

The Path was constructed on the track bed of the former Midland Railway which closed for passenger traffic at the end of the 1960's. Between 1979 and 1986 the railway line was converted into the Railway Path.

The first stretch to be covered was between Bath and Bitton where the campaign group, Cycling obtained planning permission to create a 2m wide dust track. The route then developed westwards with Bristol being the last section to be tar-manned from the outset. The path today is a three metre wide tar-maced surface from end to end.

Some of the former stations along the Path are still popular stopping points - see section Attractions along the Path' for further details. The Path is owned mostly by Bristol City Council, South Gloucestershire Council, Bath and North East Somerset Council, Bath and North East Somerset Council. However small sections are owned by Sustrans.

**THE AVON FROME PARTNERSHIP**

**Railway Links**  
Temple Meads Railway Station is connected to the Railway Path via a bridge at Temple Quay which links to Avon Street.  
Lawrence Hill Station is close to the path near the Bristol end.  
Oldfield Park Station is near to West Bath Riverside Path that links the Railway Path with Bath City Centre. Bath Spa Station is to the far from the end of the Westvise Path.  
Keynsham Railway Station links to the Railway Path via a cycle path alongside the A4273 and a short section of main road (A4533) to Bitton Station.

**Buses**  
Buses stop near the path at both Bristol and Bath - for further information call Traveline (08706) 082 608

**NATIONAL CYCLE NETWORK**

- Only use the official access points onto the path to avoid erosion and damage to nature
- Keep dogs under control
- Dog fouling endangers childrens health. Always clean up after your dog
- Cyclists - please travel at a speed that is safe and considerate to other path users
- Cyclists - Use your bell to warn other users that you are approaching
- Everyone should use lights and light coloured clothing to be visible at night
- Look out for and be considerate to others
- Motorbikes are not allowed

**NATIONAL CYCLE NETWORK**

The National Cycle Network is a Millennium Commission project supported by £4.5m of local authorities, as well as businesses, landowners, environmental bodies and others. The first 5000 miles of the Network was launched in June 2000 and a further 5000 miles was completed in 2005. About a third of the Network will be entirely traffic - free, using old railway lines, canal towpaths, forestry tracks, riversides and urban spaces.

**NATIONAL CYCLE NETWORK**

One national route of the NCN uses the Railway Path. Route 4, connecting South Wales and Reading and the South-east, uses the whole length of the Railway Path and Regional Route 20 (Avon Cycleway) Lakes in part of the Path to Salford.

For more information on the National Cycle Network please contact Sustrans on (0845) 313 0065 or visit their website: [www.sustrans.org.uk](http://www.sustrans.org.uk)

Sustrans runs a national voluntary ranger scheme. Path Rangers monitor the coherence and quality of the signing, and do what they can to ensure that the Network is pleasant and safe for its users, such as reporting potential dangers and obstructions. Voluntary rangers operate on the Bristol and Bath Railway Path.

For more information on this scheme contact Sustrans (0845) 313 0065

**DEFINING OUR PATH**

The Avon Frome Partnership is a group that focus on improving local heritage, landscape, recreation and wildlife in the Avon and Frome Valleys between Bristol and the edge of the Cotswold hills. Community participation forms an important part of these projects.

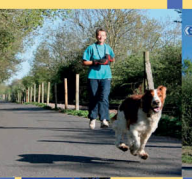
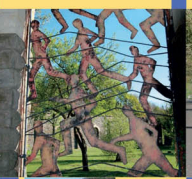
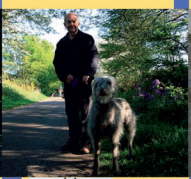
The Avon Frome Partnership is core funded by Bristol City Council, Bath and North East Somerset Council and South Gloucestershire Council. It employs a full-time Development Officer.

The Bristol and Bath Railway Path is a priority for the Avon Frome Partnership which co-ordinates two working groups that explore bringing together all the organisations and user groups involved with the Path.

The Partnership's aspirations for the Path are outlined in the Avon Frome Strategy 2007-2017 which is updated annually.

