

# Country Code

## Respect, Protect, Enjoy

- Leave gates as you find them.
- Leave farm animals and machinery alone. If you think an animal's in distress, alert the farmer.
- Keep to the public right of way.
- Leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home.
- **Dogs:** Passengers may travel on trains with up to two dogs on leads. During the walk it is essential you clear any dog mess and keep effective control of your dog. **Always keep dogs on leads around livestock;** however, if cattle or horses try to chase your dog its safer for both of you to let your dog off the lead.
- Plan ahead, check the weather and dress appropriately, including footwear.
- On a hot day remember to re-apply sunscreen.
- Always carry water and a packed lunch, if needed.
- Take necessary equipment to support your walk, i.e. walking poles.
- Be aware you may not have a mobile signal in places during your walk.

The Severnside Community Rail Partnership is a Community Interest Company supported by local authority and rail industry partners to encourage the use of local trains on routes radiating from Bristol.

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# Getting there

**By rail:** Great Western Rail operate a regular service. For timetables, ticketing and information including Passenger Assist visit [www.gwr.com](http://www.gwr.com)

**By bus, cycling or on foot:** Use the Travelwest live Journey Planner [www.travelwest.info](http://www.travelwest.info)

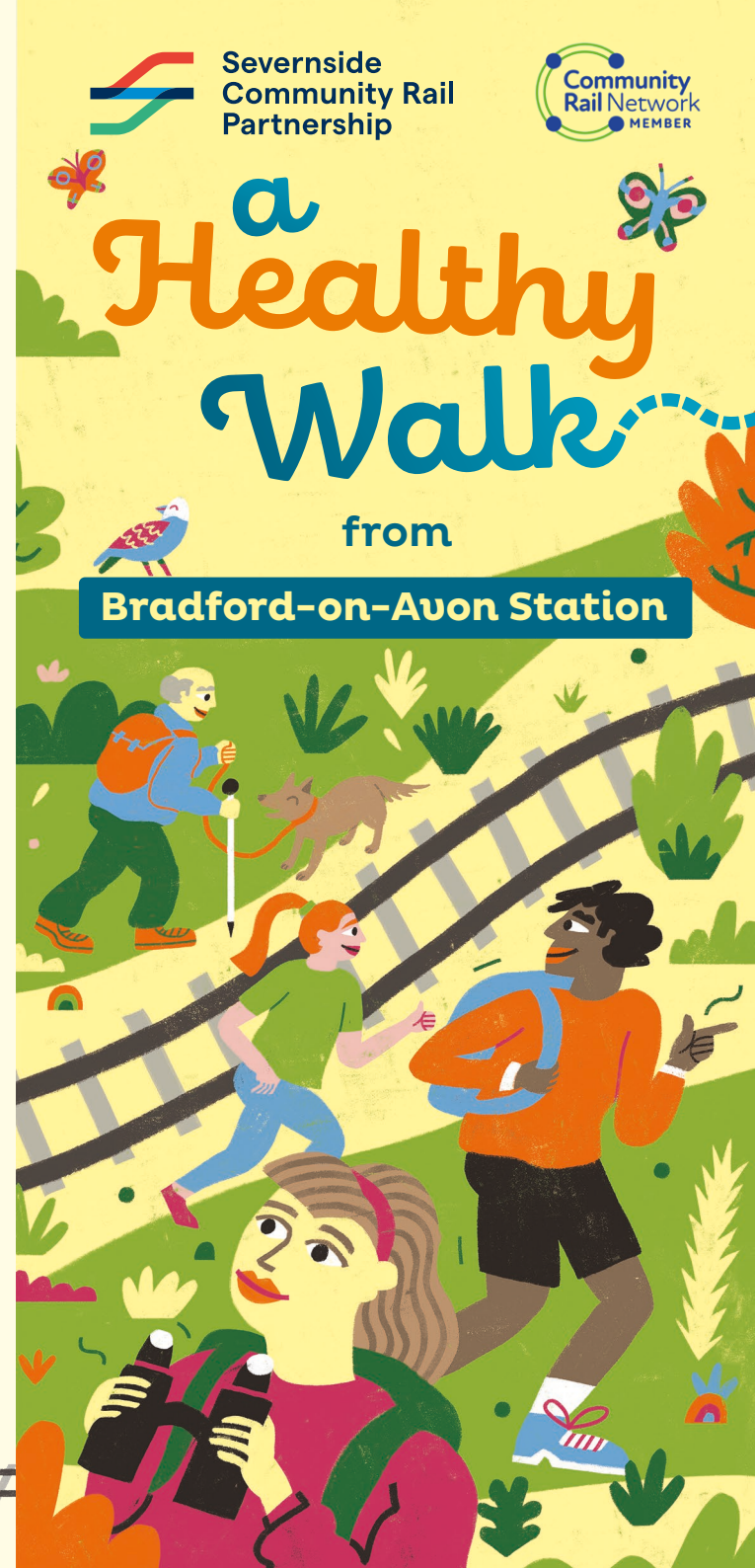
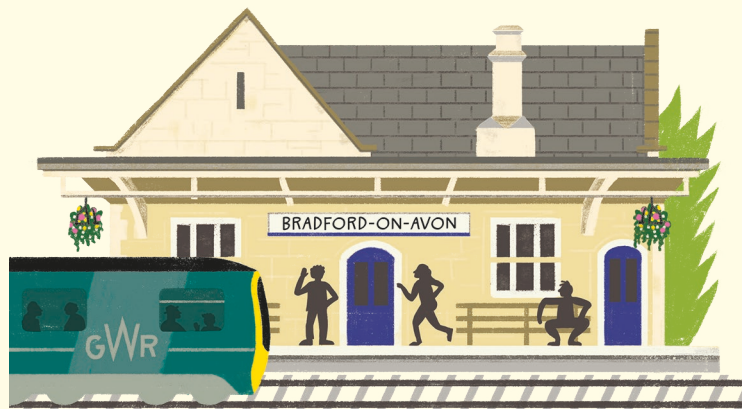
Always check websites or local media for live, up to date information before setting out.

