIRCULAR WALK FROM KEYNSHAM
TO BITTON AND BACK ALONG THE
RIVER AVON TO KEYNSHAM

DISTANCE 5 MILES

Mainly flat - short stretch of
steep slope, and steep narrow
steps

14 Kissing Gate - 1 Stile

3 Metal Gates

Start

Memorial Park Cafe

From the park cafe head downhill on the path opposite the children's play area toward the bandstand. In front of the bandstand head left past the council notice board. alongside the River Chew. Continue under the by-pass viaduct, to the footbridge on the right and cross over; turn left and head up the grass bank to the steps by the road, and turn left under the railway bridge

Beware - narrow footpath

Left again at the mini-roundabout, takes you past The Brassmills pub. pass over the River Chew again and turn right at the main road. Pass over the River Avon and canal link, past The Lockkeeper, stopping to look upstream at the weir. At the end of the bridge parapet, head down the short flight of steps diagonally across the small gravel car-park, turn right and head back toward the entrance to the pub. Before the pub turn left at the signpost to Swineford, thro the metal gate

Beware - footpath can be slippery and liable to subsidence

Continue along this footpath by the River Avon, over the metal bridge at the entrance to the marina, thro a kissing gate and right at tarmac track to its end by Avonside House

1. Point of interest

Continue over the field toward the gate in front of you; thro the next field keeping to the left to another kissing gate in the left corner. There is a short section of path between the hedge and Meadow Wood and the next kissing gate on the right. Do not enter Meadow Wood ! Diagonally across the next field to another kissing gate in the far corner, pass thro and head left. Keeping the field on your right and the hedge on the left, head thro the double kissing gate in the left hand corner, under bridge, which is the Bristol/ Bath cycle path. Right again at first kissing gate just past the ridge, then head left by the field with the hedge on your left. In the left hand corner head over the ancient stone stile, and right on to metalled track to the main road.

Beware - Main Road

Turn right and head to the White Hart pub, with it's large rear garden, by Church Rd. Optional stop, but your will receive a warm welcome. Head down Church Road.

2. Point of Interest

Some way past the church turn right onto a track, and on past the wooden gate til you get to a metal kissing gate in front of you.

Head diagonally across the field toward the bridge over the river. Go under the bridge, which is the Bristol/Bath cycle way,

3. Point of Interest

Keep to the path between the picnic area and River Avon, and follow the footpath over the wooden bridge over the River Boyd, which was featured on television, and alongside the river for some considerable distance, and on to a tarmac track, passing thro 5 kissing gates

Just after the cattle grid, bear left down a partially hidden footpath next to the river.

Beware - footpath slippery and liable to subsidence

Pass thro the kissing gate, over the metal bridge at the entrance to the marina, and turn right at the metal gate onto the roadway, keeping to the pavement. Turn left at the main road and left again after the bridges crossing the canal and river by the Lockkeeper pub, into Avonmill Lane, which you cross. Head right under the narrow railway bridge

Beware - Narrow pavement

After a short distance, head down the steps on the right into the park, and diagonally left to the park path, alongside the River Chew and continue til the childrens' play area.

Turn right over the bridge, into the bandstand area, and head up the path back to the start point of the Park Cafe for some much needed refreshment

Points of Interest

1. The area in front of Avonside House, by the river is the old wharf, there are still traces of the wharf at the river's edge **-care required.** The 3 buildings that can be seen are those that used to be as part of the dramway terminus, where the coal from the Bristol mines was loaded into barges to be sent to Bath & Bristol. The elevated section of dramway can be seen behind Avonside House heading north
2. Bitton Church is steeped in history and well worth a visit
3. The cycle path is on the track of the disused Bath/Bristol railway line, and one can cycle/walk the full distance between these 2 towns