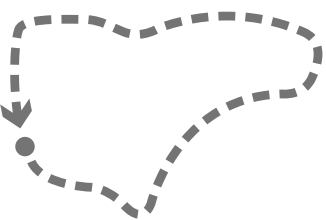


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FROME WALKS



Strenuous

13.6 Miles | 22 km

The Saxon Kings Way



Respect

Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors.

Leave gates and property as you find them.

Follow paths where crops are growing. Use gates or stiles if possible.

Avoid climbing walls or fences. Don't disturb ruins or historic sites. Don't interfere with machinery or livestock.

Protect

Protect plants and animals and take your litter home. Be careful not to drop matches or smouldering cigarettes.

Keep your dog under effective control so that it does not disturb or scare farm animals or wildlife.

Always clean up after your dog and get rid of the mess responsibly.

Enjoy

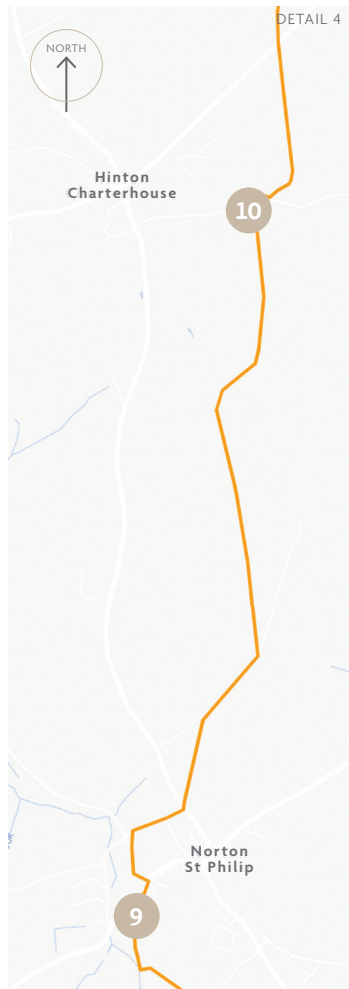
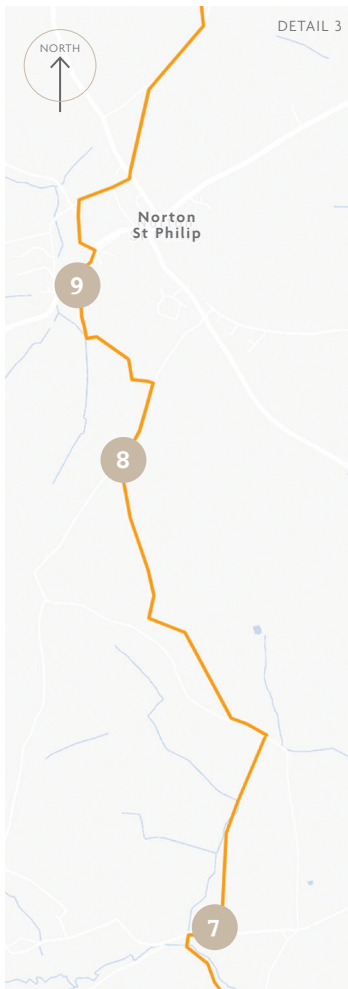
Be safe, plan ahead and follow any signs.

9 At the end of Vicarage Lane, cross the A366 road (Church Street) and turn right, and walk along the raised pavement. After 250m, turn left down The Barton, passing near to the Tudor Dovecote on the left. Bear right after the sign to the Dovecote along Lyde Green and up Chevers Lane. Cross straight across the B3110, over the stile, aim at ten o'clock, to a stile to the right of a house across the field. Keeping the fence on your left, after 50m cross the stile onto the road. Turn right and follow the road for quarter of a mile. Just after the farm track on the left, turn left through a metal kissing gate. Go diagonally across the field to a gate. Go through the gate, over a footbridge, and through another gate. Walk straight through the middle of the field, through the gate opposite keeping the hedge on your right. After 50m walk through a large gap in the hedge on your right into the next field. Go diagonally across the field to a kissing gate. Go through the wood. As you come out of the wood turn left. Go straight on and follow the footpath through a copse. Go over a stile, keep walking straight ahead, go through a kissing gate onto Green Lane.

If you'd like to save the rest of the walk for another day, you can catch the D2 or X67 bus back to Frome from Hinton Charterhouse. To do so, turn left along Green Lane into the village for the bus or to refuel at the Rose & Crown, The Stag Inn or the village shop.

