

# Yatton Station to Congresbury Circular

Distance: 3½ miles

Walking Time: 2 hours

GRADE: Easy 2

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The route is along the Cheddar Valley Railway Walk, now designated as a nature reserve. This railway, known as the 'Strawberry Line' because it carried fruit from Cheddar, was opened in 1869 from Yatton Junction. Leaving the line at Congresbury, the walk continues along a permissive path by the River Yeo to Cadbury Garden Centre and returns over fields to Yatton Church.

## Maps:

**Explorer 154**

Bristol West and  
Portishead  
1:25 000 scale

**Landranger 172**

Bristol & Bath  
1:50 000 scale

**Grid Ref:**

ST 425 661



## PUBLIC TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### Bus

From Bristol Bus Station take the 350/351/353 to Yatton (Top Scaur) via Long Ashton, Backwell and Claverham. Buses run hourly on Mondays through to Saturdays and take approximately 40 minutes. On Sundays and Bank Holidays take the 353 hourly service.

For further information contact First either by logging on at [www.firstgroup.com](http://www.firstgroup.com) telephone Traveline on 0870 608 2608 for bus and train journey details.

### Train

From Bristol Temple Meads services operate regularly to Yatton Station. The journey takes approximately 18 minutes and frequency depends on the time of day, weekday, weekends or Bank Holidays. The service travels through Nailsea and Backwell, and some call at Bedminster. For further information look under [www.wessextrains.co.uk](http://www.wessextrains.co.uk) or call National Rail Enquiries on 08457 484950 and to buy tickets call 0870 900 2320.

## PUBLIC HOUSES/CAFES EN ROUTE

Ship and Castle, The Cross, Congresbury 01934 832794

The Prince of Orange, High Street, Yatton 01934 832193 (Both are a couple of hundred yards off the actual route). There are cafes at Cadbury Garden Centre and above the greengrocers in Yatton precinct.

## PUBLIC TOILETS

Yatton High Street, junction of Cherry Grove, and at Ship and Castle car park.

## CREDITS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

Yatton Ramblers have provided information for this walk card.

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## PLACES AND FEATURES OF INTEREST

### Congresbury

The River Yeo has been straightened and embanked. This village, ancient Cungrisberie, is named after St. Congar who probably came from Wales in the 6th Century. King Ine (688-726) granted a stone church, implying that a wooden one already existed here. Broad Street and the market cross reflect the weekly market and annual fair granted in 1227.



Artwork over path at start of walk

### The Railway Walk

The railway was built over Congresbury Marsh, this was drained in 1819 when the present rhynes were built. Yatton church on your left stands in an elevated position above the levels.

### Yatton Station

The station is a grade II listed building on Brunel's Bristol and Exeter Railway opened 14th June 1841. It was later a busy junction with the Cheddar Valley and Clevedon lines, employing many railway workers.

### Yatton High Street

The street has several interesting former farmhouses. The village is long and narrow, being built on a spur of higher ground.

### Yatton Church

One of the glories of North Somerset, notice especially the fine south porch with its lierne vaulting inside. There was a Saxon church on the site but the present church was rebuilt from 1320 onwards. The top half of the spire was removed in 1595 and never replaced. Stone for building came from the Dundry quarries.



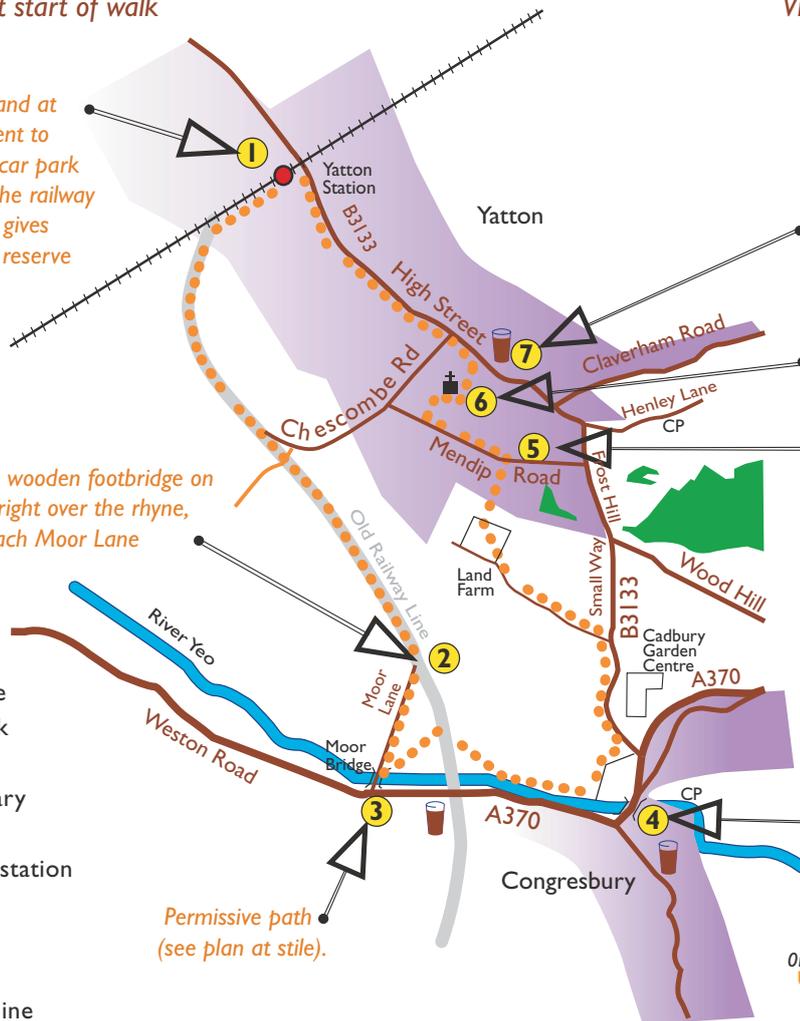
View of Yatton Church

Go left out of the station, and at the end of car park adjacent to down line, (there is also a car park adjacent to up line), join the railway path at notice board. This gives information on the nature reserve and what to look for.

Cross wooden footbridge on your right over the rhyne, to reach Moor Lane

Permissive path (see plan at stile).

- Key**
- public house
  - circular walk
  - other paths
  - field boundary
  - road
  - railway line/station
  - waterway
  - urban area
  - woodland
  - old railway line



The Prince of Orange, Yatton: goes back at least to the 17th century.

The Prebendal House next to Yatton Church is 15th century.

To return to station, from Mendip Road take path ahead on bend, right at boundary stone, right between bungalows, through churchyard to High Street, turn left down here for 1/2 mile.

The Ship and Castle: the Coat of Arms of the Corporation (now City) of Bristol who were Lords of the Manor of Congresbury. The revenues from the land supported Queen Elizabeth's Hospital, the Bristol school.



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