For further information please contact the Avon Frome Partnership (0117) 922 4925

**PATH HISTORY**



**FOR maintenance problems please contact:**  
St Phillips Road to Railway Terrace  
Bristol City Council Parks and Estates.  
(0117) 922 3719  
Railway Terrace to River Avon Bridge, Bitton  
South Gloucestershire Council.  
(01454) 868 000  
River Avon Bridge, Bitton to Brassmill Lane,  
Bath. Council Connect (01225) 394 041  
To report criminal activity call Police  
Bristol 0845 456 700  
For general enquiries about the Bristol and Bath Railway Path please contact the Avon Frome Development Officer.  
(0117) 922 4925  
Cycle Hire  
Mud Dock Cycleworks & Bike Shed, Bristol  
(0117) 929 2151  
Blackbox Hill Cycles (0117) 973 1420  
Horse Riding  
The branch from Mangotfield Station has a 1.1km section from Shortwood to Congrove Hill which is the only section of the path open to horse riders.  
This forms part of a circular ride in the Shortwood area and links with the 'Round Avon Horse Riding route'.  
For further information call  
South Gloucestershire Council  
(01454) 863 646

**Avon Cycleway**  
An 85 mile circular route taking in the Avon Gorge, Chew Valley and the Severn Estuary. The Avon Cycleway follows the Railway Path from Salford to Mangotfield.  
Leaflets are available from UK Cycle UK, 86 Colston Street, Bristol BS1 5BB  
Tel: (0117) 929 0400 or visit [www.lifecycle.org.uk](http://www.lifecycle.org.uk)

There are a variety of different access points on the Railway Path. All level access controls will allow the majority of wheelchairs and pushchairs through.  
However, some at present can be difficult to negotiate with an electric scooter.

There are four main categories of access:

- No access controls with level or ramped access
- Motorcycle barriers with level or ramped access
- Steps

The details below are for the major access points onto the Railway Path. It is by no means a definitive list. For more details contact any of the numbers on the right.

**Bristol end of the Path - St Phillips**  
No barriers, level access, dropped kerb. There are no barriers on most access within Bristol.  
**Morrions, Fishponds**  
Three access points, all with motorcycle barriers and dropped kerbs. There is access onto the Railway Path from Hickey Lane.  
**Warmley (Old Station)**  
Motorcycle barriers on both the north and south entrances to the Path.  
Disable parking and toilet are available.

**Bitton Station**  
Level access with controls on the path towards Warmley and Bath allows ease of use for the disabled. Disabled parking.  
**Salford**  
Level, unrestricted access from Avon Lane with drop off point.  
**End of Path - Brassmill Lane, Bath**  
Open access on slope. Dropped kerb.  
Advice on disabled persons access onto the Railway Path from:  
Bristol City Council Access Hotline (0117) 903 6840  
South Gloucestershire Council (01454) 852 640  
Bath and North East Somerset Council (01225) 394 049  
Prestedean and Cycle Officer  
For more information about access for disabled people call:  
Bristol Shopmobility (0117) 922 6342  
Bath Shopmobility (01225) 481 744 (01225) 482 773



This leaflet is also available in other formats: audio tape, braille, and disk. Tel: 0117 922 4925

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**USEFUL INFORMATION**



**ACCESS FOR DISABLED PEOPLE**

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There is also a spur off the Path at Mangotfield which follows the line of the old Railway through Shortwood and up to Congrove Hill (just west of Pucklechurch).



The Railway Path begins in central Bristol and loops north towards Fishponds. The Path goes through Staple Hill Tunnel, which is lit from 5am to 8.30pm. The Path then emerges into South Gloucestershire passing through Mangotfield, Warmley and Bitton.

The last stretch of the Path traverses through the Bath and North East Somerset countryside passing through Salford before reaching Newbridge in Bath.



## Welcome to the Path

Escape the traffic and explore this wonderful 13-mile off-road route that links the cities of Bristol and Bath. The Bristol & Bath Railway Path is a fully tarmaced, easily accessible route for walkers, cyclists and disabled people. Whether you fancy a leisurely stroll with friends, an encounter with wildlife or a refreshing journey to work, the Path has something to offer everyone.

