



The Kennet & Avon Canal

England's most southerly cross-country broad beam canal, weaves through the spectacular scenery between the River Thames at Reading and the River Avon at Bristol. Its route is a fusion of natural rolling landscapes including, the North Wessex Downs and Cotswolds Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, intersected by the urban and modern Reading, Newbury and World Heritage sites in Bath.

The Canals impressive architecture is in keeping with the surroundings that also provide a habitat for a diverse range of plants and animals including water voles, herons, wild flowers and rare aquatic plants.

The stretch of Canal between Pewsey and Crofton represents the summit of the Kennet & Avon Canal and is home to many important pieces of canal architecture including Crofton Pumping Station, Wilton Water; a water supply reservoir diverse in flora and fauna, The Bruce Tunnel and River Dun Aqueduct.

Waterscape.com provides information on a variety of interesting and enjoyable walks along the Kennet & Avon Canal. You can also access information about cycling the entire route of the canal.

A number of buses and trains operate along the Kennet & Avon Canal corridor. For further information on services and timetables call Traveline on **0871 200 22 33** or visit **www.traveline.info**.



The Wigglywalks

Three walks on the Kennet & Avon Canal between Devizes and Pewsey

Walk 1 easy: Foxhangers Bridge to Devizes (1.8 miles)

Take the 85 bus service from Devizes to the bottom of Caen Hill (A361). Cross dual carriageway (A361), follow the turning on the left (Marsh Lane). For or an excellent view of the lock flight look up the flight towards Devizes. Join the towpath and head up the impressive Caen Hill flight. Remain on the towpath until you come to Devizes Wharf, leave the towpath and follow the signposts back to Devizes Market Place.

Walk 2 moderate: The Crown, Bishops Cannings to Devizes (5 miles)

Take Connect2 Wiltshire bus Line 1 or a route 49 bus to the Crown at Bishops Cannings. From the pub walk through the church yard and continue along the lane (Church Walk), at the end of the lane turn right. At the end of the road continue straight into the campsite, with the campsite on the right join the canal at Bishops Cannings Swing Bridge. Turn right again onto the towpath and follow the towpath for 4 miles back to Devizes Wharf and return to the Market Place.

Walk 3 difficult: Woodborough to Devizes including Woodborough Hill option (12 miles)

Take Connect2 Wiltshire bus Line 1 to Woodborough Cross Roads, walk eastwards towards the village centre of Woodborough, turn left into Church Road and follow this into the village until you turn right into Church Farm Lane, following signs for Church Farm. Follow the road past the Dairy Farm until it turns into a bridleway, follow this over the canal bridge (122. Woodborough Fields Bridge) and continue up Woodborough Hill, admire the far-reaching views of the Pewsey Vale. Return to the canal towpath. Alternately stay on the Connect2 Wiltshire bus Line 1 to Honey Street Sawmill and join the canal here. Follow the canal towpath for 8 or 9 miles (depending on Woodborough diversion) through the beautiful Pewsey Vale back to Devizes Wharf and then walk through to the Market Place.

Devizes Wigglywalks with Connect2



How to use the bus service to enjoy your walk...

■ Look at the map overleaf, choose a walk that you would like to do; there are three walks;

- Walk 1** from Foxhangers Bridge to Devizes
- Walk 2** from Bishops Cannings to Devizes
- Walk 3** from Woodborough to Devizes

■ Then, choose where you want to start your walk and note the closest bus stop number (shown on the map).

■ Now call the booking centre on **01249 460600** and book a journey to the starting point of your walk, if required, and tell them what time you would like to travel and arrive for your walk.

■ If your walk begins at a location which you do not need the bus to get to (i.e. Devizes) then please find the nearest stop number to the end of you walk and tell the booking centre so that we can arrange bus travel for you at the end of your walk to take you back home or back to your car if you have parked in Devizes town centre.

■ The booking centre will find the closest times that match your travel requirements and will confirm your boarding and alighting points for your bus journey.

■ Each bus is wheelchair accessible and buggy friendly. We also welcome well behaved dogs on board our buses.



Foxhangers Bridge to Devizes



Bishops Cannings to Devizes



Woodborough to Devizes

To help us....

