

# 01 SOMERSET BATH SKYLINE

► Distance: 5½ miles/9km ► Time: 2½ hours ► Grade: Easy



This walk offers wonderful views over the city.



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Bath is a beautiful city to visit, with its majestic, honey-coloured Georgian architecture and pretty parks. It's also an easy city to escape from, with a short but steep climb from its eastern edges taking you to the airy green spaces high above the urban sprawl where leafy woodland and wildflower meadows feel like another world altogether. The Bath Skyline is National Trust-owned and the walk is mostly waymarked.

## 1 Start

From Bathwick Hill, facing away from Cleveland Walk, take the footpath (signed Bath

Skyline) south-east across the fields to a gate onto a lane. Head south along the lane to the junction by the cemetery, cross the junction and follow a track and then a footpath across another field heading south-east to reach the road (Widcombe Hill).

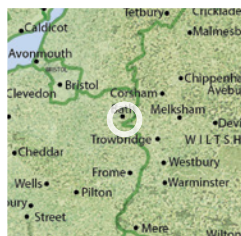
## 2 ¾ mile/1km

Turn L and follow the road uphill for 100m then cross and take the footpath R heading south-east through woodland. At the track junction top of hill turn R and follow track south.

## 3 1½ miles/2.4km

When you reach a path cross roads turn L heading south-east and then curving north-east on a smaller path.

## PLAN YOUR WALK



## ROUTE

**Start/parking** Bathwick Hill/Cleveland Walk junction; park in one of many Bath city car parks, grid ref ST760647

**Is it for me?** Waymarked as Bath Skyline with clear, grassy or woodland paths. There are a couple of reasonable ascents and descents and two short sections of road

**Stiles** 1

## PLANNING

**Nearest town** Bath

**Refreshments** Prior Park National Trust Café (entry to Prior Park required) Graze, Bath

**Public toilets** In city centre

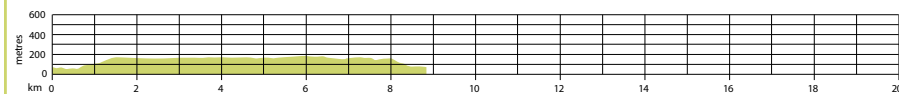
**Public Transport** Bath Spa is a major train station

**Maps** OS Explorer 155; Landranger 172

An option is to turn R here and head downhill to visit the beautiful National Trust Prior Park landscape garden (paid



## GRADIENT PROFILE



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BATH SKYLINE► OS Explorer map 155 ► Buy maps at: [ordnancesurvey.co.uk/mapshop](http://ordnancesurvey.co.uk/mapshop)

## DON'T MISS...



**Prior Park  
landscape  
garden**  
(National Trust –  
paid entry for non-  
members). Sham  
Castle (free to visit).

entry for non-NT members).  
Otherwise continue through  
Long Wood to a path junction.

**4 2 miles/3.3km**

Turn L and follow the path  
north across some fields over  
Claverton Down. Cross the road  
and continue north on the path  
with some playing fields on  
your R. Turn R onto the road  
(The Avenue) and follow it  
for about 200m downhill.

**5 3 miles/4.8km**

Turn L off the road onto  
a track, follow this for about  
100m then turn R through  
a gate into a large field. Follow  
the path north-east across the  
first field and then through  
a gate and north along the  
edge of some woodland.

**6 3½ miles/5.85km**

Here the path enters the  
woodland and curves to the L  
eventually heading north-west.  
Leave the woodland again and  
follow the path across some  
fields towards a mast. Continue  
around the north side of the  
mast then follow the track  
as it curves south.

**7 4½ miles/7.2km**

Leave the main track and  
turn R onto a footpath that  
drops down into the woods,  
trending south to reach the  
small road (from here you can  
cross the road and head uphill  
on a path to reach Sham Castle,  
return by the same route).  
Turn R and head down a steep  
field to reach North Road.

**8 5½ miles/8.4km**

Turn R and follow North

Road downhill for about a  
100m, turning L onto footpath  
and heading down to Cleveland  
Walk. Turn L and follow this  
back to Bathwick Hill. **CW**

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