

- Busy sections on A roads
- A roads
- Link routes between settlements, signed cycle routes or places of interest
- Signed cycle route
- Traffic-free cycle path
- Foxglove Trail Traffic-free / On-road
- Cycle route not on public highway*
- Bridleways (cycling allowed)
- Footpaths (no cycling)
- Railway line (and station)
- On-carriageway cycle lane
- National Cycle Network route number
- Pelican crossing
- Toucan crossing
- Non-signalised crossing
- One-way / Cycle contra-flow
- Cycle / Pedestrian link
- School
- College
- Hospital
- Library
- Place of worship

100-150	Urban
50-100	Urban
0-50	Urban
Sand	Urban

- Post office
- Toilets
- Bike shop
- Refreshments
- Swimming pool
- Shopping centre, complex or trading estate
- Farm shop
- Tourist Information Centre
- Places of interest (see reverse)
- Historic building
- Café
- Bike locker
- Take care

0 Kilometres 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 1
0 Miles 0.2 0.4 0.6

How long will it take?
3 minutes cycling will take you about this far
If you cycle at about 10 miles an hour
10 minutes walking will take you about this far
If you walk at about 3 miles an hour

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Taunton - The South West's First Garden Town

Somerset West and Taunton

Taunton blends superb natural surroundings with a thriving centre and a great quality of life. The town was awarded Garden Town status in 2017 by Government and there is a strong commitment to develop a town where the outstanding natural environment, diverse and thriving economy and inspiring cultural offer contribute to an exceptional quality of life and well-being. At the heart of this is the environment; giving the town a green makeover by joining up green spaces, waterways, parks and play spaces, planting more street trees and woodlands to improve it for recreation, tourism and wildlife.

Taunton is already a great place for cyclists and walkers! The Council is committed to enabling more efficient and sustainable ways of getting around and will support reducing car use through park and ride schemes, introducing pedestrian areas in the town centre and creating more, improved walking and cycling routes.

COACH



Centre for Outdoor Activity and Community Hub is a multi-purpose community facility in French Weir Park, Taunton. It provides access to outdoor, social and sporting activities for the whole community, young people in particular. It is home to a number of local sports clubs, including Longrun Meadow.

Parkrun. C.O.A.C.H is also an Outdoor Education centre for schools with activities being run by Channel Adventure (www.channeladventure.co.uk).

Forming part of C.O.A.C.H, The Park Room is a spacious open-plan room available for corporate hire. It has picturesque views over French Weir Park, Longrun Meadow and the River Tone, and is well-appointed with free Wi-Fi and a large screen for meetings and other events.

Also on site is The Weir Café. Situated on the banks of the river, it is independently run and a great place to relax and enjoy some delicious refreshments.



Taunton

Located in a valley between the Quantock and Blackdown Hills (both designated Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty), Taunton, the County Town of Somerset, is steeped in history and is home to an array of splendid historical attractions.

Especially worthy of note are the 12th century Taunton Castle, which houses the Museum of Somerset, and the Parish Church of St Mary Magdalene Church with its impressive 163ft tower. These, and many other buildings of historical interest, can be found by following the Taunton Heritage Trail.

Taunton holds a varied mix of cultural and musical events throughout the year. The popular Brewhouse Theatre & Arts Centre presents a wide ranging programme and the CICCIC Creative Innovation Centre is a venue for diverse music, arts and workshops.

With regards to local cuisine, there is a wide selection of venues in the town centre and beyond where you can enjoy some of the region's fantastic local produce. Pubs, cafés, traditional tearooms and prestigious restaurants offer something to suit every taste. The Farmers' Market, held every Thursday, presents a great opportunity to sample locally produced fare.

Taunton boasts an eclectic mix of specialist and independent shops as well as the well-known High Street brands. The Orchard Centre, Bath Place and Taunton Independent Quarter, as well as the Independent Market which takes place on Castle Green, have something for everyone. If antique hunting is to your liking, visit the Antiques Market with over 130 dealers, held on Mondays.

The River Tone flows through the town linking Taunton's green spaces such as Goodland Gardens, French Weir Park and Longrun Meadow. The award-winning Vivary Park in the town centre has been home to the spectacular annual flower show since 1851.

Sports feature prominently in Taunton. The Taunton National Hunt Racecourse is just 2.5 miles from the town centre and the Somerset County Cricket Ground, which also hosts international matches, is in the town centre itself.

There are fantastic opportunities for cyclists and walkers to enjoy the area, from the lovely setting of the Bridgwater & Taunton Canal to the beautiful hills which surround the town. The mostly flat Foxglove Cycle Trail follows some of the town's traffic free paths and quiet roads, and is suitable for all.

