



ENGLAND'S
GREAT WEST WAY®

INSPIRING ITINERARIES

6-DAY WALKING
AND SIGHTSEEING TOUR



Leigh Woods, National Trust

The walks are mainly flat and vary in length from 4-9 miles. There are plenty of pubs and cafés along the route for lunches, afternoon tea or a drink at the end of the day! Book a tour for your clients with Great West Way Official Tour Operators, **Active England**, **Alison Howell's Foot Trails** or **Compass Holidays**.

Day 1. Royal Residences

First **Hampton Court Palace**, a Tudor palace magnificently developed by Cardinal Wolsey and Henry VIII, alongside a Baroque palace built for William III and Mary II. A visit to the sumptuous Baroque apartments should include a stroll through the 60 acres of beautiful riverside gardens.

Suggest an afternoon in Windsor with a **French Brothers'** sightseeing boat trip before a walk from Windsor Great Park up The Long Walk to Windsor Castle. This tree-lined avenue stretches down towards the ancient castle. End the day with a tour of **Windsor Castle** and a stroll around Windsor.

Distance walked: 5 miles. **Overnight:** The Roseate Reading.

Day 2. Reading, Goring and Streatley

A walk around Reading unveils its hidden past with a visit to **Reading's Abbey Quarter**, reopened in June 2018, following extensive conservation work. The Abbey was once one of Europe's largest royal monasteries and dates back over 900 years. Henry I was buried here and Jane Austen went to the Abbey School. Take a one-way **Thames Rivercruise** boat trip with lunch on board, with drop off near Beale Park for coach pick up. A visit to **Basildon Park National Trust** house and gardens is followed by a walk along the **Thames Path** from Pangbourne to Goring and Streatley. A long bridge connects the two villages.

Distance walked: 6 miles. **Overnight:** Queen's Arms, East Garston, near Hungerford.

Day 3. Ancient Avebury and Jone's Mill Nature Reserve

Start the day in the **Vale of Pewsey** and visit **Wiltshire Wildlife Trust's Jone's Mill**. Jone's Mill is a beautiful and secluded wetland on the outskirts of the village of Pewsey; perfect for walkers and wildlife watchers. After an early lunch suggest the **Avebury** archaeology walk (download the map from the Avebury National Trust website). Discover the heart of a prehistoric landscape. Visitors can catch glimpses of mysterious Silbury Hill, pass Bronze Age burial mounds, and walk along ancient roads with fabulous views of the **North Wessex Downs**.

Distance walked: 9 miles. **Overnight:** Heritage Luxury B&B, Calne.

Day 4. Calne, Devizes, The K&A Canal and Bath

The day starts with a walk through **Calne's Heritage Quarter**, its story includes medieval England and the Industrial Revolution. The old coaching route goes through its heart. Drive to Devizes for an 11am tour and tasting at **Wadworth Brewery** before walking along the towpath of the **K&A Canal** to Caen Hill Locks. Visitors can marvel at Rennie's feat of engineering, stop for refreshments at the tea room and visit the **Kennet & Avon Canal Museum**.

In the afternoon, a visit to **Westonbirt, The National Arboretum**, one of the finest tree collections in the world with 15,000 trees carefully laid out in a beautiful Grade 1 landscape. There's a choice of 17 miles of pathways and seasonal trails include the **STIHL Treetop Walkway** offering spectacular views across the arboretum landscape.

Transfer to Bath and enjoy an evening visit to **The Roman Baths' Great Bath** by the light of flickering torches, a truly unique and evocative experience.

Distance walked: 6-8 miles. **Overnight:** Abbey Hotel or The Roseate Villa, Bath.

Day 5. Bath

A walk around Bath to some of the most important locations in this UNESCO World Heritage Site: **Pulteney Bridge**, **The Assembly Rooms** and **No 1 Royal Crescent**, or suggest a foodie tour with **Savouring Bath**. After lunch, a short stroll from the city centre and visitors enter another world, onto the hills above Bath, the **Bath Skyline Walk** through 6 miles of meadows and ancient woodlands to secluded valleys.

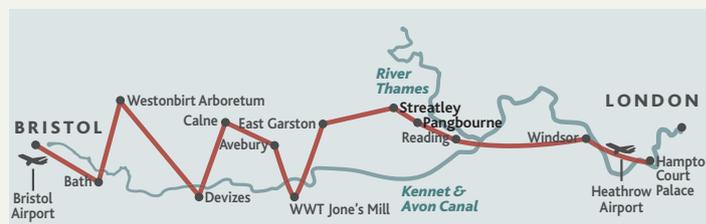
Distance walked approx: 7+ miles. **Overnight:** Quarter Bristol offers a choice of 4 hotels across Bristol.

