

Self-guided walking tour in Bath: Top 16 sights to visit

This self-guided walking tour explores the key sights and hidden gems in Bath. One of the top travel destinations in the UK, the city of Bath offers an escape to magnificent Georgian architecture and beautiful Cotswold countryside.

Location: Bath, Somerset

Walk difficulty: Intermediate

Time: 3 ½ to 4 ½ hours

Distance: 7 miles (11 km)

Walk guide: [Bath self-guided walking tour by adragonsescape.com](https://adragonsescape.com)



Bath self-guided walking tour instructions

- 1. Bath Abbey:** This self-guided walking tour starts at Bath Abbey (BA1 1LT). The entrance to the abbey can be found on Abbey Churchyard.
- 2. The Roman Baths:** The entrance to the Roman Baths can also be found on Abbey Churchyard.
- 3. Milsom Street:** With your back to Bath Abbey, walk along Abbey Churchyard, turn right onto Stall Street and continue straight ahead to Milsom Street.
- 4. Queen Square:** At the bottom of Milsom Street, turn right onto Quiet Street and at the end of this street, turn right, then immediately left onto Wood Street. At the end of Wood Street, you'll reach the south eastern corner of Queen Square.
- 5. Royal Victoria Park:** At the opposite corner of Queen Square from Wood Street, take the side street, Queen's Parade, and continue to Royal Avenue. The park starts here and enjoys lovely views of the Royal Crescent. However, the main parkland is further along. Continue along Royal Avenue, cross Marlborough Lane and go past the park fences.
- 6. The Royal Crescent:** From the heart of Royal Victoria Park, follow Royal Avenue past the park fences and turn left onto Marlborough Buildings and right onto the Royal Crescent.

- 7. The Circus:** At the opposite end of the crescent from Marlborough Buildings, follow the road onto Brock Street and to the Circus.
- 8. The Assembly Rooms:** From the Brock Street entrance to the Circus, veer left onto Bennett Street. You'll find the Assembly Rooms on your right.
- 9. Lansdown Crescent (optional):** From the Assembly Rooms, continue along Bennett Street and turn left onto Lansdown Road. Walk up the steep hill, turn left onto Lansdown Place East (4th street on your left) and continue along the road to Lansdown Crescent.

To visit Somerset Place, continue past Lansdown Crescent and along Lansdown Place, and turn right onto Somerset Place. To visit Cavendish Crescent, continue past Lansdown Crescent and along Lansdown Place and Sion Hill, and turn left onto Cavendish Road then left again onto Cavendish Crescent. To visit Camden Crescent, go back down Lansdown Road and turn left onto Camden Crescent (2nd street on your left).

- 10. Walcot Village:** From Lansdown Crescent, go back down Lansdown Road. *[If you skipped Lansdown Crescent: From the Assembly Rooms, continue along Bennett Street and turn right onto Lansdown Road.]* At the end of the Lansdown Road, turn left onto The Paragon. This is a small detour to explore The Paragon, an impressive curved street of Georgian town houses. At the roundabout, turn sharp right onto Walcot Street.
- 11. Pulteney Bridge:** Walk down Walcot Street, continue along High Street and turn left onto Bridge Street. At the intersection, you'll reach Pulteney Bridge.
- 12. Great Pulteney Street:** From Pulteney Bridge, continue straight ahead along Argyle Street and Great Pulteney Street.
- 13. Sydney Gardens:** At the end of Great Pulteney Street, you'll find the Holburne museum. From there, either veer left or right and follow the edge of the park along Sydney Place to either entrance to the gardens.
- 14. The Kennet & Avon Canal:** Follow the wide central path starting at the Holburne museum, cross over the railway bridge and veer right towards a small intricate white gate leading to the canal. Turn right and walk along the canal path to Widcombe. Please note that at the intersection with Bathwick Hill, you'll need to switch banks by walking back up to street level and crossing the road. Just follow the signposts.
- 15. Alexandra Park (optional):** From the end of the Kennet & Avon canal path, turn left onto St Matthew's Place and veer right onto Widcombe Parade and then Claverton Street. Turn left onto Lyncombe Hill (2nd street on your left), then right onto Calton Road (1st street on your right). At the start of Calton Road, you'll find an uphill path with steep steps, known as Jacob's Ladder, that will take you to Alexandra Park and the first viewpoint. Continue straight ahead to the second viewpoint.

16. SouthGate Shopping Centre (*optional*): From the second viewpoint in Alexandra Park, take the downhill path to the right of the town houses to Holloway Street. Turn right onto Holloway and at the bottom of the hill, veer left down a footpath towards the roundabout. *[If you skipped Alexandra Park: From the end of the Kennet & Avon canal path, turn left onto St Matthew's Place and veer right onto Widcombe Parade and then Claverton Street.]* Cross Claverton Street using the underpass, continue round the roundabout and cross the first bridge. Turn right onto SouthGate Street, cross Dorchester Street and veer right along the pedestrian part of SouthGate Street.

To reach Bath Abbey from SouthGate, continue straight ahead along SouthGate Street and then Stall Street, and turn right onto Abbey Churchyard.

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Walk GPX file: [Bath self-guided walking tour on my.viewranger.com](https://www.viewranger.com)

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Ascent: Steep

Trail condition: Smooth

Accessibility: Not suitable for pushchairs, wheelchairs or bikes

Facilities: Refreshments, shops and toilets available throughout the walk

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