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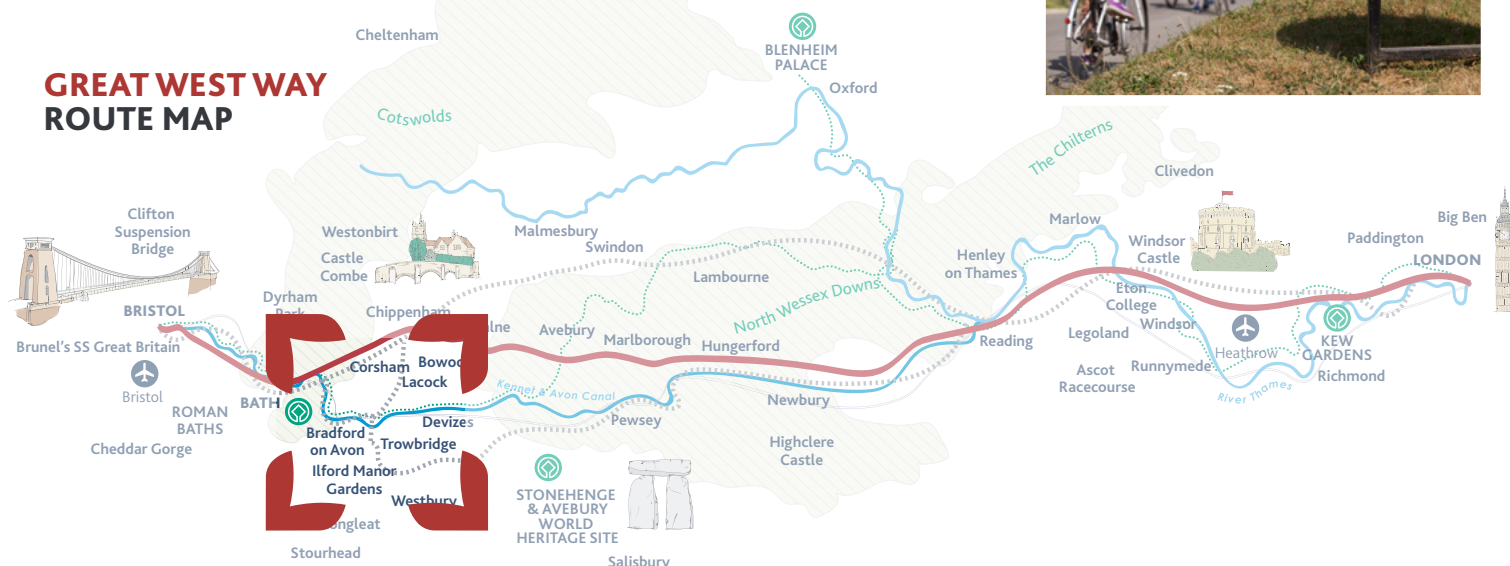


GUIDE TO CYCLING BREAKS FROM BRADFORD ON AVON

Enjoy an easy-going short break in and around the historic market town of Bradford on Avon – with its medieval cottages, converted cloth mills, independent shops, country pubs, and miles of walking and cycling trails.



GREAT WEST WAY ROUTE MAP



PLACES OF INTEREST EN ROUTE CYCLING

[Tithe Barn](#)
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PLACES TO EAT

[Timbrell's Yard](#)
[The Boat House](#)
[Canal Trust Café](#)
[Swan Hotel](#)
[Field Kitchen](#)

[The George](#)
[The Peppermill](#)
[The Brewery Inn](#)
[The Barge Inn](#)
[Bridge Tea Rooms](#)

PLACES TO STAY

[Woolley Grange](#)
[The Farm Camp](#)

[Ilford Manor Gardens](#)

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DAY ONE DEVIZES



Kennet & Avon towpath

Follow the **Kennett & Avon Canal** towpath all the way from Bradford on Avon to the market town of Devizes. The route is 12 miles of traffic-free cycling with boatyards and canalside pubs en route. Heading east from **Bradford on Avon**, you pass Trowbridge and Hilperton and then Semington. Then continue past Seend Cleeve and Martinslade before arriving at the stunning **Caen Hill Locks** - a spectacular set of 29 locks enabling boats to get up and down the waterway; it's one of the greatest examples of canal engineering in England. Shortly after passing the locks you come in to Devizes where you can stop at **Devizes Wharf** for a slice of homemade cake at the tea room or for something more substantial head to **The Peppermill** on St John Street for first-class British cuisine - there are six bedrooms here, should you wish to stay over, alternative you then cycle back to Bradford on Avon.

Overnight Dine at **The Boat House** then spend the night at **Woolley Grange**, a beautiful Jacobean manor-turned-hotel just on the outskirts of Bradford on Avon.



Caen Hill Locks

DAY TWO SALISBURY PLAIN & WESTBURY

This is the longest ride of the three days - a round trip of almost 40 miles (62km). Head east along the Kennet & Avon towpath to Staverton then head over for a coffee at the **Field Kitchen**, Holt and pop into the **National Trust's Courts Garden**. Then continue for 6 miles to **Seend Cleeve** for lunch at **The Brewery Inn** or **The Barge Inn** and then head south across the A361 (one of the main 18th-century roads between London and Bath), as you head to **Salisbury Plain** - one of the great wilderness areas of southern England. You'll ascend the ridgeway at **Great Cheverell** and then follow the gravel track of **Imber Range Perimeter Path** for 8 miles to Bratton Camp and the **Westbury White Horse** before a long descent to Upton Scudamore then to **Farleigh Hungerford** and the final descent to Bradford on Avon.

Overnight For somewhere completely different, stay at **The Farm Camp's** bell tents and toast marshmallows under the stars.



Westbury White Horse

DAY THREE

DILTON MARSH

The **Wiltshire Way** circles the county of Wiltshire for 160 miles over 16 sections. From Bradford on Avon cycle Section 1 to **Dilton Marsh**, a return distance of 21 miles (34km). Start with a slap-up breakfast at the **Swan Hotel** or avocado toast and harissa eggs at **Timbrell's Yard** then head south out of Bradford on Avon following the Wiltshire Way as it skirts the west of **Trowbridge**, via **Westwood**, **Farleigh Hungerford**, **Rode** and **Rudge** to Dilton Marsh, just west of **Westbury**. On your return back to Bradford on Avon, finish with a cake and a cuppa at **Bridge Tea Rooms** - this wonderfully wonky establishment is a double winner of the UK Tea Guild's 'Top Tea Place', and is a few minute's walk to Bradford on Avon's train station for your journey home.



INSIDER TIP Discover more of the Great West Way by bike on a 4- or 6-day guided cycle ride with **Active England** whose tours fit all the family and include Avebury, Stonehenge, and the Kennet & Avon canal.

The order of experiences included in these cycling days out is intended to be a guide only; you can choose to visit these wonderful experiences at your own pace and in your own way. Devising your own route is all part of discovering the Great West Way!

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