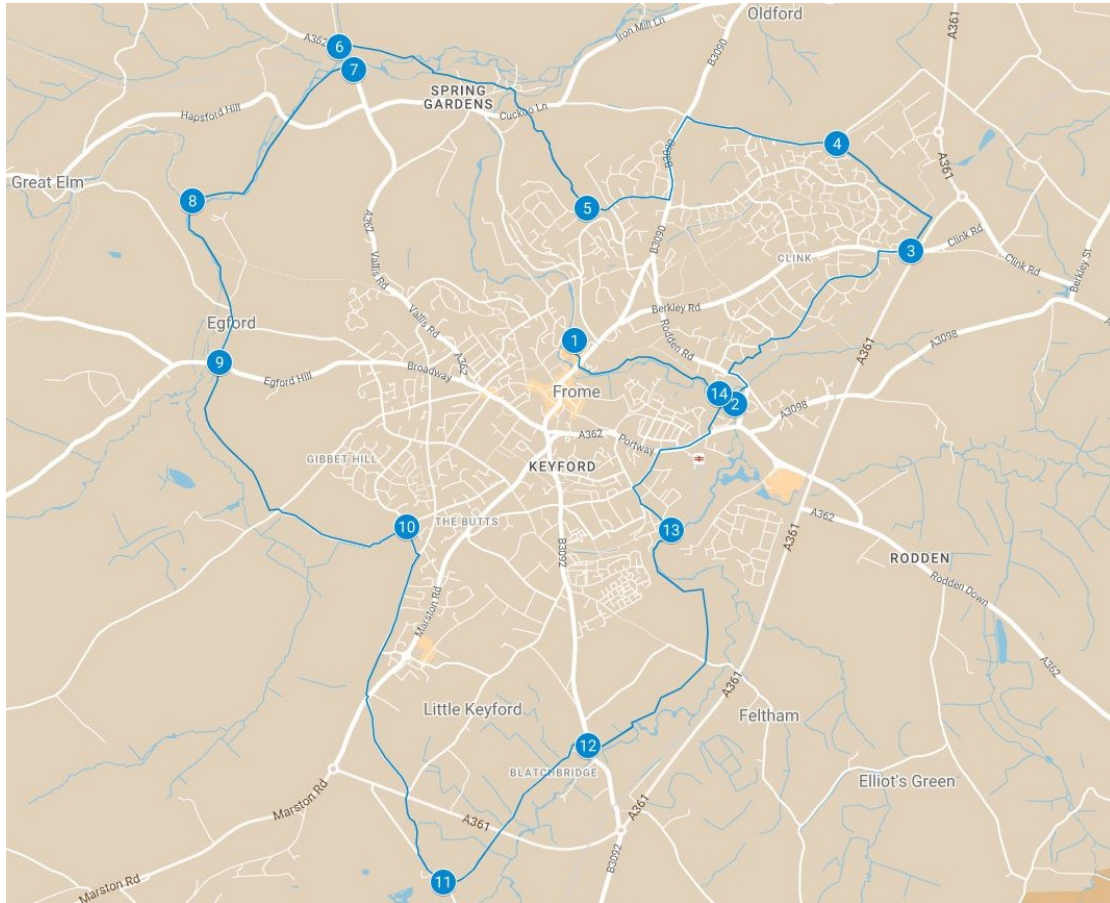


Discover Frome

10 Miles Round Frome Walk

Approx. 10 miles



A circular walk around Frome town taking in many green spaces along the way.

Route devised by Veryan Conn on behalf of Walkers are Welcome, Frome.

START

1 Start at the Cheese & Grain. Walk across the car park to Black Swan Arts on Justice Lane then turn right into Bridge Street and cross the main road to go down Willow Vale. Go under the railway bridge and continue along the path. When you come to the entrance to Rodden Meadow you have the option of walking through these beautiful meadows or continuing along the tarmac path. If you take the route through the meadow you return to the tarmac path and continue under the railway bridge and past the cycle and walk way bridge towards the station.

2 Take the next turn on your left into Elworthy Court and walk straight through to emerge on to Rodden Road. Turn left and go under the railway bridge. Take the alleyway on your right between bungalows into St Mary's Road. Turn right and take the path on the right to emerge onto St. John's Road. Turn right and then right again into Boundary Avenue and onto Wyville Road. Continue to the end of the road where it meets Clink Road. Turn right and cross the railway.

