

TransWilts
Swindon Chippenham
via Melksham
Trowbridge Westbury
 and on to Dilton Marsh,
 Warminster & Salisbury



A walk from **Melksham** to **Trowbridge** and return by train



From Melksham to Trowbridge – about 6 miles.

This walk passes through remote countryside and we suggest you wear strong shoes and long trousers, and carry food and water.

Return trains from Trowbridge to Melksham (all continue to Chippenham & Swindon) at 07:10, 07:39, 09:52, 11:53, 12:26, 14:31, 16:27, 18:38 & 19:38 (M-F), 07:39, 08:29, 09:36, 11:38, 13:38, 15:12, 16:38 & 18:38 (Sat) and 08:33, 10:35, 12:43, 14:40, 16*25, 18*45 and 19:46 (Sun) * - a little later from 9 September.
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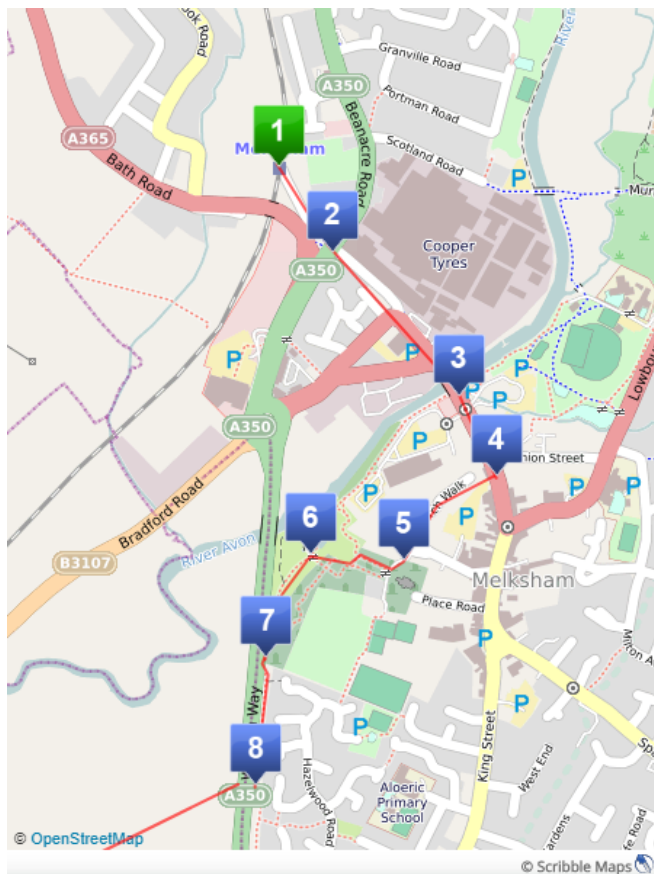
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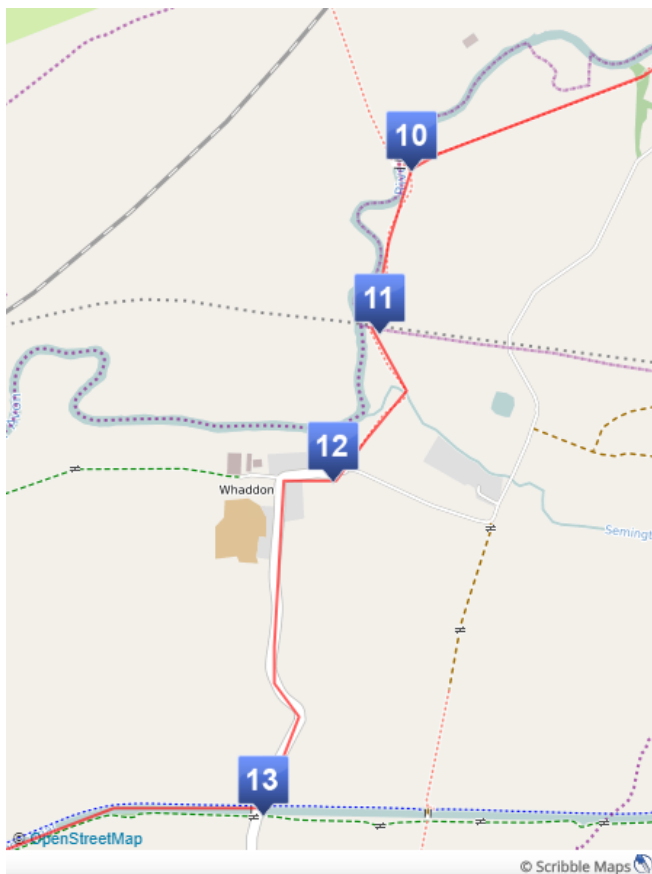
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Catch the train from Chippenham or Swindon to start this self guided walk



Leave Melksham Station **(1)** along the main station approach road and use the underpass **(2)** to cross the main road. Walk straight ahead passing Cooper Tyres on your left and cross the Town Bridge **(3)** and ahead into Bath Road. Just after The Bear turn right into Church Walk **(4)** - a footpath through the old part of Melksham. At Cannon Square **(5)** (war memorial) carry on ahead towards the church, bear right with the lane and turn right into the Church yard at the Lychgate. Bear left and ahead, coming out into Conigre Mead Nature Reserve **(6)**. When you leave the nature reserve **(7)** cross the entrance to the Cemetery and bear left into a wooded path beside the Western Way. At a crosstrack **(8)** turn right and cross the main A350 to a stile that is hard to spot. **Please take great care as you cross this road - traffic is heavy and fast moving.**



Cross the stile after the A350 and bear half left across a series of fields. This track is poorly defined. As you walk, you'll come nearer the river **(9)** and you'll find one point where you need to cut through a small wood to reach the next stile. Just after that point, you'll bear slightly right to the Pack Horse Bridge **(10)** featured on the front of this leaflet. The bridge carries a public footpath but for this walk continue with the river to your right past the embankment that used to carry the railway to Devizes **(11)** the over a bridge over a tributary of the Avon and up the hill (the only hill on this walk) to the church at Whaddon **(12)**. Follow the road - a quiet cul-de-sac - until it crosses the Kennet and Avon Canal **(13)** which you should join, going down onto the towpath and turning right under the road bridge.



In the outskirts of Trowbridge, leave the towpath, turning left over a footbridge **(14)** then immediately right onto a path that follows the railway towards the town. The path joins Longford Road for a while **(15)** to **(16)** before carrying on to Trowbridge Station **(17)**. The Town Centre is close to the Station.

As an alternative, you can carry on beside the canal at **(14)** - and watch the trains go underneath you at the aquaduct - then walk on to the lovely town of Bradford-on-Avon - catch a train back from there to Trowbridge to connect with the TransWilts.

Had a good day? Have any tips? Tell us on Facebook where we're "TransWilts" or email us.