This leaflet provides a great starting point for planning your visit. You will find a wealth of useful information about getting to the Path, refreshment stops and local attractions. Longer journeys or round trips can be created by following one of the many trails that cross the route. Join the Path whenever you like - look for the access points shown on the map.

So what are you waiting for? Put on your walking shoes or get on your bike and enjoy the Bristol & Bath Railway Path!

For up to date information about the Path visit [www.bristolbathrailwaypath.org.uk](http://www.bristolbathrailwaypath.org.uk)



Enjoying a stroll along the Path



Relaxing on a bench along the Path



Walking a dog along the Path



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### KEY

- Railway Path
- Level access points with no lock
- Ramped or level access point with restricted access or steep gradient
- Access points with steps
- note: cycle access does not necessarily imply a legal right of way for cyclists. Accessible W.C.
- Water fountain
- West Bath Riverside Path
- River Avon Trail
- Other cycle path
- Footpath
- Accessing Route/Bridleway
- Railway
- Cycle Shop
- Cafe
- Picnic Site
- Pub
- 'Bristol Gateway' a new sculpture proposal for 2007/08

The first section of this map has been enlarged to show the numerous access points more clearly.

### Distances along the path

Bristol city centre to St Phillips Rd	1 mile (1.5 kms)
Bristol (St Phillips Rd) to Fishponds	2.5 miles (4 kms)
Fishponds to Mangotsfield	2 miles (3 kms)
Mangotsfield to Warmley	1.5 miles (2.5 kms)
Warmley to Bitton	2.5 miles (4 kms)
Bitton to Salford	2 miles (3 kms)
Salford to Bath (Brassmill Lane)	3 miles (5 kms)
Brassmill Lane to Bath city centre	2 miles (3 kms)



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### Attractions along the Path

#### Bitton Railway Station

Steam trains (accessible for wheelchairs) run here most Sundays, and the station is also open on Saturdays and Bank Holidays. The station has a cafe, toilets and bike parking. Tel: (0117) 932 9518 for general enquiries or (0117) 932 7296 for a 24 hour talking timetable or visit [www.norfolkrailway.co.uk](http://www.norfolkrailway.co.uk)

#### Warmley Station

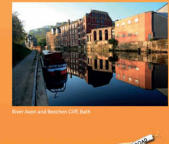
Refreshments available most weekends from Easter to September, also toilets including accessible toilets (with a RAGOM lock).

#### Sculpture Trail

Local artists, some in conjunction with local schools, have created sculptures reflecting the character of the Path. A leaflet giving further information on the sculptures is available from Sustrans. Tel: (0845) 311 0665 for more details.

#### Salford Brass Mill

A surviving example of a brass mill. Open second Saturday of the month 11am - 3pm during the summer months. Tel: (0117) 985 2216 for more details.



St Phillips Rd

### Attractions along the Path

#### Community Forest Park

This 45 mile circular path follows the Forest of Avon around Bristol. It connects to the Railway Path at Warmley and Oldland Common. For a free leaflet contact Forest of Avon. Tel: (0117) 935 2142 or visit [www.forestofavon.org.uk](http://www.forestofavon.org.uk)

#### River Avon Trail

A 28 mile path following the River Avon from Pill in North Somerset to Bath, running along the Railway Path for a short section at Salford. For a free leaflet, contact the Avon Foreshore Development Officer. Tel: (0117) 922 4325 or visit [www.riveravontrail.co.uk](http://www.riveravontrail.co.uk)

#### The Drawway

This was the local name for the Avon & Gloucester Railway that carried coal from the Coalpit Heath Colliery to the River Avon. A way marked route runs between Cogrove Hill and Bitton following a similar route to the Railway Path.

#### Wilsbridge Mill Visitors Centre

A renovated mill set in woodland with nature trails. Access by bike from Bitton Station (along main road) or for walkers off School Road. Refreshments available. Disabled parking at the Mill. Tel: (0117) 932 6885 for more details or visit [www.avonwildlifetrust.co.uk](http://www.avonwildlifetrust.co.uk)



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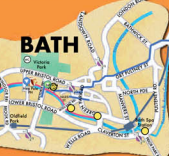
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