

Bath

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Travel Guide

Travelling to Bath by train, bus, bicycle, car, coach and air





Bath is a vibrant city, boasting a stunning spa, fabulous architecture, truly unique shopping and a lively calendar of festivals and events.

Located in the South West of England, Bath is easy to get to - only 90 minutes from London Paddington by train and a short drive from the M4/M5 motorways. Bath is 120 miles west of London and just 20 miles from Bristol Airport.

The train station is in the heart of the city and there are plenty of car parking spaces available.

Bath is a compact city making it easy to walk around during your visit.

In this travel guide you will find more information about how to get to Bath by car, train, bus, bicycle, coach and air.

Travelling by air

Bristol Airport is the closest airport to Bath. All London airports are within easy travelling distance, as are a number of airports in the region.



BRISTOL AIRPORT TO BATH

Bristol Airport, just 20 miles from Bath, is one of Britain's fastest growing airports and serves over 113 destinations worldwide.

The Bristol Airport Flyer express coach service leaves the airport every 10 minutes and is a regular 24 hour service, 7 days a week (please check the airport website for exact times). The coach drops you at Bristol Temple Meads train station, where you can catch one of the many frequent train services into Bath. Complete journey time from Bristol Airport to Bath Spa train station is approximately 60 minutes.

A combined ticket for the Bristol Airport Flyer and onward rail travel to Bath can be easily purchased in advance online by visiting www.thetrainline.com.

Alternatively, separate tickets can be purchased on the day aboard the Bristol Airport Flyer for the coach ticket and at Bristol Temple Meads train station for the train ticket.

HEATHROW AIRPORT TO BATH

Heathrow Airport is just 100 miles east of Bath on the M4 motorway. A regular National Express coach service goes direct from the airport to Bath. Complete journey time is between 120 and 180 minutes. Alternatively, a Heathrow Express train service runs between the airport and London Paddington train station where you can then pick up a direct train service to Bath Spa train station. Complete journey time is approximately 135 minutes.

GATWICK AIRPORT TO BATH

Gatwick Airport is located south of London, approximately 140 miles east of Bath. You can take a train from the airport to Reading train station where you can pick up a train service to Bath Spa train station. Complete journey time is approximately 180 minutes. Alternatively, you can catch a National Express coach from Gatwick Airport via Heathrow Airport to Bath. Complete journey time approximately 270 minutes.

AIRPORT CONTACT INFORMATION

Bristol Airport – www.bristolairport.co.uk

Heathrow Airport – www.heathrowairport.com

Gatwick Airport – www.gatwickairport.com

Travelling by train

Bath Spa train station is located in the centre of Bath (D6).
It is a short walk from the city's shops and attractions.



There are regular train services direct from London Paddington and London Waterloo to Bath Spa, with an average journey time of around 90 minutes from Paddington and 120 minutes from Waterloo.

Bristol Temple Meads is just 15 minutes away by train. It is a major hub for travel to all other parts of the country. A number of services to Bath Spa will change at Bristol Temple Meads including services from northern England, Scotland, Devon and Cornwall.

You can get direct trains to Bath Spa from a number of destinations in the UK including Cardiff. Regular train services run from Cardiff Central train station to Bath Spa, with an average journey time of around 65 minutes.

If you are staying in Bath for a few days you can easily take a day trip by train to a number of nearby destinations including Bradford-on-Avon and Bristol.



TRAIN CONTACT INFORMATION

Timetable information: National Rail – www.nationalrail.co.uk
Purchase tickets: First Great Western – www.firstgreatwestern.co.uk or
The Trainline – www.thetrainline.co.uk

Travelling by coach

As a major visitor destination, Bath welcomes groups and coach parties, and there are regular services to the city with National Express.



COACH DROP OFF

When bringing a coach to Bath, the main drop off point is Riverside Coach and Lorry Park (BA1 1UE – map ref: C5). Centrally located and well signed from all major access roads, the coach park is a convenient set-down point located just a 5 minute level walk from Bath's main shopping areas and attractions.

