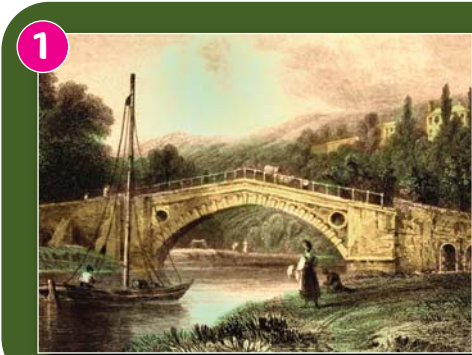


Riverside Heritage Walks

Bath Six Bridges Walk

A popular 18th century walk, full of variety.
Explore both the heritage and wildlife of Bath.

Route Description: Bath – Newbridge to Windsor Bridge



1 Meet the path on Newbridge, built in 1736 to replace a ford. Go down the steep steps beside the bridge near The Boat House Inn and the Newbridge Park & Ride. At dusk, look out for horseshoe bats.



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2 Pass beneath the Midland Railway Bridge, now carrying the Bristol & Bath Railway Path – the first Sustrans cycle route created 1979–86. Look out for swifts in summer.

3 Hear birdsong alongside the sounds of road and railway on this wooded stretch of the Avon. Stop to admire the bench marking Emperor Haile Selassie 1 of Ethiopia's use of the path while exiled in Bath, 1936–41. Look out for otters.



Drew Avery



4 Before you arrive at the former lock-keeper's house you will see the river weir (now flood-gates) to the right of the nearby lock. This short bypass canal, the Weston Cut was dug in 1727 to avoid the weirs of two large cloth mills opposite at Twerton and to allow boats to move goods along the river. See the rare Lodden pond weed in the water.



 Time: 70 minutes
 Distance: 1.5 miles / 2.5 km
 Accessibility: 5-8 Wheelchair/buggy friendly

▲ Route difficulty:
 Mainly level
 Some gentle slopes
 Steps at Newbridge
 Occasional puddles

🚗 Parking:
 Newbridge Park & Ride
 Around Locksbrook Rd

Key

- Route (gravel)
- Route (tarmac)
- 1** Route guide
- Cycle route
- ☐ Weston Canal
- ☕ Refreshments
- 🏪 Shop
- 🪑 Seat
- 🍺 Pub



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Halfway along the cut is the 'Dolphin' Bridge, leading to 'Dutch Island' where there was one of many local brass works. Just beyond, is the Locksbrook Inn, formerly the 18th century Dolphin Inn. Look out for mute swans and moorhens.

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Weston Footbridge replaced an old rope ferry in 1900. Nearby is the listed Herman Miller cabinet-making works (1976 -77) – an early building by Nicholas Grimshaw and an example of the British Hi-tech movement – soon to be Bath Spa Arts Campus.

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Pass under another Midland Railway into Bath. In warmer months, look out for damselflies and aquatic plants such as lilies and the yellow flag iris near the Kelson's Field Park, once the mouth of Lox Brook.

Bernard Dupont

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Peter Dolous



This walking trail has been produced by the WaterSpace Partnership working to revitalise the River Avon and Kennet & Avon Canal in Bath & North East Somerset.