

The Strawberry Line



To Clevedon

To Bristol

North End

Claverham

Yatton Station

Yatton

Biddle Street SSSI

GANG WALL

River Yeo

To Weston-super-Mare

DOLEMOOR LANE

Puxton Moor (Avon Wildlife Trust)

Fishing Lakes

To Weston-super-Mare

TO WESTON-SUPER-MARE

To Banwell

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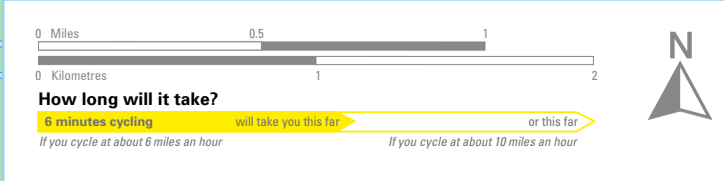
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The Strawberry Line Heritage Trail is a 10 mile traffic-free route through the heart of North Somerset linking the Levels to the Mendip Hills.

Part of the Great Western Railway, the Strawberry Line was completed in 1869. It became an important line for passengers and freight carrying dairy produce, stone, and, of course, the famous Cheddar strawberries from which it takes its name.

The line was busy for nearly a century until it was closed in 1965. Since then the line has been reclaimed by nature and is managed to protect and enhance a rich variety of wildlife habitats from ponds and wetlands to limestone grassland and dense scrub.

Work began converting the line to a walking and cycling route in 1983 by volunteers from the Cheddar Valley Walk Society. Improvements are still being made to the route 25 years later and more exciting projects are planned for the future including extending the route. The Strawberry Line project would not be possible without the ongoing support of a variety of volunteers and organisations.

Find out more about the Strawberry Line at www.thestrawberryline.co.uk



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The Strawberry Line

Yatton to Cheddar 10 mile route



ROUTE MAP

NORTH SOMERSET

Attractions along the route

Clevedon is situated on the Bristol Channel Coast and was once a hillside settlement. It became a very popular Victorian seaside resort and has many fine examples of architecture from that era, including the only Grade 1 listed pier in the country.

Yatton Station is a mainline station with local trains running to Weston-super-Mare and Bristol as well as direct trains to London. From Yatton a branch line used to head north to Clevedon and south to Cheddar.

Biddle Street Site of Special Scientific Interest is drained by a network of ditches that act as 'wet fences' between the fields. These ditches and their banks are rich in wild flowers and home to dragonflies and reed and sedge warblers.

Congresbury Station was once the junction with the Wrington Vale Light Railway.

Thatchers Cider is made in Sandford from apples that are grown locally. The path passes through some of their orchards near Sandford, and you can try or buy their products at the Thatchers Farm Shop in the village. Shute Shelve Tunnel takes the line through the heart of the Mendip Hills and contains several limestone formations.

Winscombe Station has been restored and you can walk a timeline along the platform which ends at the Millennium Green.

Axbridge has changed little over the centuries and visitors can still wander around the charming medieval streets and soak up hundreds of years of history.

Cheddar Reservoir was opened in 1938 and was designed to pump water from underground springs and rivers to serve the population of Bristol.

Cheddar Gorge reaches 500 feet and the sides of the ravine boast the highest inland cliffs in the country. Cheddar Caves were inhabited by our early ancestors 40,000 years ago and Britain's oldest complete skeleton, Cheddar Man, is on display.

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Area covered by this map