COACH PARKING

Long stay coach parking is available at the Riverside Coach and Lorry Park (BA1 1UE – map ref: C5). There are approximately 41 spaces, and charges apply from 08:00 – 19:00. Coin, notes and credit/debit card facilities are available on site. For charges, please see bathnes.gov.uk.

NATIONAL EXPRESS COACHES

National Express coaches offer good value travel, linking all major towns and cities in Europe. Services to Bath bus station run from many of

the country's major destinations, with frequent direct services from London and its major airports arriving in the city via the convenient M4 motorway link.

GROUP TRAVEL IN BATH

Groups of visitors are of course welcomed to Bath, and many of the city's attractions and hotels offer special rates for groups. Bath Tourism Plus offers a group travel website with brilliant ideas for places to visit, eat, stay and shop during a visit to Bath, as well as easy to manage itinerary ideas. For more information see: visitbath.co.uk/groups

BATH CHRISTMAS MARKET

Special coach management arrangements apply during the dates of Bath Christmas Market. All coaches must register prior to arrival, and a separate charge is made for the additional services that are required to manage coaches during this peak period. For details, please see bathnes.gov.uk.

COACH CONTACT INFORMATION

Timetables and tickets: National Express – www.nationalexpress.com
Coach parking: Bath and North East Somerset Council Parking Services – www.bathnes.gov.uk or 01225 477133/4.

Travelling by bicycle

Whether stopping off on a longer cycle tour, or using the city as a base, travelling by bike is a great way to see some wonderful countryside and city views.



Two National Cycle Network routes pass through or near to the city.

Route 4 runs west on the Bristol-Bath Railway Path and east along the Kennet & Avon Canal. Both paths are mostly level or with slight gradients and make for a more pleasant way to visit surrounding destinations.

Routes 24 and 4 connect near Dundas Aqueduct; known as the Colliers' Way, it heads south-west towards Radstock and Midsomer Norton then on towards Frome.

BICYCLE CONTACT INFORMATION

Bicycle routes: www.sustrans.org.uk

Travelling by bus

Travelling around Bath by bus is easy and there are a number of routes from the centre to the City's outer areas.



Several bus operators provide services in and around Bath. First Group is the largest and they operate from the bus station in Dorchester Street (D6). You can enjoy a number of great days out by bus to explore the surrounding areas. Ideas for places to visit include a trip to Bradford-on-Avon or the village of Lacock.

BathRider bus tickets allow a day or week unlimited travel on every bus in Bath (except Park & Ride and Tours). Tickets are available from Bath Tourist Information Centre, Bath bus station and the Tourism Centre on Platform 1, Bath Spa train station.