3 Take the path on your left and walk through the trees to cross a footbridge over the railway. You are now on Coalway Lane. Walk to the end and turn left into Gypsy Lane.

4 Turn left and walk to Bath Road. Turn left again to walk past the College and cross the road at the traffic lights. Walk down Grange Road past Leys Lane.

5 Just after number 8 Packsaddle Way take the permissive path on the right and go through a kissing gate. Follow the path through the field and turn left to follow the permissive path to the stile. Cross the stile and walk down the track to the kissing gate. Cross Cuckoo Lane and go through the kissing gate opposite and down the grass bank and over the field to cross the bridge. At the road turn left and then right over a stile in the drive to Jeffries Mill. Cross the field to a stile then cross the drive to another stile. Continue across the field to another stile and then over another drive. Continue to cross the stream by an old bridge. Cross the field to another bridge to Brookover Farm which is an equine centre. Turn left along the concrete drive to a field gate and continue past Castle Lodge to Orchardleigh gates.

6 You need to be very careful here as you turn left and walk back towards Frome. Walk on the left hand side of the road with traffic approaching behind you, because if you walk towards oncoming traffic they will not be able to see you due to the bend in the road. Keep well into the left and do not cross the white line at the edge of the road. As you come to the bridge over the railway line you will see the footpath on the right hand side of the road.

7 Taking great care, cross the road, go through the gate and walk down hill to the kissing gate by the river. Turn left and follow the river. You will see an old disused tunnel which is part of the old Somerset Coal Canal Basin. Continue through the next kissing gate and follow the path uphill to a stile onto the Hapsford to Great Elm road. Cross the road and follow the sign to Foxy's Den. As you come to the end of the Industrial estate you will see iron railings in front of you and a footpath sign guiding you round to the left. Follow this and walk down by the river into Vallis Vale.

8 There is an interesting geological site in a quarry just off this track on the right after the path opens up into a wide area. You take a path slightly up hill on the right into the quarry to find famous De la Beche unconformity. This angular unconformity is revealed in an old quarry – in simplistic terms, an unconformity occurs when ancient bedrock is forced over at an angle, then eroded until level; subsequent rises in sea level and depositions of sea creatures then results in the upper limestone strata. Retrace your steps out of the quarry, turn right and cross the bridge. Follow the stream to a metal stile and emerge at a car park. Turn right and walk down Elm Lane to Egford Hill.

9 Cross the road and take the path up the grassy bank diagonally to your right. Follow this path through kissing gates to Nunney Road. Cross the road and walk down Whitemill Lane past a farm on your left and then climb the hill. Just after passing an Art Deco house on your left, turn right into Critchill Road.

10 Follow Critchill Road to the end and turn right onto Marston Lane. At the end continue straight on rather than bearing right to Sainsburys. You come out at the Masons Arms public house. Cross the main Frome to Shepton Mallet road and take the lane opposite to the Frome bypass. Cross the bypass carefully and go through the gate opposite to walk down the track into Tytherington. At The Lighthouse turn right, passing The Fox.

11 Take the lane on your left and again cross over the bypass and continue down the lane. At the end of the lane turn right and just before the bridge, take the path on your left into a field.

12 Continue across the field to a kissing gate and follow this path through gates going through the new woodland planted by Frome Town Council in 2020. You eventually come out on Feltham Lane. Take the path opposite keeping to the right hand side of the field with the railway embankment on your right. The path turns left, up the hill to a kissing gate and then drops down to the river. Walk down the path, through woodland followed by houses high on your left and the river on your right.

13 At the end of the path turn sharp left and climb up to where Cuprinol used to be. Continue straight ahead onto Locks Hill and turn right. Cross Portway at the traffic lights ahead. Turn right and just past the railway bridge take the path on the left to cross a metal bridge to the riverside walk.

14 Turn left, go under the railway bridge and enter Rodden Meadow. Exit the meadow and continue on the riverside walk to go under the railway bridge into Willow Vale. Cross Bridge Street into Justice Lane and cross the car park back to the Cheese and Grain.

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