

The Somerset Circle Discovery Cycle Ride 18/19th April 2026

Greenways and Cyclerooutes Ltd with support from The Strawberry Line Society, are organising a 'Discovery Ride' around the Somerset Circle. For those of you who are not aware of the Somerset Circle, this is a proposed 88-mile circular route that utilises and links sections of five long-standing multi-user paths:

- The Bristol and Bath Railway Path
- The Two Tunnels Greenway
- The Colliers Way
- The Strawberry Line
- The Ashton to Pill Path

It will include exciting new sections of path that have opened recently and those that are in the process of construction by Greenways at Midsommer Norton, Chilcompton, Masbury, Shepton Mallet and Cheddar. It will also highlight the need to complete missing sections between Shepton Mallet and Wells, Wells and Cheddar, and Yatton and Clevedon

The ride will start from Bath Abbey at 9am on Saturday 18th, travelling clockwise with stops at Midsommer Norton, Shepton Mallet, Wells and Cheddar where we will take an overnight break. On Sunday will we start again at 9am from Cheddar and travel via Yatton, Clevedon, Bristol and back to Bath.

At the above locations, local representatives with an interest in the Somerset Circle are being invited to join us so we can promote its active travel, leisure and tourism benefits as a nationally important cycle route, and to encourage completion of off-road paths where it is possible to do so. Approximately 50 of the 88 miles are already off-road. We don't anticipate many walkers and wheelers taking on this long-distance challenge, but obviously many sections of the path are created with all users in mind, and footpaths are being identified and mapped where on-road sections can be bypassed where possible.

The core group of cyclists is by invitation only and being restricted to approximately 25 to 50 to avoid congestion on the path and avoids making it an 'event' which requires much paperwork with the five council areas through which the Somerset Circle passes. It is not a race. It will be at a very leisurely pace and take a full day considering reception stops and lunch breaks.

If you feel capable of, and wish to cycle the whole route (88 miles approx.), just Day 1 (38 miles) or Day 2 (50 miles), or even a smaller section, please email somersetcircle.greenways@gmail.com and one of the organising team will get back to you with further information.

Further details will be available on the SLS social media channels and via the volunteer WhatsApp groups and we hope to see as many of you as possible along the route cheering the riders on as they pass by.

You can see further details in the Greenways newsletter [here](#) and maps of the route at www.greenwaysandcycleroutes.org/somerset-circle

- **Day 1: Saturday 18 April (Approx. 38 miles)**
 - **08:30:** Check-in, bike check, and safety briefing.
 - **09:00:** Ride start from Kingston Parade (adjacent to Bath Abbey), **Bath**.
 - **10:30 to 11:15: Midsomer Norton** (S&D Railway Station).
 - **12:15 to 13:15: Shepton Mallet** (Collet Park) for lunch break.
 - **14:00 to 14:45: Wells** (Cathedral Green).
 - **15:30–16:00:** Arrival in **Cheddar** for an early-evening social event at Cheddar Community Pavilion.

- **Day 2: Sunday 19 April (Approx. 50 miles)**
 - **08:30:** Check-in, bike check, and safety briefing.
 - **09:00:** Ride start from Cheddar Community Pavilion, **Cheddar**.
 - **10:15 to 11:00: Yatton** (Strawberry Line Café).
 - **11:45 to 12:45: Clevedon Pier** (followed by lunch at Teatro Café)
 - **14:45 to 15:15: Bristol** (Arnolfini Arts Centre/Bristol Harbour).
 - **17:15:** Final arrival in **Bath** (Abbey or Railway Station).