

Based on one of the first Great Roads commissioned by the Kings of England, the Great West Way winds its way through landscapes filled with the world-famous and the yet-to-be-discovered.



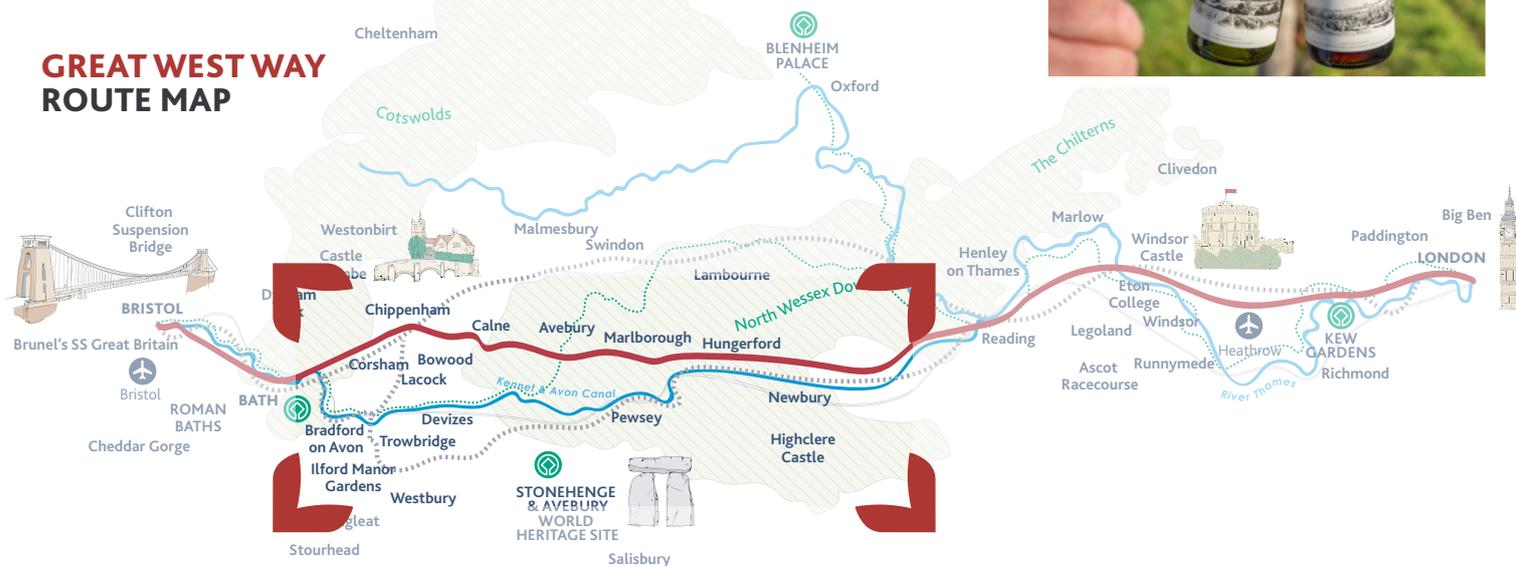
GUIDE TO FINE FOOD & DRINK



The Great West Way presents a wealth of epicurean experiences from vineyards and breweries to welcoming pubs that celebrate the richness of produce in the region. Discover where to go in this ambrosial area.



GREAT WEST WAY ROUTE MAP



EXAMPLES OF FINE FOOD & DRINK IN THIS AREA

[John O'Gaunt](#)
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[Crofton Beam Engines](#)

[Ramsbury Brewing](#)
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PLACES TO EAT

[Red Lion](#)
[Bell pub at Ramsbury](#)
[Three Magpies](#)
[Canal Trust Café](#)
[Boat House](#)

PLACES TO STAY

[Troutbeck Guest House](#)
[Avalon Lodge B&B](#)
[The George](#)

DAY ONE

YATTENDON & HUNGERFORD



Have a coffee at the Taproom & Kitchen café at the **West Berkshire Brewery** then join a guided tour at this state-of-the-art microbrewery to learn about the production process from hops to canning and bottling.

About half an hour's drive west is **Alder Ridge Vineyard** on the slopes of the North Wessex Downs whose chalky soil is not dissimilar to the Champagne region of France. Have lunch from a seasonal menu at this halcyon rural centre, or head into Hungerford for a meal at the **John O'Gaunt**, which has its own microbrewery.

15 minutes south is **Wilton Windmill** – the only windmill still producing flour in the southwest. From here there's a circular walk of about a mile and a half through the village and along the **Kennet & Avon Canal** passing **Crofton Beam Engines** then drive through the beautiful Pewsey Valley to East Chisenbury for dinner at the Michelin-starred **Red Lion**.

