

Busy sections on A roads

A roads

Link routes between settlements, signed cycle routes or places of interest

Signed cycle route

Traffic-free cycle path

Cycle route not on public highway*

Bridleways (cycling allowed)

Footpaths (no cycling)

Railway line (and station)

On-carriage cycle lane

NCN / regional route number

Pelican crossing

Toucan crossing

School

College

Hospital

Library

Place of worship

Post office

Toilets

Bike shop

Bus station

100-150

50-100

0-50

Contour height in metres

Refreshments

Swimming pool

Shopping centre, complex or trading estate

Farm shop

Police station

Tourist Information Centre

Places of interest (see reverse)

Historic building

Cafe

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0 Kilometres 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 1

0 Miles 0.2 0.4 0.6

How long will it take?

3 minutes cycling will take you about this far

If you cycle at about 10 miles an hour

10 minutes walking will take you about this far

If you walk at about 3 miles an hour

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CYCLING AND WALKING IN SOMERSET

Somerset

From the Mendip Hills in the north, to the Quantocks in the west and the Blackdowns in the south, Somerset is a county of contrasting landscapes and moods, offering many attractions to visitors keen on exploring its rich heritage and delightful countryside.

For walkers and cyclists seeking a relaxing rural jaunt, the Somerset Levels are perfect touring country, with their meandering quiet lanes and hill-free landscape. These ancient wetlands, rich in wildlife, are home to one of Somerset's oldest traditional skills – willow basket weaving – an important craft for the production of a wide range of items from lobster pots to hot air balloon baskets!

For those who prefer the challenge of mountain biking and hill sports, the Quantocks, Mendips and Exmoor all provide exhilarating opportunities to test your stamina against the hills and discover some fantastic views.

For the historically minded visitor, the county is a positive treasure trove. There are dozens of fine old churches and historic towns and villages, such as Wells, with the gothic grandeur of its wonderful 12th-century cathedral and the nearby moated Bishop's Palace with its famous bell-ringing mute swans. Classic steam trains run along the West Somerset Railway, the UK's longest privately-owned passenger line, to the coastal towns of Watchet and Minehead.

For those with a love of myth and legend, Somerset can fascinate you with the legend of King Arthur. The Iron Age hill fort at South Cadbury is the alleged site of Camelot and at Glastonbury Abbey, the ancient monks claimed to have found the remains of this warrior and his queen, Gwynivere. At Athelney stands a monument to another monarch, King Alfred, reminding us of where he burnt the cakes.

There's so much more to Somerset than just its history. From donkeys on the beach to quaint shops in small towns, or wide open spaces with wildlife all around, there is something here for everyone – and it can all be seen best by bicycle or on foot.

www.visitsomerset.co.uk

Yeovil

Situated in beautiful countryside on the Somerset/Dorset border just west of the River Yeo, Yeovil is the major town of South Somerset. Once noted for its 300-year-old glove-making industry, it is now better known for more modern businesses such as Westland, one of the world's largest helicopter manufacturers, as well as for being home to the world famous Fleet Air Arm Museum at nearby RNAS Yeovilton. However, despite its commercial growth, Yeovil's thriving street markets confirm that it is still a country town at heart.



For those interested in the past, Yeovil's long history is evident everywhere, from the large Iron Age fort atop Ham Hill to the naming of its modern pedestrian shopping precinct, The Quedam, to reflect the town's Roman roots. The Museum of South Somerset at Hendford houses many fascinating exhibits and artefacts, giving its visitors the opportunity to trace the changing face of Yeovil through the ages.

