

# Stroll along the **Strawberry Line**



This family-friendly route is a circular stroll along the Strawberry Line from Yatton to Congresbury.

## Walk information

**Distance:** about 3.5 miles

**Difficulty:** easy – level paths, plus a few fields with kissing gates

**Estimated time:** about 2 hours

**Map:** OS Explorer 154

Refreshments at the Strawberry Line Café, at Yatton train station, open 8am-4pm Mon-Fri and 9am-4pm Sat/Sun. More options in Congresbury and Yatton.

## How to get there

The walk starts at Yatton train station. Regular trains from Weston-super-Mare and Bristol.

The car park costs £2.70 Monday-Friday, £2 Saturday and Sunday, for all day.

Community cycle hire also available at the station. Visit

[www.strawberrycycles.com](http://www.strawberrycycles.com)

Find out about public rights of way in North Somerset at [www.n-somerset.gov.uk/publicrightsofway](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/publicrightsofway)

Start the walk at Yatton train station, a Grade II listed building dating from 1841.

Walk to the end of the car park next to platform one (trains bound for Weston-super-Mare), and the start of the Strawberry Line path.

The path follows the former Cheddar Valley Railway line, built in 1869. It was known as the Strawberry Line because of its cargo from the strawberry fields of Cheddar.

Despite being a busy junction, it closed in 1965 and a wealth of wildlife habitats then flourished.

The line now forms part of a nine-mile almost traffic-free National Cycle Network route, number 26.

Information boards give details of the area's history and what to look out for.

Benches are installed at regular intervals, including a mosaic seat made by pupils of Yatton Junior School in 2000 to celebrate Roman remains found nearby.



The railway was built over Congresbury marsh, which was drained in 1819 when the present rhynes (small ditches) were built.

The path will come to a rhyne so cross over the small bridge here and then head immediately left down Moor Lane.

Walk towards the A370. Before crossing the bridge over the River



Yeo, go through the kissing gate on your left-hand side and into the field.

This is a well-used permissive path which crosses three small fields. Keep dogs on leads here and follow the edge of the river. Congresbury will be ahead of you.

Before entering the final field, veer to your left towards the gap in the trees/hedge.

Continue on through the field towards the houses and you'll reach another kissing gate leading out onto the B3133.

Head left up this road for about a quarter of a mile, passing Cadbury Garden Centre on the other side of the road, until you get to The Pet Studio dog kennels.

Take the track on your left, just after the kennels.

Follow this track for about a quarter of a mile and there is a kissing gate in the hedge on your right-hand side (if you get to the farmhouse you've gone too far).

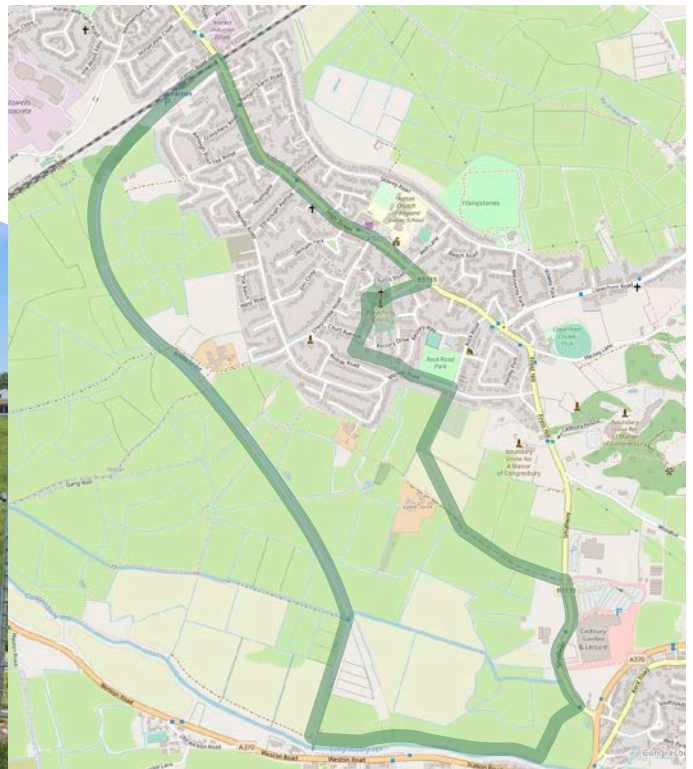
Walk left around the edge of the field towards the top corner. There is a wide gate with a kissing gate next to it. Go through here, and continue ahead across the next field, keeping to the right-hand edge next to the trees.

Go through the kissing gate at the end, with a footpath leading onto Mendip Road.

Turn left onto Mendip Road and cross the road at the corner with Rectory Way.

The public footpath continues behind the garages. At the large stone, go right and follow the footpath behind the houses, which leads to St Mary's Church.

Follow the footpath through the graveyard to Yatton High Street, where you can turn left and head back to the station.



© Crown copyright and database rights 2023 Ordnance Survey 100023397. You are not permitted to copy, sub-license, distribute or sell this data to third parties in any form.