Devizes Wigglywalks with Connect2

How to use the bus service to enjoy your walk...

- Look at the map overleaf, choose a walk that you would like to do; there are three walks:
  
  **Walk 1**
  - from Foxhangers Bridge to Devizes
  - from Bishops Cannings to Devizes
  - from Woodborough to Devizes

- Then, choose where you want to start your walk and note the closest bus stop number (shown on the map).
  
- Now call the booking centre on 01249 460600 and book a journey to the starting point of your walk, if required, and tell them what time you would like to travel and arrive for your walk.

- If your walk begins at a location which you do not need the bus to get to (i.e. Devizes) then please find the nearest stop number to the end of your walk and tell the booking centre so that we can arrange bus travel for you at the end of your walk to take you back home or back to your car if you have parked in Devizes town centre.

- The booking centre will find the closest times that match your travel requirements and will confirm your boarding and alighting points for your bus journey.

- Each bus is wheelchair accessible and buggy friendly. We also welcome well behaved dogs on board our buses.

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**Devizes Wigglywalks**

The Wigglywalks

Three walks on the Kennet & Avon Canal between Devizes and Pewsey

**Walk 1 easy: Foxhangers Bridge to Devizes (1.8 miles)**

Take the 85 bus service from Devizes to the bottom of Caen Hill (A361). Cross dual carriageway (A361), follow the turning on the left (Marsh Lane). For an excellent view of the lock flight look up the flight towards Devizes. Join the towpath and head up the impressive Caen Hill flight. Remain on the towpath until you come to Devizes Wharf, leave the towpath and follow the signs back to Devizes Market Place.

**Walk 2 moderate: The Crown, Bishops Cannings to Devizes (5 miles)**

Take Connect2 Wiltshire bus Line 1 or a route 49 bus to the Bottom of Caen Hill. Cross dual carriageway (A361), follow the turning on the left (Marsh Lane). For an excellent view of the lock flight look up the flight towards Devizes. Join the towpath and head up the impressive Caen Hill flight. Remain on the towpath until you come to Bishops Cannings Wharf. Leave the towpath and follow the signs back to Devizes Market Place.

**Walk 3 difficult: Woodborough to Devizes including Woodborough Hill option (12 miles)**

Take Connect2 Wiltshire bus Line 1 to Woodborough Cross Roads, walk eastwards towards the village centre of Woodborough, turn left into Church Road and follow this into the village until you turn right into Church Farm Lane, following signs for Church Farm. Follow the road past the Dairy Farm until it turns into a bridleway, follow this over the canal bridge (132, Woodborough Fields Bridge) and continue up Woodborough Hill, admire the far-reaching views of the Pewsey Vale. Return to the canal towpath. Alternately stay on the Connect2 Wiltshire bus Line 1 to Honey Street Sawmill and join the canal here. Follow the canal towpath for 8 or 9 miles (depending on Woodborough diversion) through the beautiful Pewsey Vale back to Devizes Wharf and then walk through to the Market Place.

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**Waterscape.com**

Waterscape.com provides information on ALL of Britain’s waterways, and guides visitors through the complete waterside experience in an easy to use, fully comprehensive online resource. The site includes a full range of services including:

- How to hire a canal boat or waterside holiday cottage
- Recommendations on walking, cycling, jogging and angling beside the water
- Best waterside bars, pubs and restaurants
- Waterway guides with information on visitor attractions, local history and wildlife
- News and events guides and listings

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**British Waterways**

British Waterways is the public corporation responsible for the care and enhancement of the nation’s 2,000 mile two centuries old network of canals and rivers, working in partnership with public, private and voluntary sector organisations to develop and improve waterways in a sustainable manner for the benefit of everyone. www.britishwaterways.co.uk

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**The Ramblers’ Association**

The Ramblers’ Association is Britain’s biggest organisation working for walkers, a registered charity with 142,000 members across England, Scotland and Wales. We’ve been looking after Britain’s footpaths and defending its beautiful countryside for more than 65 years www.ramblers.org.uk

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Call 01380 860100 to find out more or visit our website www.bookaride.net

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To help us….

- Please ensure that you book your journey at least 20 minutes in advance of travelling and that you wait at your booked pick up point at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.