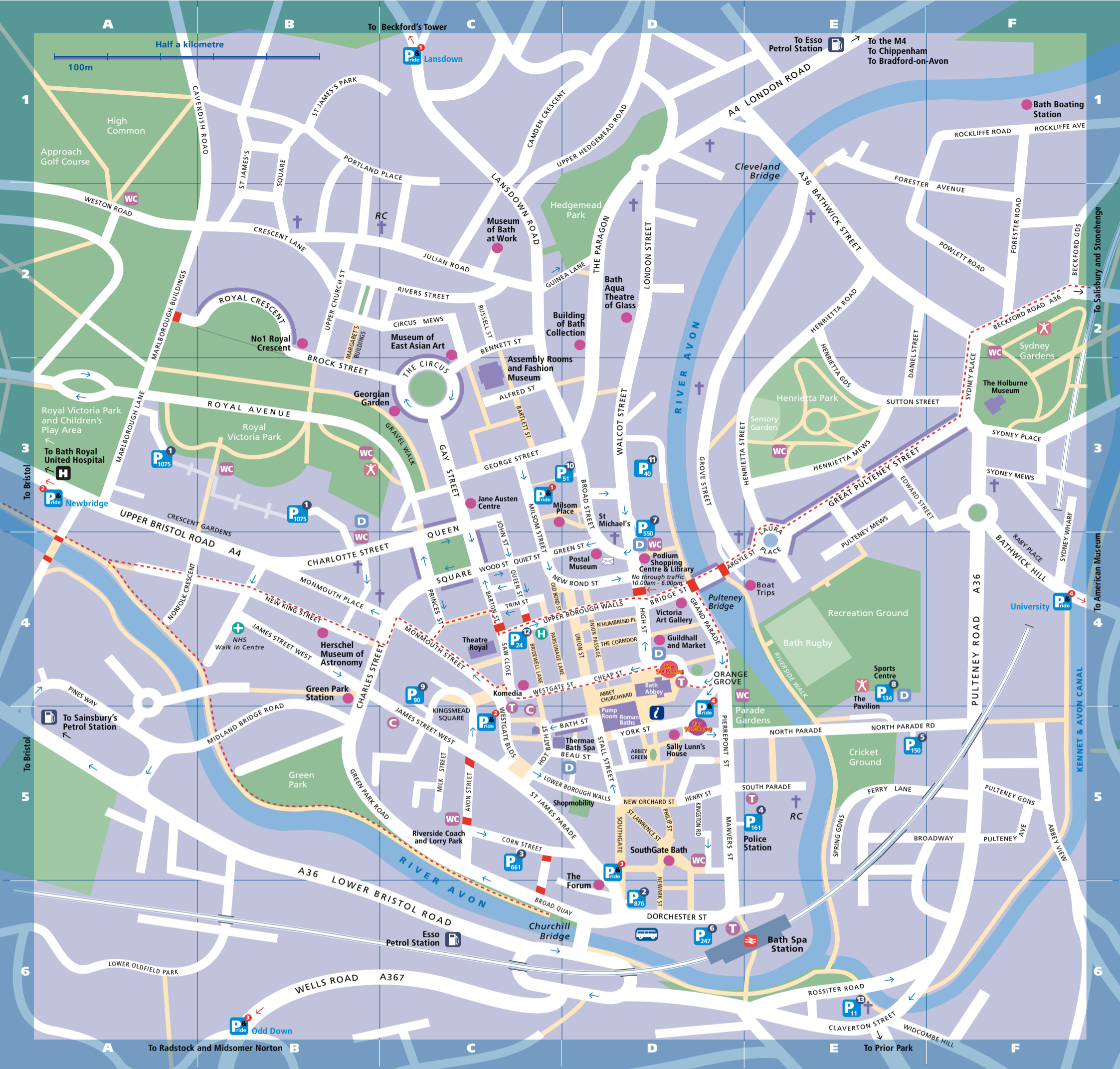
Bath City Sightseeing A regular link to Prior Park Landscape Garden is available at no additional transport charge to City Sightseeing customers.

BUS CONTACT INFORMATION

Bus routes and timetables: Traveline – www.traveline.org.uk

First – www.firstgroup.com, 0845 606 4446, Wessex Connect: www.bathconnect.com

OR visit the information point at the bus station



	Tourist Information	D5		No Access Point (buses and taxis only)	D4
	Pedestrians only			Lansdown Park & Ride	Milsom Street C3
	Architectural Interest			Newbridge Park & Ride	Westgate Buildings C5
	Parks and Gardens			Odd Down Park & Ride	St James Parade D5
	Cycle Route			University Park & Ride	Terrace Walk (Saturdays only) D5
	Place of Interest			Car Parks	
	Toilet			Parking for the Disabled	
	Cinema			Petrol Station	
	Church			Taxi	
	Sport and Leisure			Bus Station	D6
	RUH Hospital (A&E)			City Sightseeing Bus Stop	City Centre Tour D4
	Hospital (no A&E)	C4		City Sightseeing Bus Stop	Skyline Tour D5
	NHS Walk in Centre	B4		Riverside Coach and Lorry Park	C5
	Post Office	D4			
	Railway Station	D6			
	Shopmobility	D5			
	Police Station	E5			
	Library	D4			

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For more information call **01225 481744** or visit the website at www.bathnes.gov.uk

Park

The Podium's 550-space car park is a convenient place to park in Bath. Its entrance is in Northgate Street next to the Hilton Hotel and it is open 24 hours a day every day.

Peace of mind with 24hr security The Podium car park is a safe and secure place to park. It is monitored 24 hours a day by our own security staff on CCTV.

