

12.8km/8 miles

4hrs

moderate

Bradford-on-Avon

Bradford-on-Avon quite literally rises in steep tiers of dwellings above the Avon, an unforgettable sight when illuminated by the fading rays of a sunset.

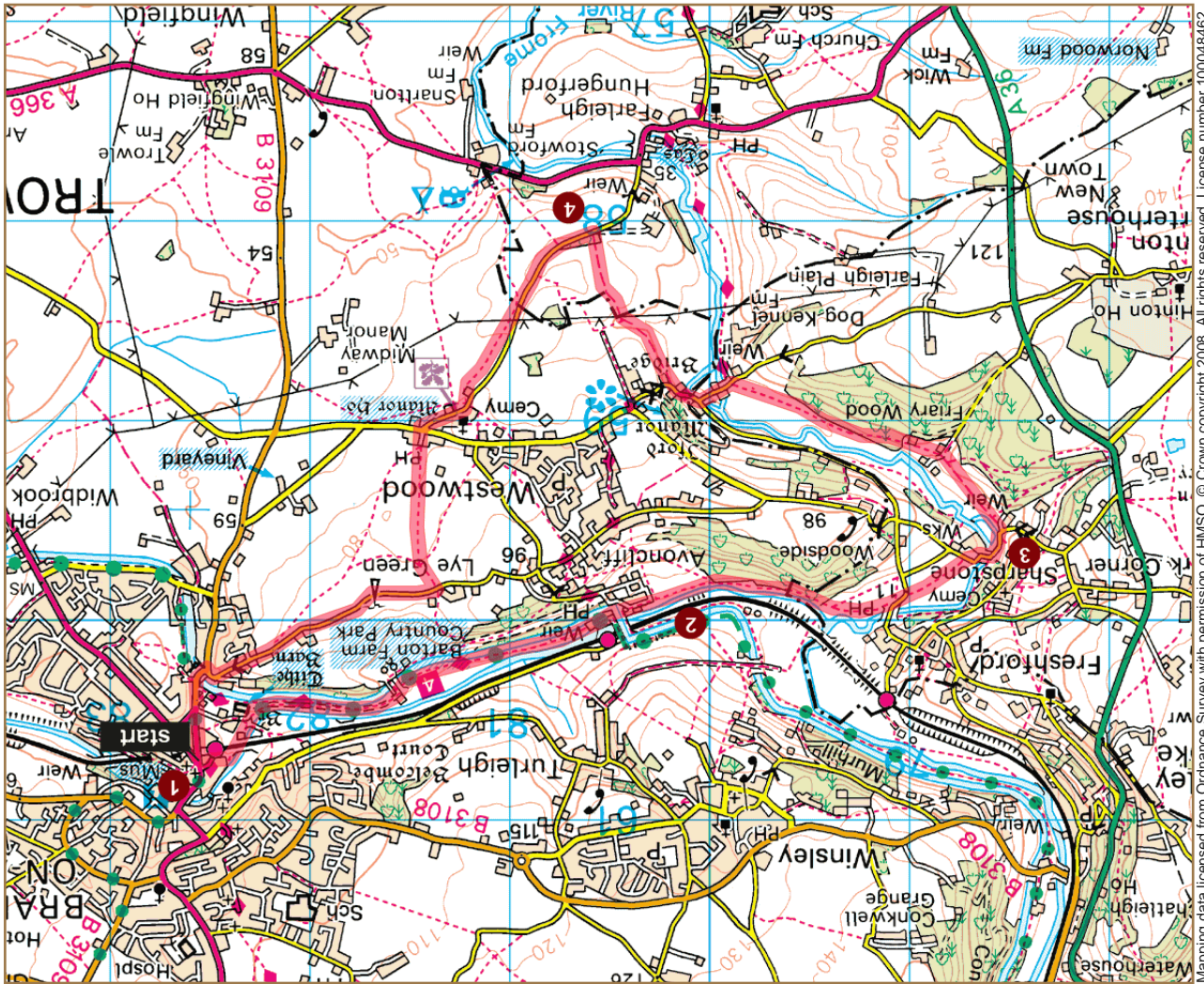
The walk

- Walk to far end of car park and follow path, L, under railway bridge by River Avon. Go across grassy area to Tarmac path by bridge, and follow path ahead, river, R. Path joins K&A Canal by footbridge. Follow towpath to R for 1.2km until Avoncliff, where towpath bears R to aqueduct. Just before, turn R down lane to Cross Guns Inn and, just before, take sharp L to walk beneath aqueduct. Walk uphill to junction, turn R away from canal along unmetalled road. Follow lane to point where track bears sharply L.
- Where track bears L, pass through handgate and follow path that runs above Avon. Follow to handgate, enter meadow and walk length of field to handgate. Continue along path between Avoncliff Wood and Avon to handgate and enter meadow. Walk diagonally across to handgate, in far R corner, before joining lane close to inn at Freshford and bridge across Somerset Frome. Turn L and, in 70m, walk across middle of two fields to stile and lane opposite derelict mill. Turn R and follow lane alongside River Frome to brideway on L by Dunkirk Mill Cottage.
- Turn L along brideway – it shortly bears R – and continue around to front of Middle House. Turn L along enclosed track running