- Buses may run up to 10 minutes later than booked when demand is high for the service – we apologise for any delays.

- Please note that there may be changes to Line 85 from the 3rd September 2007 that will affect the timetable. For this service you are advised to call Traveline on 0871 200 22 33 from that date.

- Calls to Traveline will cost 10p per minute from a landline.

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The Kennet & Avon Wigglywalks Guide Devizes Edition

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The Kennet & Avon Canal

England’s most southerly cross-country broad beam canal, weaves through the spectacular scenery between the River Thames at Reading and the River Avon at Bristol. Its route is a fusion of natural rolling landscapes including, the North Wessex Downs and Cotswolds Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, intersected by the urban and modern Reading, Newbury and World Heritage sites in Bath.

The Canals impressive architecture is in keeping with the surroundings that also provide a habitat for a diverse range of plants and animals including water voles, herons, wild flowers and rare aquatic plants.

The stretch of Canal between Pewsey and Crofton represents the summit of the Kennet & Avon Canal and is home to many important pieces of canal architecture including Crofton Pumping Station. Within Water, a water supply reservoir diverse in flora and fauna, The Bruce Tunnel and River Don Aqueduct.

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Waterscape.com provides information on a variety of interesting and enjoyable walks along the Kennet & Avon Canal. You can also access information about cycling the entire route of the canal.

A number of buses and trains operate along the Kennet & Avon Canal corridor. For further information on services and timetables call Traveline on 0871 200 22 33 or visit www.traveline.info.

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Walks from Devizes using Connect2

The Kennet & Avon Canal

Explore the Kennet & Avon Canal country. Experience a living waterway which is historic yet tranquil and full of opportunities. The canal winds its way from Reading to Bristol, passing through towns such as Newbury, Devizes, Bradford-on-Avon and Bath as well as through the North Wessex Downs and Cotswolds of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

The changing landscape along this waterway appeals to the visitor with features such as black and white painted locks, bright red coloured boats, level and wide towpaths, interpretation panels and plenty of rest stops.

There are several opportunities for all ages whether it is walking and cycling along the towpath, enjoying the abundant waterside wildlife, or hiring boats as a group or family. Alternatively you may decide to just watch the world go by from one of the waterside cafes or pubs.

The Long Pound

The 15-mile section of canal between Devizes and Pewsey is known as the Long Pound and is a unique stretch of the Kennet & Avon Canal. Bounded by the North Wessex Downs AONB and Marlborough Downs to the North and Salisbury Plain to the South, the Long Pound is a particularly tranquil part of the canal. Unlike the rest of the canal the towpath is grassy, so in winter it can be muddy. In summer the rich hedgerows and abundance of wildlife make the Long Pound particularly special.

The Devizes to Pewsey section also links in with local footpaths and the national trails The Ridgeway and Wansdyke both directly and via the Quiet Lanes network. This makes the canal towpath a perfect starting point for exploring this beautiful area.

For more information on walking in this area contact The Mid Wilts Ramblers. Telephone: (01249) 814008 Website: www.ramblers-wilts.org.uk

The Kennet & Avon Canal

Be safe - Plan ahead and follow any signs
Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home
Keep dogs under close control
Leave gates and property as you find it
Consider other people

For more information visit www.countryaccess.gov.uk or call (01249) 460600 to book their seat in advance of travel.

Public Houses

The Bridge Inn, Horton
This pretty canal side pub serves Wadworth’s Beer directly from the wooden barrel, has an excellent range of home cooked food and welcomes walkers and canal users.
Telephone: (01380) 810224

The Barge Inn, Honeyeate
The Barge Inn has good pub grub with a wide range of vegetarian food available. The pub also has a car park and camping site with accompanying showers, a family room with TV, large pub garden and good parking facilities.
Telephone: (01380) 826555

The Crown Inn, Bishops Cannings
The Crown Inn sits near the river Avon, Bishops Cannings, Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 2JS. Telephone: 01380 860218

The Barge Inn, Bradford-on-Avon
The Barge Inn offers good pub grub with a wide range of vegetarian food available. The pub also has a car park and camping site with accompanying showers, a family room with TV, large pub garden and good parking facilities.
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