The car park has been accredited with the Park Mark Safe Parking Award and Severn Valet provide a car wash service on the exit level.

Dine

Visitors working up an appetite will be spoilt for choice at The Podium. Whether stopping for a coffee or lingering over lunch or dinner, the centre's cafes and restaurants offer a range of mouthwatering English and European cuisine to suit casual family dining or a romantic dinner for two.



Northgate Street, Bath BA1 5AL
Telephone: 01225 444678
www.thepodiumbath.co.uk

Shop



The Podium has over a dozen specialist shops which include High Street names such as Waitrose, Julian Graves and Crabtree & Evelyn as well as independent retailers offering art, jewellery, clothing, photographic equipment and gifts. It is also home to the city's central library.

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Travelling by car

Bath is 10 miles from junction 18 of the M4 motorway which runs direct from London and Heathrow Airport. There are excellent motorway links from the North, Devon and Cornwall via the M5 motorway. Wales is a short drive west on the M4 motorway.

PARKING

Bath is well served by four Park & Ride services and thirteen car parks as well as additional on-street parking.

Further information about Park & Ride services is displayed in the table on the right and the tables below give further information about Bath's city centre car parks.


Bath is a World Heritage Site so please take care when you are driving around the city. There are a number of one way streets and bus gates in operation marked on the map.

ON-STREET PARKING

There is a limited amount of on-street parking in Bath. Charges apply from 08.00 to 19.00, Monday to Saturday and clearly marked signposts indicate maximum stay. Pay and display machines are in operation on the roadside and prices start from £1.20-£1.40 for 30 minutes and then 50p per 15 minutes thereafter. Charges do not apply on Sundays and Bank Holidays.

DISABLED PARKING

Bath and North East Somerset Council operate a Blue Badge scheme for disabled car users. They also recognise disabled permits issued in other countries.

Designated easy access parking bays are available in most city centre car parks. Charges apply in all Bath and North East Somerset Council car parks for Blue Badge holders with the exception of the sports centre car park (E4). There are designated on-street disabled parking bays in the city centre which are marked with a white bay and the words 'DISABLED'. These are marked on the map with a .

You can also park in permit and pay and display on-street parking spaces without limit. When parking on-street you need to display your Blue Badge at all times.

Parking on yellow lines is permitted for a maximum of 3 hours except where there is a ban on loading and unloading. Both the badge and time clock must be clearly and correctly displayed. Please note Blue Badge holders are not exempt from the tow away scheme should the parked vehicle create a hazard.

MOTOR HOMES

Please use Lansdown Park & Ride as there are no height restriction barriers.

For Newbridge Park & Ride we advise drivers of motor homes to use the lay-by opposite the Newbridge Park & Ride site.

PENALTIES AND PARKING TICKETS

Parking and traffic rules and restrictions are enforced by Bath and North East Somerset Council except in private car parks. Please park with consideration of others and observe the parking and traffic restrictions.

Bath has a number of one way streets and bus gates clearly signposted. However, disobeying these restrictions could result in a penalty charge notice.

If you do get a penalty charge notice please follow the payment instructions on the ticket. If you have a query or wish to challenge the charge, you must do so in writing.

More information can be obtained at www.parking-appeals.gov.uk.

PARK & RIDE

For a stress free visit to Bath use one of the four Park & Ride services. There are services from three sites Monday to Friday and four sites on Saturdays with regular bus services into the city running at least every 15 minutes. All buses are wheelchair and pushchair friendly. Please see the table below.