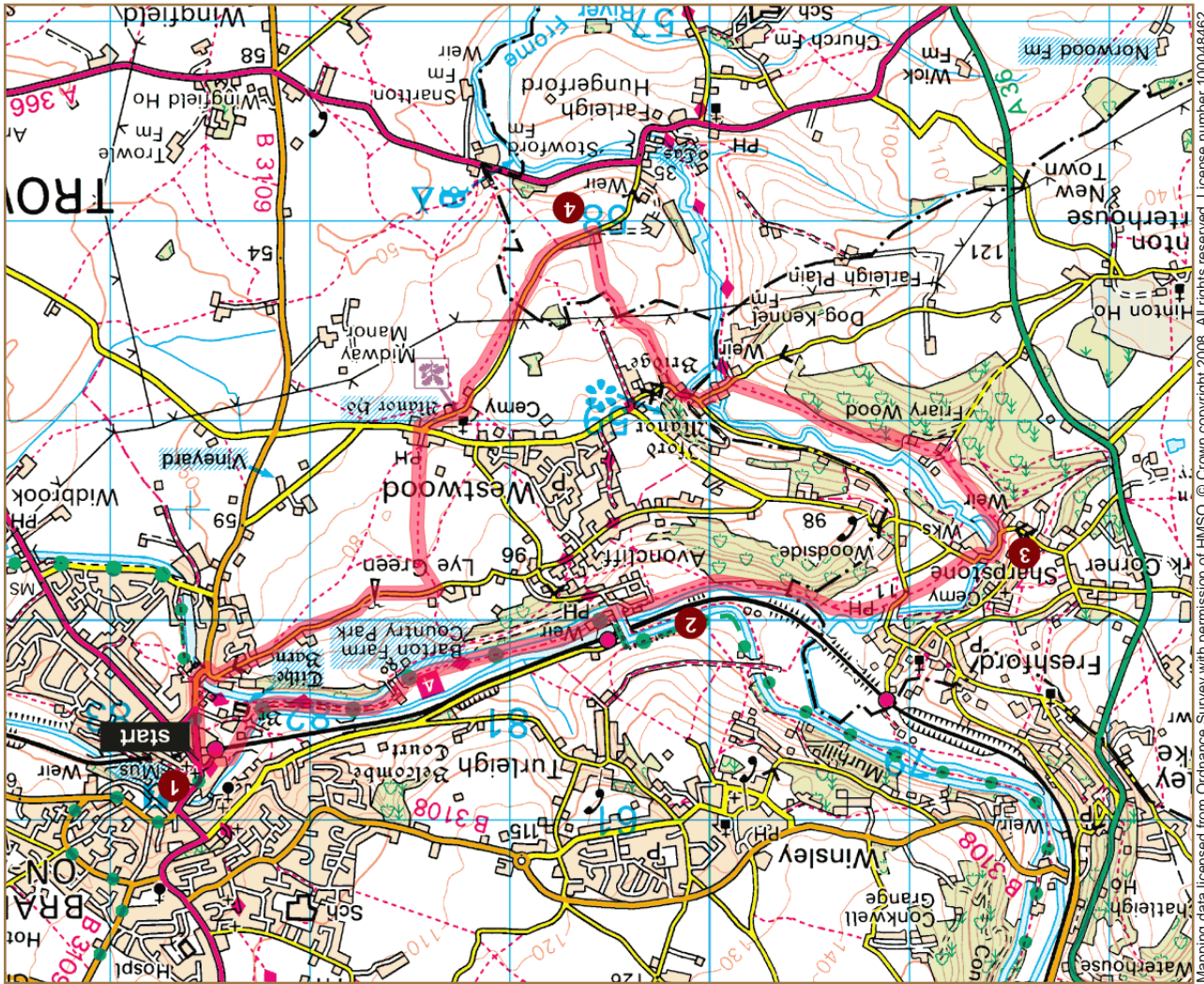
across hillside above Frome. Follow track for 400m to handgate, before dropping downhill to join lane in hamlet of Friary. Turn L for few steps, before turning R in front of Whistlers Hollow to follow track across to gate and field. Cross field to gate and stile at entrance to Friary Wood. Follow path for 275m down to gate and stile and large open meadow. Walk length of meadow to stile and lane. Turn L down to bridge over Frome and junction in front of Iford Manor. Turn R and walk up Iford Hill for 100m to brideway, R. Follow track for 1.2km until it reaches Farleigh Hungerford to Westwood Lane.

Follow lane to L for 400m to stile and waymarked path, R. Cross stile, walk through small plantation and follow L edges of two fields to stile and gate in front of Westwood Manor and church. Walk through churchyard to path in corner. Follow path for 100m to stile. Don't cross. Follow enclosed path to R that emerges at road junction by Old Malt House. Follow lane opposite – signposted 'Avoncliff' – and, on L-hand bend by Limes Farm Cottage, cross stile ahead to enter open field. Follow R edges of next three fields to reach stone slab-stile in corner of third field. Beyond stile, turn L and follow fieldpath across one final field to stile in far corner of field and lane by bungalow. Turn R and follow lane for 1.2km until it drops downhill to join B3109 by Wharf in Bradford-on-Avon. Turn L, and in 300m you are back in centre of town.

MAPS
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