For more information on events, attractions and the local area, contact the Taunton Visitor Centre, Market House, Fore Street, Taunton, TAI 1JD

Tel: 01823 340470
Email: tauntonvisitorcentre@somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk
Website: www.visitsomerset.co.uk/taunton
Social Media: search 'Visit Taunton'

Town centre



Our campaign to enable more cycling

We launched the 'Turn the network blue' campaign in 2019. The aim is to invest so that the red and amber routes (poor and substandard) in the Taunton Cycling network map become blue (better quality routes) so that everywhere locally is easily connected by bike.



PASS CYCLISTS SAFELY



Nearly 2000 people signed our petition asking Somerset West and Taunton Council and Somerset County Council to adopt it. The former have the map as part of their plans, whilst SCC has produced a 'Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan' which includes some of the priority routes. Both local authorities have made bids for funding for some parts of the network.

For more information visit our website www.thetacc.org.uk, where you can find our leaflet on the campaign.

Cycling groups & services

TAUNTON AREA CYCLING CAMPAIGN

Taunton Area Cycling Campaign is seeking improved cycle provision and promotion, working with the local authorities and building on the survey that we carried out in summer 2016. We are a friendly group and welcome new members and supporters. To join our supporters list for regular newsletters, email us tauntonareacyclingcampaign@gmail.com. Visit our website at www.thetacc.org.uk

CYCLE SOMERSET

Cycle Somerset is affiliated to Cycling UK (CTC) and is a club for individuals and families. There is a wide range of rides to choose from and in addition to weekend rides the club has events for ladies, 'back on your bike', evening and mid-week groups. Membership is £10/ household p.a. Details of rides at www.cyclesomerset.org.uk

TAUNTON BIKE CLUB

Taunton Bike Club is a British Cycling GoRide club and has rides and sessions for bike skills for young riders aged 8-16 years old. Opportunities offered include cyclocross races and visits to Newport velodrome. The cost is £5 membership and £2 a session. www.tauntonbikeclub.org.uk

WELLINGTON WHEELERS

Wellington Wheelers Cycling Club, a sociable cycling club based in Wellington, Somerset. It is a welcoming, friendly club that has three groups out every Sunday and Tuesday. Abilities range from relative beginners in the C group to racers and climbers in the A group. Loads of events are laid on throughout the year from Time Trials to barbecues, details of which are at www.wellingtonwheelers.co.uk or on the club Facebook page.

ON YOUR BIKE

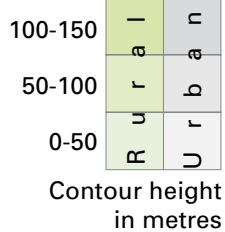
On Your Bike, Taunton recycles unwanted bicycles, supports disadvantaged people into work and promotes cycling for health and fitness. The charity's retail outlets offer a huge range of new and refurbished bicycles for sale, plus speedy, high quality bicycle servicing and repairs in our workshops. On Your Bike has refurbished thousands of scrapped bicycles, introduced hundreds of new riders to the benefits of cycling and worked with over 300 beneficiaries to improve their well-being and life chances! www.on-your-bike.org

THE SOMERSET TRIATHLON CLUB

Somerset RC Tri is an inclusive triathlon club that aims to provide the opportunity for people of all ages to train and race triathlons. For more information please visit www.somersettrici.co.uk

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REPORTING A PROBLEM ON THE HIGHWAY AND/OR PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY

You can report a problem on the highway, public footpath/bridleway or cycle path by calling 0300 123 2224 or go to www.travelsomerset.co.uk

This map is published with the intention of providing information about the local road and cycle path networks. Every effort is made to ensure that all the information is up to date and accurate. Inclusion of marked routes on the map does not guarantee that these routes will be hazard-free. In particular, the routes marked in yellow indicate strategic routes linking settlements, marked cycle routes or other facilities and have been chosen according to a number of criteria which may make them more convenient to cyclists, including gradient, directness and typical traffic conditions. They do not indicate an enhanced level of maintenance or guaranteed safe conditions. In all cases, cyclists should judge the suitability of the route in relation to the conditions at the time of use and their own cycling ability. Somerset County Council does not accept responsibility for any loss or damage that may occur resulting from the reliance upon this information.

