

### 1. Westwood & Avoncliff

6.5km, 4m. Hill, includes field paths with stiles. Please be aware that cattle are often in the first fields. The route follows a short section of the Inner Wheel (orange) spokes 5 & 6 (blue) and some of the outer circuit (green) of the Walking Wheel.

- Leave by far end of the station car park Go down slope to river, TL under railway bridge. Take 1st path on L and walk between bowling green & play area, then round R at end of buildings into Pound Lane.
- TL and walk up to Frome Rd. TR cross mini r'bout, pass Canal Tavern (orange Wheel waymarkers) & cross canal bridge (canal lock on L).
- Immediately TR onto Jones Hill, following road round to L. Continue uphill for 300m, passing Southleigh, to gate and stile on L near top of hill. You now follow blue way markers all the way into Westwood.
- Cross stile and follow FP21 in a SW direc/on passing just to the R of small building (mine escape shaft).
- Cross several fields using s/les. Leave the 3rd field by a stile which is about 25m to L of large metal gate. (Large communica/on mast on R).
- 6. Bear L and cross field diagonally, keeping the wooden telegraph pole on your R, to leave by stile on S side of field..
- 7. TR and follow FP in SW direc/on keeping close to hedge (R) through 2 fields and then cross remaining 3 fields diagonally L using stiles.
- 8. Cross stiles & wooden footbridge into final field, bear L & aim for R of bungalow. Cross stile & go down short lane passing The New Inn, Lower Westwood
- Cross road signposted Westwood Manor & Church shortly to arrive at the churchyard. You now pick up the green way markers of the Outer Wheel and follow them all the way to Avoncliff.
- 10. Wiggle through churchyard then follow path (stone wall on R) through 2 fields and onto road over stile.
- Turn L then R into Orchard Close, passing Westwood Social Club & joining road. At road bend take kissing gate ahead onto path behind houses. This soon opens out into a small park.
- 12. Follow the wide tarmac path, cross straight over the road & descend access road to go through squeeze stile. The path goes straight down but you might like to deviate to path L at the low red brick wall for good views of the Avon Valley & Avoncliff Aqueduct. This path soon rejoins the main one
- You now descend this delighbul, steep, bendy wooded path. At bottom go through kissing gate & continue on road downhill to Avoncliff & the aqueduct.
- 14. Descend steps R to pass under aqueduct (look out for masons' marks on stones). Follow roadway uphill then sharply round R to join towpath. You are now on Spoke 6 of the Wheel (blue) for a very short distance.
- 15. TL back towards BoA. Soon, at end of houses TL down steep zig zag path to follow FP through the Country Park alongside River Avon, eventually joining tarmac access road. (N.B.The riverside path can be very muddy in winter & some/mes floods, in which case follow towpath back to BoA).
- 16. Continue to Barton (Packhorse) Bridge (Tithe Barn & West Barn on R); don't cross bridge but leave roadway to take path on L. Follow this under the railway bridge and then TR back up to the station car park.

# 2. Avoncliff and Winsley

8km, 5m; hills, includes steps and field paths with stiles; good views. Parts of this route follow the blue and green waymarkers of the Walking Wheel.

- Leave by far end of the station car park. Go down slope to river and TL under railway bridge. Keep straight ahead with river on R to join the tarmac access road. (Tithe Barn & West Barn on L)
- Follow road for approx 600m keeping river on R. At end bear L up to the canal at the swing bridge. Cross canal by wooden footbridge and turn R to follow rough path alongside canal and cross wooden footbridge into field.
- 3. Follow path on canal side of field and into next field to climb diagonally L to metal gate into the ancient Becky Addy Woods.
- Continue on path as it climbs through woods. Emerge onto road and TR to descend to Avoncliff.
- 5. Descend steps on R to go under aqueduct and follow road up & round R to canal. Turn R to cross aqueduct, straight ahead through small car park and join the short FP facing you.
- Climb R through gate into field to follow fenced path to top. Cross track and continue uphill on narrow, stony path (don't follow green waymarkers). This emerges at the cricket club.
- Go through stone stile onto track and continue ahead. At junction (Village Hall in front) turn L to reach road, turn L onto this road. Pass Dorothy House on L and turn next R to follow road as it winds round through old Winsley to reach St Nicholas Church.
- Turn R to follow road downhill past the War Memorial, then turn next L
  into Dane Rise. Follow to end and cross straight over by-pass (take care!)
  into lane.
- Here you can divert to Hartley Farm Shop and Cafe by taking footpath
  past allotments. Otherwise continue on lane to staggered crossroads at
  end.
- 10. Go straight over (follow blue Wheel way markers now until 12.) and after about 150m look out for footpath sign in hedge to turn off R through wooden gate. Cross field diagonally to far corner (church spire in distance), through gate and R along field edge. Go through wooden gate and turn immediately L to reach double stile into lane (care needed).
- Take facing FP and cross 2 stiles then two fields. Eventually reach metal
  gate to enter St Laurence School playing field. Go half left to aim for gate
  in green metal fence and into Magnon Road (blue way markers finish
  here).
- Follow road straight ahead into Churches to reach Winsley Rd. Cross at lights and go down Budbury Place to its end.
- Take facing FP, then turn L down steps. Wiggle round L to eventually reach Conigre Hill; turn R down to road, turn R then almost immediately L down Rosemary Steps and into Church Street.
- 14. Turn R and cross river footbridge into St Margaret's Hall car park.
- 15. Continue past front of hall then turn immediately R to Timbrell's Yard and follow FP to R along riverbank. Turn L up steps just acer swimming pool and follow path until you reach the steps into the station car park.

## 3. River & Canal

2.5km, 1.5m; level, firm paths; easy access (with extensions).

- Leave the car park by the station approach and TR on to Frome Rd (Men's Almshouses L).
- Walk along Frome Rd. Over the railway bridge. Continue past Junction Rd (Old Grammar School in Junction Rd L, Victory playing fields on R) for about 100m (passing women's almshouse R).
- 3. TR on to lower wharf of Kennet and Avon Canal (refreshments & shop).
- Continue W along the canal for about 1km to swing bridge (Extensions A and B possible).
- 5. T sharp R down track to the River Avon.
- Continue eastwards along the River Avon to the old bridge (L) and Barton Grange complex (R – access to Farm Buildings, Tithe Barn and workshops).
- 7. Continue along the S bank of the river under the railway bridge.
- 8. Turn R up the short slope to the station car park.
- 9. Return to starting point at car park entrance.

### **Extension A-To Avoncliff**

+2.5km, 1.5m; level, includes field paths.

- At swing bridge stay on canal towpath and continue W to the start of the Avoncliff aqueduct. (Refreshments, old mill and old workhouse)
   Extension B possible, or get the train back to Bradford on Avon.
- Return E along towpath for about 175m. Then either return to the swing bridge along the towpath or turn L down steep section of the River Avon by weir.
- 3. Follow the river path E for about 800m (Willow Labyrinth on R).
- Continue along river path until you meet the path coming down from the canal.
- Continue starting at 6 above.

#### Extension B- To Freshford

+3.0km, 1.8m; level, field path.

- At the start of aqueduct turn R down slope and then turn L under the aqueduct and continue along the riverbank past the old workhouse.
- 2. Continue along the well-trodden riverbank path until you reach the road bridge over the River Frome at Freshford (Refreshments).
- Return the same way to Avoncliff. Then pick up at extension A at 2 above, or you can get the train back to the starting point.







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TL - Turn Left
TR - Turn Right
R - Right
L - Left

FP - Footpath

N - North E - East S - South W - West

SW - South