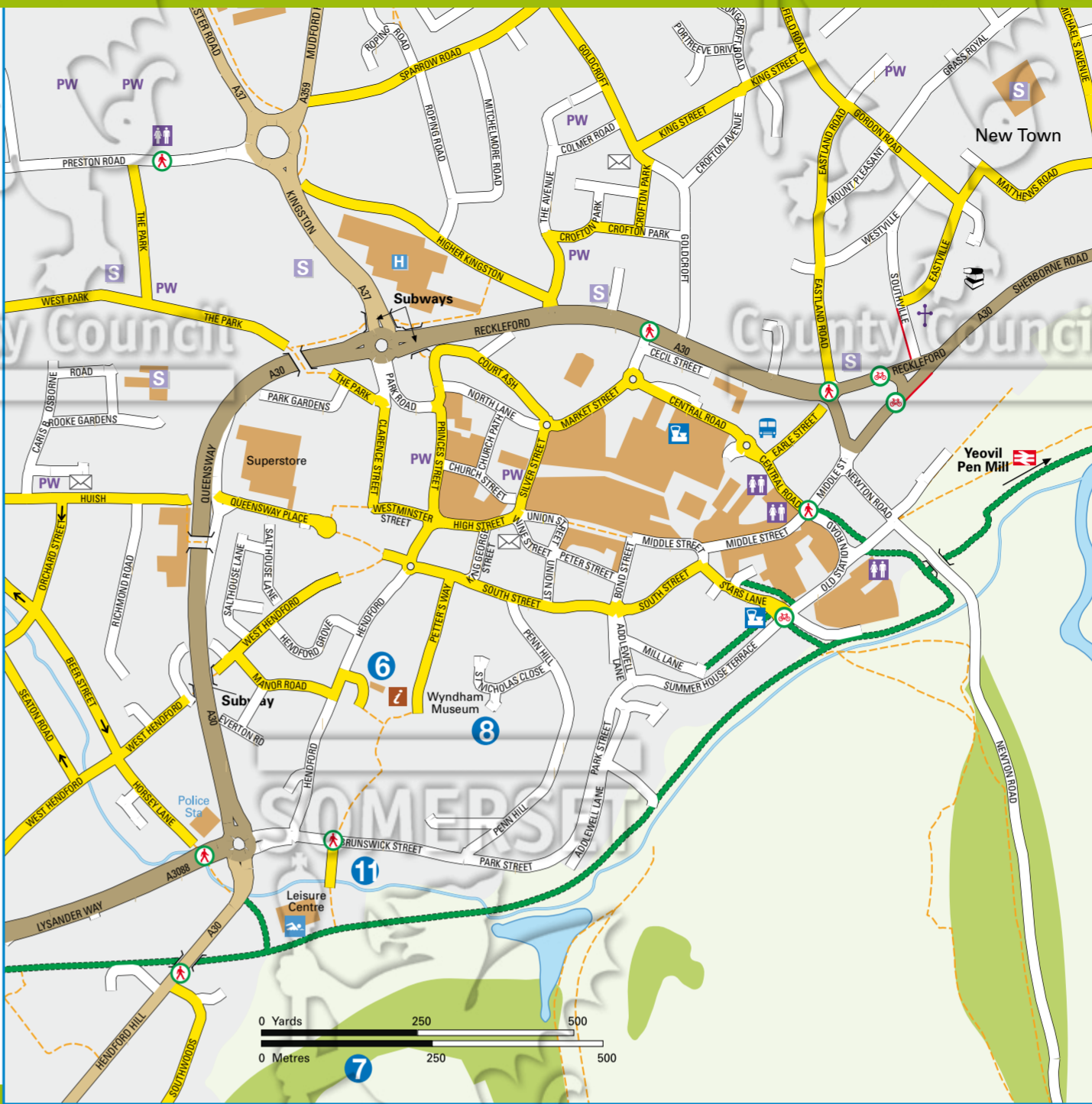
Nearby, at the foot of Hendford Hill, the area surrounding the beautiful Nine Springs has recently been transformed into a country park. With pathways meandering through beech woods and waterside walks around a delightful spring-fed lake, it is an idyllic setting popular with both local residents and visitors. Barwick Park, just south of the town, is also well worth a visit to see its four strange follies – Jack the Treacle Eater, the Needle, the Fish Tower and Messiter's Cone.

Yeovil also accommodates Somerset's only football league club, Yeovil Town FC, which has a long tradition of giant-killing in the FA Cup. The club plays at Huish Park, which is located to the north of the town.



Other places of interest easily reached by bike from Yeovil include the delightful formal gardens of 17th century Tintinhull, the Elizabethan grandeur of Montacute House (left) and the Fleet Air Arm Museum.

Town centre



Cycling advice

GENERAL

- Always abide by road regulations and the Highway Code.
- Make sure your bike is well maintained and roadworthy.
- Be visible. You must use front and rear lights after dark and may wish to consider wearing reflective or bright clothing.
- Wear appropriate footwear and clothing and consider wearing a helmet.
- Carry a good quality lock and make sure you secure your bike if leaving it.
- Cycle route signs are generally white on a blue background.

RIDING ON THE ROAD

- Make sure you can start, stop, signal confidently with both hands and check behind without wobbling before riding on the road.
- Always ride within your own ability.
- Ride about 1m out from the kerb to avoid drains, litter and glass in the gutter and to make yourself more visible to following traffic.
- Think ahead and try not to make sudden moves or changes in direction. Anticipate obstacles and turns ahead and position yourself appropriately in good time. Act decisively and do not be afraid to assert your position on the road.
- Give way to pedestrians, wheel-chairs and horse riders.

Moving Forward is a Somerset County Council initiative aimed at reducing congestion and pollution in Somerset. By raising awareness and encouraging wider use of sustainable travel alternatives such as walking, cycling, car share and public transport, we can protect and improve our environment, our health and our quality of life.

