

The Kennet and Avon Canal

Hiking the full canal from Reading to Bristol plus 20 day walks

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Guidebook to walking the 94 mile Kennet and Avon Canal in 7 day-long stages. 20 circular walks are also included, taking in the best sections of the canal. The guidebook takes you on a fascinating journey across southern England, following a major transport route that was built over 200 years ago during the heyday of British canals.

The route passes through a diverse and varied landscape, including the chalk hills of the North Wessex Downs AONB in the east, Crofton Pumping Station, the impressive Caen Hill flight of locks at Devizes, aqueducts at Avoncliff and Dundas, the southern edge of the Cotswolds AONB, the City of Bath UNESCO World Heritage Site and Bristol's vibrant Floating Harbour.

The guidebook describes easy walking on mostly good paths and tracks through fairly low-level terrain along the canal. The day walks range from 4¼ to 9 miles: these include more ascents and descents than the canal path, but should still be suitable for most walkers.

Key marketing points

Two guides in one - walk the canal end to end from Reading to Bristol or choose to follow the 20 circular walks Easy access points using public transport (for most but not all walks)

About the author

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