Day 6. Bristol

Start with a walk in **National Trust Leigh Woods** with spectacular views, ancient trees and wildlife. Next, a tour of **Clifton Suspension Bridge**, before heading into Bristol for a harbour tour with **Bristol Ferry Boats** and a visit to **Brunel's SS Great Britain**.

For more inspiration on walking the Great West Way: GreatWestWay.co.uk/see-and-do/activities/walking

Places	Miles/kms by road
Hampton Court to Reading	37miles/60kms
Reading to East Garston	37miles/60kms
East Garston to Calne	41miles/66kms
Calne to Bath	31miles/50kms
Bath to Bristol	13miles/20kms





Thames Path

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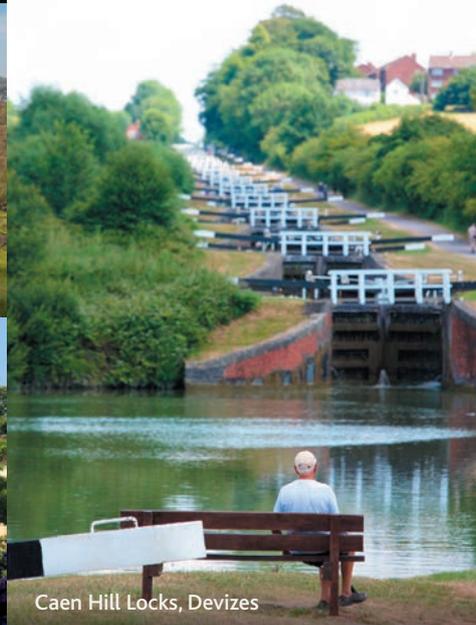
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Avebury World Heritage Site



Bath Skyline



Caen Hill Locks, Devizes



Active England Tours



Calne



Clifton Suspension Bridge, Bristol

Local Tour Operators who can offer full tour package or individual days out from destinations for groups or individuals:

Alison Howell's Foot Trails: foottrails.co.uk

Active England: activeenglandtours.com/us/tours/6-day-guided-west-way-tour/

Around & About Bath: aroundandaboutbath.com

Compass Holidays: www.compass-holidays.com/destinations/uk/bath-wiltshire

A selection of tour operators and guiding services who offer bookable itineraries along the Great West Way can be found on the Bookable Products section of Greatwestway.co.uk/traveltrade

Contacts

Bath: visitbath.co.uk

Bristol: visitbristol.co.uk

Calne: calne.gov.uk/tourism.aspx

Canal and River Trust: canalrivertrust.org.uk/GreatWestWay

Devizes: devizes.org.uk

North Wessex Downs: northwessexdowns.org.uk

Reading: livingreading.co.uk/visit

River Thames: VisitThames.co.uk

Thames Path National Trail: nationaltrail.co.uk/thames-path

Thames Valley & North Hampshire: visitsoutheastengland.com

Vale of Pewsey: visitpewseyvale.co.uk

Wiltshire: visitwiltshire.co.uk

Avebury: nationaltrust.org.uk/avebury

Basildon Park National Trust: nationaltrust.org.uk/basildon-park

Bath Skyline Walk: nationaltrust.org.uk/bath-skyline

Bristol Ferry Boats: bristolferry.com

Brunel's SS Great Britain: ssgreatbritain.org

Clifton Suspension Bridge: cliftonbridge.org.uk

French Brothers: frenchbrothers.co.uk

Hampton Court Palace: hrp.org.uk/hampton-court-palace

Kennet & Avon Canal: katrust.org.uk

Kennet & Avon Canal Museum: katrust.org.uk/museum

National Trust Leigh Woods: nationaltrust.org.uk/leigh-woods

No. 1 Royal Crescent: no1royalcrescent.org.uk

Reading Abbey Quarter: readingabbeyquarter.org.uk

Savouring Bath: savouringbath.com/

The Assembly Rooms: nationaltrust.org.uk/bath-assembly-rooms

The Roman Baths: romanbaths.co.uk

Wadworth Brewery: wadworth.co.uk

Westonbirt, The National Arboretum: forestryengland.uk/westonbirt-the-national-arboretum

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust's Jones's Mill: wiltshirewildlife.org/joness-mill-the-vera-jeans-reserve-pewsey

Windsor Castle: rct.uk/visit/windsorcastle

Accommodation

Heritage Luxury B&B, Calne: heritagebandb.co.uk

The Queen's Arms, East Garston: queensarmseastgarston.co.uk

Quarter, Bristol: cliftonhotels.com

Roseate Villa, Bath: roseatehotels.com/bath/theroseatevilla

The Royal Crescent Hotel, Bath: royalcrescent.co.uk

The Roseate Reading: roseatehotels.com/reading/theroseate



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