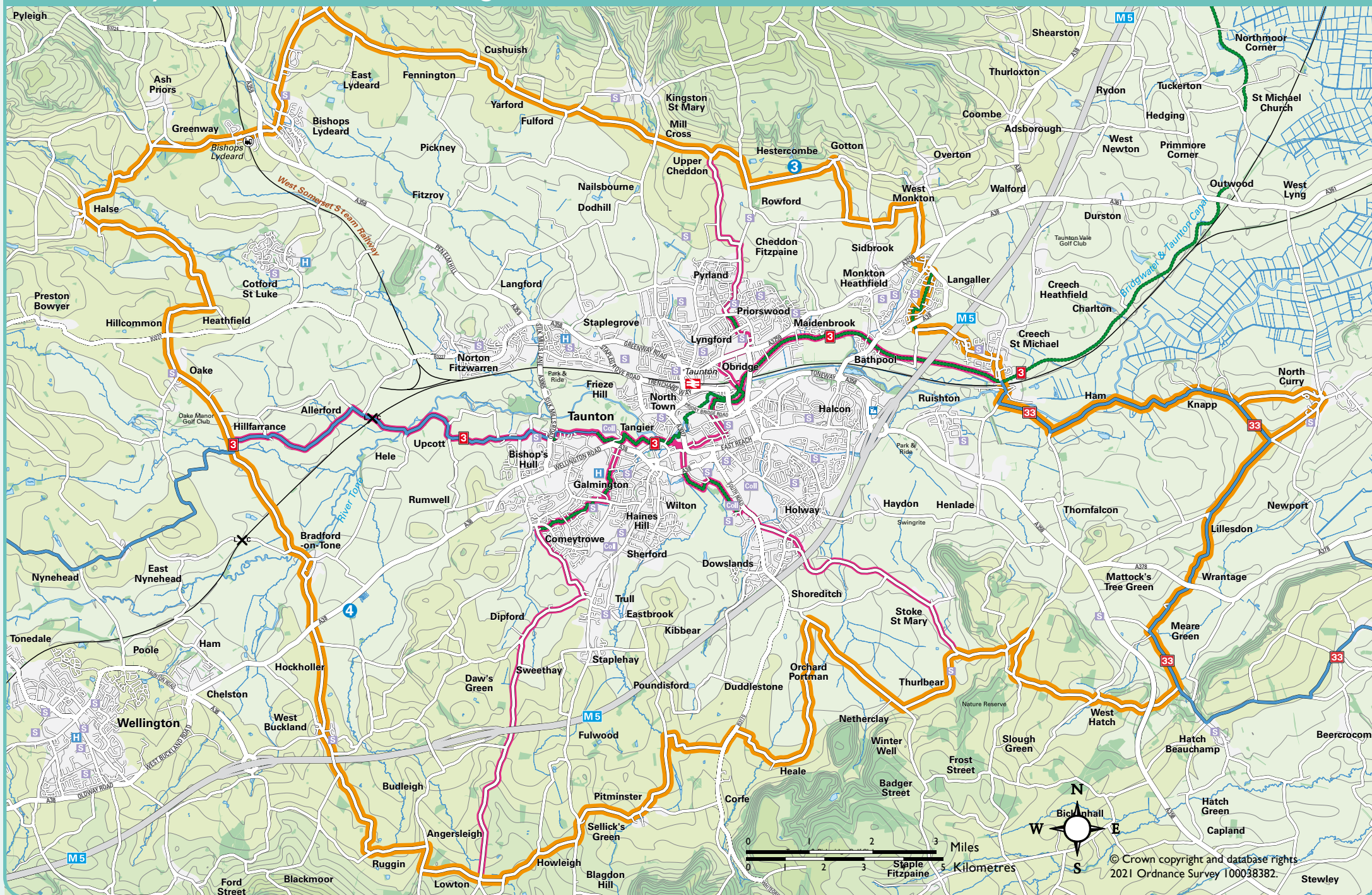
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*Routes that are not public highway

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Taunton Cycle Trail & the surrounding area



Useful information & places to go

PLACES TO VISIT

- The Brewhouse**
Theatre & Arts Centre
Coal Orchard TAI 1JL
01823 283244
www.thebrewhouse.net
 - Fyne Court – National Trust**
Broomfield, Bridgwater
TA5 2EQ
01643 862452
 - Hestercombe Gardens**
Cheddon Fitzpaine
TA2 8LG
01823 413923
www.hestercombe.com
 - Sheppy's Cider**
Three Bridges
Bradford-on-Tone TA4 1ER
01823 461233
www.sheppyscider.com
 - St Mary Magdalene Church**
Church Square TAI 1SA
01823 272441
 - The Museum of Somerset**
Castle Green TAI 4AA
01823 255088
 - Tacchi-Morris Arts Centre**
School Road TA2 8PD
01823 414141
www.tacchi-morris.com
 - COACH**
French Weir Avenue
TA1 1XQ
01823 432724
www.coach-taunton.org.uk
- ### BIKE SHOPS
- On Your Bike Charity**
The Coach House
Great Western Hotel
Station Approach TAI 1QW
01823 259035,
www.on-your-bike.co.uk
 - The Bicycle Chain**
Chip Lane
Staplegrave Road
TA1 1BZ
01823 252499
www.bicyclechain.co.uk
 - Halfords**
3 Hankridge Way
TA1 2LR
01823 443415
 - Nationwide E-bikes**
84 Priory Bridge Road
Taunton TAI 1QA
01823 274444
www.nationwideebikes.co.uk
 - ND Cycles**
3a Roman Road TAI 2BD
01823 365917
www.ndcycles.co.uk
- ### LIBRARIES
- Taunton Library**
Paul Street TAI 3XZ
and
Priorswood
Eastwick Road TA2 7HD
0300 123 2224
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