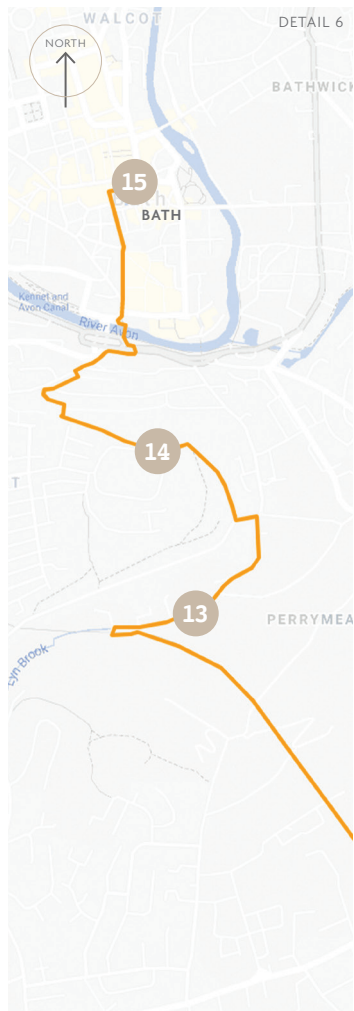
10 If you've visited the village, retrace your steps to the previous point on Green Lane. Walk across Green Lane. There are cottages on the right. Take the lane straight ahead, passing the church on the left. Take the second gate into the churchyard marked 'footpath'. Continue in the same direction through the churchyard in an easterly direction. Leave the churchyard via a kissing gate across the field, with Hinton House on the left. Walk across parkland down the slope to Branch Road.

Go through the kissing gate, cross this very busy 60mph road with care, and through another kissing gate. Walk over the field at 1 o'clock.



Go through the kissing gate and cross the next field. Go through another kissing gate and through that field at 1 o'clock. Through a kissing gate, Hinton Priory (private) is on your right. Go across the field to stile, cross the stile and walk straight over the field towards some farm buildings. Go through kissing gate keeping the copse on your left. Go over two stiles which are very close to each other, through a kissing gate, follow the path to a quiet road. Turn left and walk through Pipehouse hamlet.

11 When the tarmac road becomes a rough track take the 'Byway' sign straight ahead along the track, through a tunnel of trees. There are countryside views to the left and a sharp 90 degree bend after approximately 1 mile. There are views of Midford Castle to the right. The track eventually goes steeply downhill to the B3110. Cross it and turn left and after 100m turn right along a footpath, taking a footbridge over the Wellow Brook. Go through a kissing gate, through



a field at 2 o'clock to the right of the ridge. Go through a kissing gate with the Wellow Brook on your right. Go straight across under the viaduct onto Dunkerton Road.

12 Turn right along the road towards Midford. After 200m you will meet the B3110 again. Turn left and immediately right up Old Midford Road for 10m. Then immediately right into the Hope and Anchor pub car park. In the car park follow blue signs to National Cycle Route 24 towards Bath, passing old Midford Station on the left and in time the Tucking Mill Viaduct. **The Combe Down Tunnel is 1672m long and plays you classical music as you walk/cycle through it!** At the end of the tunnel continue on Route 24. Do not enter the second tunnel. After 300m and before a bridge and the start of houses on the right take a small track off the cycle track at 11 o'clock downwards, with a wire fence on the left through a wood. After 100m turn right through the gate under the viaduct. Turn right before a house called The Pines and continue along the lane keeping houses to your left. Keep on this tarmac lane until you reach Lyncombe Vale.

13 Go past The Paragon School on your right. At the T-junction take the road up leftwards which is Lyncombe Vale Road. At the next T-junction with Greenway Lane, turn left along Greenway Lane. After 50m turn right through the gate and go straight across Lyncombe Hill Common. At the far edge of the common, go through the kissing gate onto a path, turn left going up the hill, passing Lyncombe Hill Farm Allotments on your left. Enter Alexandra Park with magnificent views of Bath to your right and make your way to the viewpoint where there are seats and one of the most beautiful views of the city.

14 Keep the view/railings to your right and keep walking down a slope. At the end of the railings, turn right down the steep steps through the wood. Turn right as you come out of the wood, continue down the last few steps.

Turn right along Calton Walk. After 200m through the houses, turn left down steps to the road. Cross the road and take the pavement footpath bearing left down the slope, continue straight on. At the bottom of the hill, bear right, keeping the railings and the busy road on your left. After 50m, go through the subway to Bath city centre, turn left. As you come out of the subway go under the railway bridge, go right over the footbridge over the River Avon, keeping the Bus Station on your right, go straight ahead, up pedestrianised Southgate Street. This becomes Stall Street. Walk past the Pump Rooms on your right, walk under the colonnade and Bath Abbey and its amazing West front is straight ahead of you. This is where King Edgar the Peaceful, King of England was crowned in 973AD.

15 Bath Abbey is the start of the Cotswold Way, where you can begin to walk to Chipping Camden. Or you can catch the D2 or X67 bus or the train back to Frome.

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