P&R NAME AND LOCATION	Lansdown (North of Bath)	Newbridge (West of Bath)	Odd Down (South of Bath)	University of Bath (East of Bath)
POSTCODE	BA1 9BJ	BA1 3NB	BA2 8PA	BA2 7AY
DIRECTIONS	Exit the M4, J18 onto the A46. Signposted from the A46/A420 junction 3 miles south of the M4	Located on the A4 - Newbridge Road	Located on the A367	The University is signposted from the A36. Park & Ride is in the East Car Park but you can park anywhere at the University
SPACES	490	500	1000	Spaces throughout the university campus
BUS SERVICE	31	21	41	19
CITY CENTRE BUS STOP	Milsom Street (Map: C3)	Westgate Buildings (Map: C5)	St James Parade (Map: D5)	Terrace Walk (Map: D5)
PAYMENT	Parking is free. Pay on the bus. Prices shown per person Monday-Friday - £3.00 return fare (£2.50 Saturday) Up to 5 accompanied children under 16 go free with a fare paying passenger Concession pass holders travel free Multi-journey tickets: £12 for 10 single journeys			Return fare £2, payment on the bus plus parking charge
OPERATING TIMES	Monday to Saturday 06.15 to 20.30 (except public holidays)			Saturdays only 08.30 to 18.30
CONTACT INFO	Bath and North East Somerset Council 01225 394041 www.bathnes.gov.uk/parkandride			First Group 0845 606 4446 www.firstgroup.com

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CITY CENTRE CAR PARKS

There are over 4000 car parking spaces in Bath city centre spread over thirteen car parks. Whether you need a short stay car park while you enjoy some retail therapy or a long stay car park to enjoy a short break sampling the world class attractions, fabulous shops and gourmet delights in Bath, you are sure to find one suitable for your needs.

LONG STAY CAR PARKS

NAME	Charlotte Street	SouthGate	Avon Street	Manvers Street	Bath Cricket Club	Bath Spa Train Station
MAP REFERENCE	P1 (Map: B3)	P2 (Map: D6)	P3 (Map: C5)	P4 (Map: E5)	P5 (Map: E5)	P6 (Map: D6)
POSTCODE	BA1 2NE	BA1 1TP	BA1 1UE	BA1 1JZ	BA2 4EX	BA1 1SU
SPACES	1075 (24 disabled, motorcycle bay)	876 (49 disabled, motorcycle bay)	661 (8 disabled, 4 Parent and Child, motorcycle bay)	161 (5 disabled)	150	247 for rail users only (4 disabled)
MAX STAY	n/a				24 hours	7 days
PAYMENT METHOD	Cash or credit card				Cash only	Cash or credit card
PAYMENT	Pay on foot				Pay & display	Pay & display
OPERATING TIMES	24 hours				24 hours	24 hours
CONTACT INFO	Bath and North East Somerset Council Parking Services 01225 477133/4	SouthGate Management Suite 01225 469061	Bath and North East Somerset Council Parking Services 01225 477133/4	Bath and North East Somerset Council Parking Services 01225 477133/4	Bath Cricket Club 01225 425935	Bath Spa Train Station 01249 444538

Bath Cricket Club

Car Park - Open 24 hours
Pay & Display (coin only)
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Bath Cricket Club North Parade Bridge Road Bath BA2 4EX • **01225 425935**

SHORT STAY CAR PARKS

NAME	Podium Shopping Centre	Sports Centre	Kingsmead Square	Broad Street	Cattle Market	Saw Close	Claverton Street
MAP REFERENCE	P7 (Map: D3)	P8 (Map: E4)	P9 (Map: C4)	P10 (Map: D3)	P11 (Map: D3)	P12 (Map: C4)	P13 (Map: E6)
POSTCODE	BA1 5AL	BA2 4ET	BA1 1AA	BA1 5LW	BA1 5BD	BA1 1EY	BA2 4JP
SPACES	550 (motorcycle bay)	134 (8 disabled, motorcycle bay)	90 (5 disabled)	51 (3 disabled, motorcycle bay)	36	24 (2 disabled)	11 (1 disabled)
MAX STAY	4 hours	4 hours	4 hours	4 hours	4 hours	4 hours	2 hours
PAYMENT METHOD	Cash only	Cash only	Cash or credit card	Cash only	Cash only	Cash only	Cash only
PAYMENT	Pay on foot	Pay & display					
OPERATING TIMES	24 hours	08.00 – 22.00					
CONTACT INFO	Podium Shopping Centre 01225 444678	Bath and North East Somerset Council Parking Services 01225 477133/4					

PAY & DISPLAY

Requires you to pay on arrival for the maximum length of time you anticipate staying in the car park and display the ticket prominently in the windscreen of your vehicle.

PAY ON FOOT

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