- Please ensure that you book your journey at least 20 minutes in advance of travelling and that you wait at your booked pick up point at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
- Buses may run up to 10 minutes later than booked when demand is high for the service – we apologise for any delays.
- Please note that there may be changes to Line 85 from the 3rd September 2007 that will affect the timetable. For this service you are advised to call Traveline on 0871 200 22 33 from that date. Calls to Traveline will cost 10p per minute from a landline.



Flexible bus services to get you closer to the heart of Wiltshire
To find out more call our information line 01380 860100
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Waterscape.com

Waterscape.com provides information on ALL of Britain's waterways, and guides visitors through the complete waterside experience in an easy to use, fully comprehensive online resource. The site includes a full range of services including:

- How to hire a canal boat or waterside holiday cottage
- Recommendations on walking, cycling, jogging and angling beside the water
- Best waterside bars, pubs and restaurants
- Waterway guides with information on visitor attractions, local history and wildlife
- News and events guides and listings

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www.britishwaterways.co.uk

The Ramblers' Association is Britain's biggest organisation working for walkers, a registered charity with 142,000 members across England, Scotland and Wales. We've been looking after Britain's footpaths and defending its beautiful countryside for more than 65 years
www.ramblers.org.uk



The Kennet & Avon Wigglywalks Guide

Devizes Edition

Three walks using the Connect2 Wiltshire bus services on the Kennet & Avon Canal between Devizes and Pewsey



Walks from Devizes using Connect2

The Kennet & Avon Canal

Explore the Kennet & Avon Canal country. Experience a living waterway which is historic yet tranquil and full of opportunities. The canal winds its way from Reading to Bristol, passing through towns such as Newbury, Devizes, Bradford-on-Avon and Bath as well as through the North Wessex Downs and Cotswold Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

The changing landscape along this waterway appeals to the visitor with features such as black and white painted locks, brightly coloured boats, level and wide towpath, interpretation panels and plenty of refreshment stops.

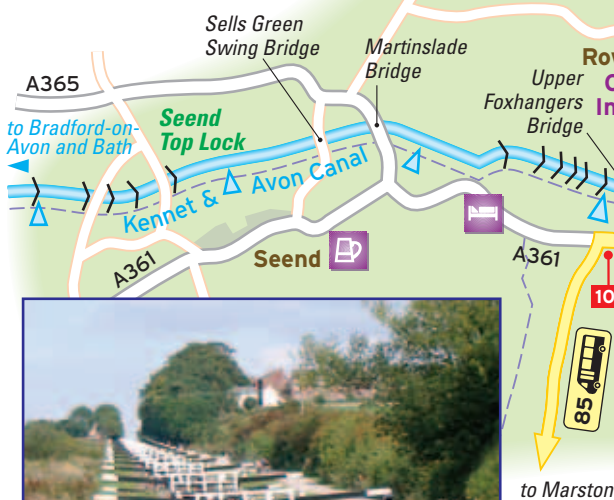
There are leisure opportunities for all ages whether it is walking and cycling along the towpath, enjoying the abundant waterside wildlife, or hiring boats as a group or family. Alternatively you may decide to just watch the world go by from one of the waterside cafés or pubs.

The Long Pound

The 15-mile section of canal between Devizes and Pewsey is known as the Long Pound and is a unique stretch of the Kennet & Avon Canal. Bounded by the North Wessex Downs AONB and Marlborough Downs to the North and Salisbury Plain to the South the Long Pound is a particularly tranquil part of the canal. Unlike the rest of the canal the towpath on the Long Pound is grass, so in winter it can be muddy, in summer the rich hedgerows and abundance of wildlife make the Long Pound particularly special.

The Devizes to Pewsey section also links in with local footpaths and the national trails The Ridgeway and Wansdyke both directly and via the Quiet Lanes network. This makes the canal towpath a perfect starting point for exploring this beautiful area.

For more information on walking in this area contact The Mid Wilts Ramblers.
Telephone: (01249) 814008
Website: www.ramblers-wilts.org.uk



Caen Hill Locks

This flight of 16 locks climbing Caen Hill one above another is one of the most spectacular features on Britain's Inland Waterway Network. It forms the middle section of the Devizes flight of 29 locks giving a total rise/fall of 237 feet (72.24m) over a distance of 2 miles (3.6km). The Caen Hill locks were the final section of canal to be completed in 1810 and was also one of the final sections to be restored before the reopening of the Kennet & Avon Canal in 1990. A back pumping scheme was installed in 1995 capable of pumping 300,000 gallons an hour from the bottom of the flight to the top, solving one of the long standing water supply problems on the canal.