# Keep on Moving

## Healthy Walks from the Railway Programme:

The Severnside Community Rail Partnership offers a series of monthly free **Healthy Walks from the Railway** between April and September. Join an inclusive group and walk with a qualified leader. See [www.severnside-rail.org.uk](http://www.severnside-rail.org.uk)

**Further afield:** The Wessex Wanderers Rail Walks programme offers free public guided walks starting from stations along the scenic Heart of Wessex line between Bristol and Weymouth. See [www.wessexrailwaywalks.org.uk](http://www.wessexrailwaywalks.org.uk)



# A Healthy Walk from Bradford-on-Avon station

**Distance:** 3.5 miles • **Walking time:** 2 hours • **Grade:** Easy

Immediately outside the station you can find The Coffee Girl van (Mon-Fri mornings) serving up treats, perfect to fuel your ramble. Then head towards the end of the station car park, walk under the railway and head south to the Kennet and Avon Canal, passing the tithe barn. Continue along the tow path, cross the canal and follow the path taking you up through Becky Addy Wood.

Head downhill to Avoncliff and the canal. Pass underneath the aqueduct, past Cross Keys pub and rejoin the tow path back towards Bradford-on-Avon. Bear left downhill, by the bridge used on your outward route, and back into Barton Farm Country Park. Cross the packhorse bridge and railway, along Barton Orchard and turn right down an alleyway to Church Street. Pass between the Holy Trinity Church and the Saxon Church of St Laurence. Cross the footbridge and walk through a car park to the road, before heading right back to the station.

There are numerous cafes ☕ and pubs 🍺 marked on the map, where you might like to stop off for refreshments and a toilet break. There are also public toilets 🚻 in the station carpark.

**Accessibility:** Access to the canal path, leading away from Barton Farm Country Park is via steps. The canal bridge is steps only and the footpath up through Becky Addy Wood can be muddy. As an alternative, continue along the canal. On the return route, there are steps on either side of the railway crossing.



Also in this series, A Healthy Walk from **Severn Beach station** and **Yatton station**

## 1 Barton Farm Country Park

Open all year round, free of charge, the park offers something for everyone – walking, rowing, fishing, nature study or just relaxing with a picnic. This wildlife-rich area is managed to encourage different plant species, small mammals, birds and insects.

View the craft shops in the former medieval farm buildings, and marvel at the great beams and rafters of the second largest tithe barn in Britain.

## 2 Becky Addy Wood

Originally part of “Westwuda”, Bradford on Avon’s Western Woods, gifted by Saxon King Aethelred in 987 AD to his huntsman, this ancient woodland is now a County Wildlife Site because of its rich biodiversity interest. It’s also a valuable habitat for bats and rich in bird life.

## 3 Avoncliff Aqueduct

The aqueduct carries the Kennet and Avon Canal over the River Avon and the railway line. It was built by John Rennie and chief engineer John Thomas, between 1797 and 1801.

## 4 Saxon Church of St Laurence

One of the best preserved Saxon churches in England, it was founded by St Aldhelm, the Abbot of Malmesbury, in ad 700 with this building dating from the 10th century. For centuries it was forgotten; the chancel became a house, the nave a school, and the west wall formed part of a factory. The true origins and purpose of the building were rediscovered in 1858.

## 5 Bradford-on-Avon Wharf

This wharf was one of the busiest on the Kennet & Avon Canal during the 1850s. Today, it’s a great place to spot historic canal features.