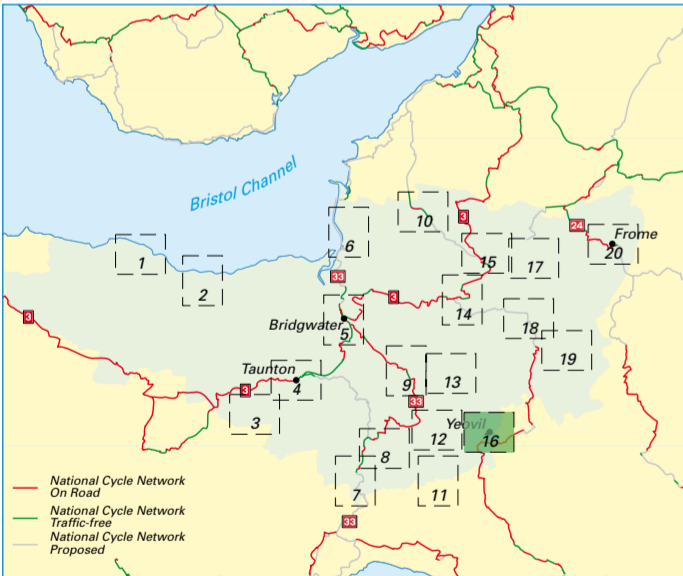


Did you know that the majority of car trips are less than 2 miles? These days it's all too easy to just hop in the car without thinking, even when we're only popping round the corner. Walking or cycling some of these small journeys instead, even occasionally, would make a big difference. We hope this map will help you to explore some of the options suitable for you.

To find out about other ways you can improve your quality of life simply by making smarter choices about the way you travel, visit www.movingsomersetforward.co.uk

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This cycling and walking map is one of a series covering towns and villages throughout Somerset



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Routes and symbols

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|--|-----------------------------|
| | Motorway |
| | Local routes |
| | Signed cycle route |
| | Railway line (and station) |
| | NCN / regional route number |
| | School |
| | Place of worship |
| | Post office |
| | Toilets |
| | Bike shop |
| | Bus station |
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| | Farm shop |
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COMMENTS

These maps have been produced with advice from local cyclists, town/parish councils and other interested partners and will be continually reviewed and updated. We welcome any comments that may help improve the quality and information provided for future

editions. Please send comments and observations F.A.O. The Cycling Officer, Somerset County Council, C702, County Hall, Taunton TA1 4DY or email movingforward@somerset.gov.uk

REPORTING A PROBLEM ON A PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY

If you find a problem on a public footpath or bridleway such as an obstruction, aggressive animal, missing signpost or damaged stile please telephone

Somerset Direct on 0845 3459155 or visit www.somerset.gov.uk/rightsofway, where you can inform us via the interactive mapping.

This map is published with the intention of providing information about the local road and cycle path networks. Every effort is made to ensure that all the information is up to date and accurate. Inclusion of marked routes on the map does not guarantee that these routes will be hazard-free. In particular, the routes marked in yellow indicate strategic routes linking settlements, marked cycle routes or other facilities and have been chosen according to a number of criteria which may make them more convenient to cyclists, including gradient, directness and typical traffic conditions. They do not indicate an enhanced level of maintenance or guaranteed safe conditions. In all cases, cyclists should

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Yeovil and the surrounding area



Useful information & places to go

PLACES TO VISIT

- 1 Barwick Park**
Barwick, BA22
- 2 Fleet Air Arm Museum**
Royal Naval Air Station, Yeovilton, BA22 8HT
01935 840565
www.fleetairarm.com
- 3 Ham Hill Country Park**
Stoke-sub-Hamdon, TA14 6RW
01935 823617
- 4 Haynes Motor Museum**
Sparkford, BA22 7LH
01963 440804
- 5 Montacute House**
Montacute, TA15 6XP
01935 823289
- 6 Museum of South Somerset**
Hendford, BA20 1UN
019350424774
- 7 Ninesprings Country Park**
www.ninesprings.net
- 8 Octagon Theatre**
Hendford, BA20 1UX
01935 422884
- 9 Sherborne Old Castle**
Castleton, Sherborne, Dorset, DT9 3SA
01935 812730
customers@english-heritage.org.uk
- 10 Tintinhull Garden**
Farm Street, Tintinhull, BA22 8PZ
01935 823289
- 11 Yeovil Country Park**
Brunswick Street
01935 462462
- 12 Yeovil Railway Centre**
Yeovil Junction Station, Stoford, BA22 9UU
01935 410420
- 13 Yeovil Recreation Centre & Athletics Arena**
Chilton Grove, off Mudford Road, BA21 4AW
01935 462616
- BIKE SHOPS**- The Bike Shed**
1 The Terrace, Huish, BA20 1AY
01935 410623
- P D E Cycles**
72 Wessex Road, BA21 3LR
01935 472151
- Mud Sweat & Gears**
Unit 13 Bartlett Court, Sea King Rd, Lynx Trading Estate, BA20 2NZ
01935 431937
- Tri UK**
76 Lyde Road, Yeovil, BA20 15DW
01935 414142
www.triuk.com
- POST OFFICES**- King George Street PO**
King George Street, BA20 1PZ
0845 2723344
- TOURIST INFORMATION**- Yeovil Heritage & Visitor Centre**
Hendford, BA20 1UN
01935 845946
yeovilhc@southsomerset.gov.uk
- Cartgate TIC**
Cartgate picnic area, A303/A3088, Stoke-sub-Hamdon, TA14 6RA
01935 829333