Caen Hill Café and Information Centre

The recently refurbished Caen Hill Café and Information Centre serves a range of hot and cold beverages, home made cakes, soup, filled rolls and ice creams. There are also a selection of local produce, maps and guides for sale. Dogs and cyclists are welcome and the tea rooms are open from 10 - 6pm everyday.



- Be safe - Plan ahead and follow any signs
- Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Leave gates and property as you find it
- Consider other people

For more information visit www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk or call (01242) 521381



The Ridgeway
The Ridgeway is Britain's oldest road. Much of 85 mile trail can be reached by bus or train making it perfect for enjoying short or long walks.
www.nationaltrails.co.uk or Telephone: (01865) 810224

Ridgeway

Overton Hill

A4

East Kennett

North Wessex Downs AONB
Created in 1972 The North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty covers 1,730 sq km. It gives protection to one of the largest and least developed tracts of chalk downland in southern England.
Telephone: (01488) 685440
Website: www.northwessexdowns.org.uk

NORTH WESSEX DOWNS AONB

Wansdyke Path

Morgan's Hill

A361

Bishops Cannings

Crown

Horton

White Horse

Stanton St. Bernard

All Cannings

Honeystreet

Woodborough

Pewsey

Wilcot

Pain's Bridge

Milkhouse Water Bridge

to Hungerford and Reading

A345

Oare

Woodborough Hill

Lady's Bridge

Woodborough Fields Bridge

Dairy Farm

Woodborough

Patney

Chirton

Marden

Devizes

Devizes Wharf

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Devizes is an ideal destination for a day out, the town's rich history, mystery and legends make it a treasure in the heart of Wiltshire. Norman churches, medieval trail, the Kennet & Avon Canal, lively markets and fine pubs, places to eat and specialist shops tucked away in court yards and old alleyways will ensure a memorable day.

Devizes Wharf

Previously called Town Wharf, Devizes Wharf is the only survivor of Devizes' three wharves. Once a hub of boat building and trading the wharf now has a theatre and is the headquarters of the Kennet & Avon Canal Trust.

0 1/2 1 Mile
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approximate scale of map

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Public Houses

The Bridge Inn, Horton

This quality canal-side pub serves Wadworth's Beer directly from the wooden barrel, has an excellent range of home cooked food and welcomes walkers and canal users.

The Bridge Inn, Horton Road, Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 2JS
Telephone: (01380) 860273

The Barge Inn, Honeystreet

The Barge Inn has good pub grub with a wide range of vegetarian food available. The pub also has a caravan and camping site with accompanying showers, a family room with TV, large pub garden and good parking facilities.

The Barge Inn, Honeystreet, Pewsey, Wiltshire SN9 5PS
Telephone: (01672) 851705

The Crown Inn, Bishops Cannings

The Crown Inn, Chandlers Lane, Bishops Cannings, Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 2JZ
Telephone: (01380) 860218

Woodborough Hill
Often referred to as Treasure Island due to the clump of beech trees on its summit, Woodborough Hill is just north of the canal at Woodborough. The easy walk to the summit is rewarded with outstanding 360° panoramic views of much of the Vale of Pewsey, the Marlborough Downs and the Alton Barnes White Horse.

Lady's Bridge
This ornate bridge and the adjacent ornamental lake known as Wilcot Wide Water were created by the principal engineer on the original canal building project John Rennie, to appease Lady Susanah Wroughton who insisted the canal be landscaped through her estate.

Pewsey Station
Connecting trains to Newbury, Reading and Paddington to the East and Westbury, Castle Cary and Taunton to the West visit www.nationalrail.co.uk or call 08457 48 49 50

Key

Walk 1: Foxhangers Bridge to Devizes		Canal and Lock	
Walk 2: Bishops Cannings to Devizes		Public right of way	
Walk 3: Woodborough to Devizes		Long distance footpath	
Markers at 1 mile intervals		Holiday Accommodation	
route		Tourist Information	
Telephone bookings required		Picnic Area	
Connect2 stops		Pub	
Bus Stops		Café/Restaurant	
Railway line and station		Frequent bus services pass nearby (check availability)	
		Toilet	