Overnight Troutbeck Guest House or Avalon Lodge B&B.



The Red Lion

DAY TWO

MARLBOROUGH OR DEVIZES

Choose between two top breweries: **Ramsbury Brewing** near Marlborough, is part of the 19,000-acre Ramsbury estate that includes working farms, the **Bell at Ramsbury** and the **Ramsbury distillery** (making single-estate gin and vodka as well as damson liqueur) where you can see the distillery and you'll enjoy plenty of tasting as you go. Further west is **Wadworth Brewery** in Devizes where you'll get a tremendous sense of brewing history at its landmark Victorian property.

For lunch after Ramsbury Brewing, stop at the **Bell at Ramsbury** which has a cheerful café, bar serving pub favourites, and a restaurant. For a meal after the Wadworth tour, head out to Wadworth's **Three Magpies** pub in the village of Seend. In the afternoon head south to the family-run **a'Beckett's Vineyard** at the hamlet of Littleton Panell, which makes acclaimed sparkling wine, roses, still whites and some pinot noir vintages.

Overnight The George at Woolley near Bradford-on-Avon.



Wadworth Brewery

DAY THREE

BRADFORD ON AVON

Hartley Farm Shop and Kitchen

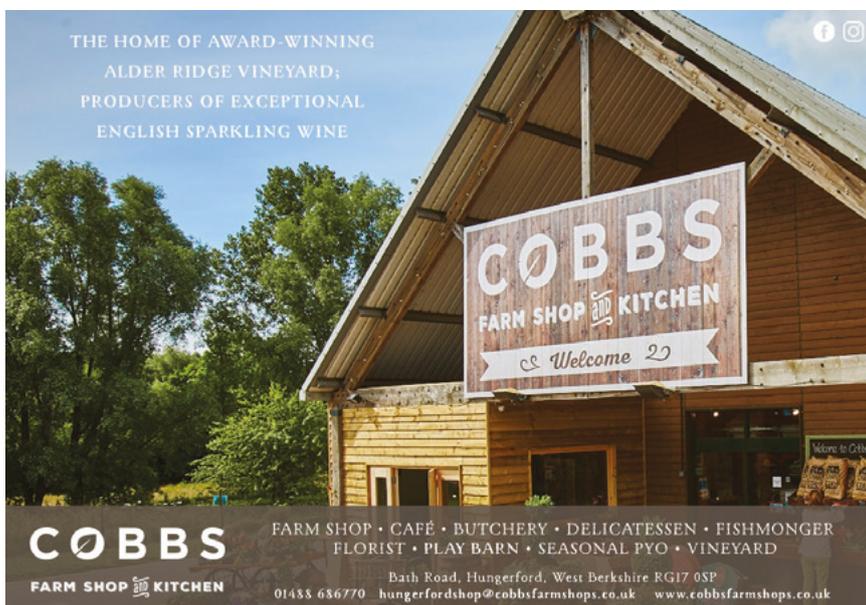
is just north of Bradford-on-Avon where there's a fabulous spread of local produce, coffee and homemade cakes. Then head into the heart of town for more epicurean exploration: call in on innovative **Kettlesmith Brewing**, a craft brewery making six mellow beers, and visit family-run Parsons Bakery. Then make tracks to the **Canal Trust Café** for lunch. A few miles east of Bradford-on-Avon is one of Wiltshire's newest conservation areas. **Widbrook Wood** wildlife reserve is a 16-hectare area of woodland and waterways. Take a walk along the **Kennet & Avon Canal** here looking out for kingfishers and waterfowl, then finish your trip with a meal at the **Boat House** pub on Bradford-on-Avon Marina.

This guide gives a flavour of just some of the many vineyards and breweries – old and new – along the Great West Way. There are many more you can discover, including fine old English country pubs.



Kennet & Avon Canal

The order of experiences included in this itinerary 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!



DID YOU KNOW?

- **Wadworth Brewery** still uses horses to deliver beer to its pubs and other customers within a two-mile radius of Devizes. It has two magnificent shires, complete with whiskery hooves, that can between them pull a load of about two tons.
- **Wiltshire Loaf** cheese (also known as North Wiltshire cheese) gets mention in Jane Austen's Emma. The cheese is still traditionally made today by Brinkworth Dairy, at Brinkworth north of Chippenham.
- Traditional dishes along the Great West Way include **Marlborough Cake**, a sponge made with beaten eggs and caraway seeds, and the less appetising **Devizes Pie**, consisting of pastry encasing sliced brains, tongue and other offal.



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