

Welcome to Bath House

A Slipper Wearing, Winding-down, Chillaxing House

Quick Aller History

In AD878 following the battle of Edington, **Alfred the great, King of Wessex**, baptised the Danish leader Guthrun in Aller Church. Aller was then a small island in the wetlands near to Athelney, where it's said that King Alfred inadvertently burned some cakes. There's a small monument on the exact spot (they found crumbs!) a little way from the nearby King Alfred public house (01823 698379 - TA7 0RB).

Bath House (BH) was built during the mid-nineteenth century. A third floor with the porch and gate pillars, all made from Bath Stone, were added circa 1905, hence the name 'Bath House'. Make sure to enjoy at least one relaxing bath during your stay at BH and look out for the 'star-lights' in the middle bathroom's ceilings.



Get your slippers on as soon as you arrive at Bath House. You'll find a few blankets to snuggle under in the living room boxes and several games on the bookcase to make use of. Don't turn the TV on unless you really have to ;-)

Keysafe



Press each button firmly and turn the lever to open. If you're having trouble, flick the reset button. Return the key to the safe on departure.

WiFi



The network is **Bath House** and the password is **bathhouse** - all lower case.



TV



Most services including Netflix are free, but if you make a purchase, please leave a few £s in the Honesty Tin before departure.

If you access your own account, remember to delete it before departure.

Hey Google!

You will find this smart speaker/ little oracle on the kitchen worktop and another in the Potting Shed. Start with 'Hey Google' and ask it anything. Ask it to play your favourite song and it'll create a similar playlist. Ask it to answer the 10 most asked questions, or to play your favourite song or podcast, Next song, Turn up/down the volume, Play relaxing music, What's the weather like tomorrow in XXX, Will I need an umbrella today, What time is it, When's the sunset or What's the latest news.



The Wood Burning Stove

The stove handle is hanging to the left of the stove. Use the handle to gently turn the black nut on the front of the right hand door. Light the stove as above, but when you light the sticks/smaller logs, push the doors closed and open the vents at the bottom of the stove doors. This will allow lots of oxygen in to get the flames roaring. When the fire is established with bigger logs, close the doors tight and adjust the vents so that they are open just a little.

The Courtyard Light Switch

is to the right of the kitchen French doors. The switch to operate the fountain is on the frame of the boiler enclosure (outside and to the left of the French doors). Over the kitchen bin there's a switch to light up the whole back garden. Please switch off all after use.

First time lighting an open fire?

Start by lighting a fire-starter block. Next lay approx 10/15 kindling sticks over it allowing the flames time to build before laying smaller logs on top. When the flames are good and strong, lay one or two bigger logs on top and then sit back and warm your toes.



Logs

Matches/fire-starters are in the tin box beside the dining room stove. Bring more logs from the log store if you need them - logs from outside may be damp and harder to burn. Try the **courtyard inglenook** for an alfresco evening.

Music

We have nice neighbours so strictly **no music outdoors after 9pm**.



Garden Furniture

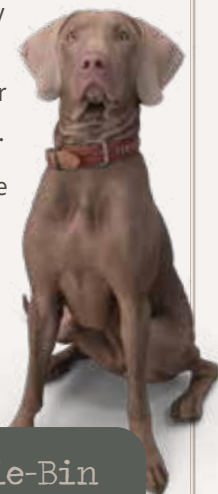
Please **never** leave the cushions out in the rain/overnight as they're only light shower-proof, and they take an eternity to dry out again. Ditto with the peg bags :-)



Dogs

Four legged friends are very welcome but we do have a few rules:

- Use the doggie towels located in the right-hand kitchen cupboard to ensure paws are perfectly clean. There's also a drinking bowl.
- Please don't allow doggies onto the furniture. If they get muddy paws, please wash them using the tap beside the car charger in the parking area.
- Please clear up and dispose of any doggie-dos into the big red Biffa bin (to the left of the log store) before departure.



Play Park + Doggie-Bin

Walk out of BH and keep to the left for a 10-minute walk to the play park (with a zip-wire!), on the way to the ancient Aller church.

This is a nice little walk for dogs and has a doggie-bin along the route.

Food Disposal

The bin-men don't like us putting unwanted food into the black bin bags, so if you 'must' dispose of food (better to eat it!?) please bag it with the green food bags under the sink before placing in a black bin bag.

The Kitchen

The extractor fan switch is hidden away to the right of the wooden beam over the oven.

Dishwasher: Turn off after use as this re-sets the appliance for next time. Please don't change the settings. Under the sink you'll find bin bags and a few cleaning products.



Flumble + Coco are big rooms and consequently slower to heat. If you don't have Eskimo blood, you'll find additional electric heaters in the wardrobes.

Botanical Balcony Light switch is behind the right curtain.

Eco Warriors

Please turn the heating down/off and turn off the lights when you are out. The driveway/porch light works on sensors for those dark nights.

General Rubbish

Place all bin bags in the **huge red Biffa bin** in the bin store, which can be located in the parking area to the left of the log store.

Recycling

You will find recycling containers just outside the kitchen door for glass + tin, plastic and cardboard. Use the can-crusher to crush beer cans and squash plastic bottles flat before replacing the tops to keep them flat.



Recycling day in Aller is Tuesday: (But this often changes for no apparent reason). Please place the boxes and bag out on the pavement the previous evening or first thing in the morning. We don't recycle food waste.

Toddler/dog Gate

Should you want to confine dogs/toddlers/friends in/out of the kitchen area, you'll find a robust gate in the left-hand kitchen cupboard.

Dining Room Table

Please use the runner or the rattan mats with hot pans.

Heating and Hot Water

Hot water is available between 7am and 10.30pm. The heating is operated by the thermostat beside the living room door. We suggest 20 degrees for the house and advise turning heating off as night as the house can get very hot. Please turn the heating off when you are out.

Bath House Parking

Please keep to the designated parking spaces for Bath House and please don't block the garages or turning areas as this can cause mayhem



Breakages

Accidents happens but if you break an item of crockery can you let us know and leave some money in the honesty tin. Crockery £12 each item, Glasses £3.

The Little Bakery, a Coffee and a Walk by the River

If you like your bread warm right out of the oven, get yourself along to Langport (Cocklemoor free car park: TA10 9PG) and head to The Little Bakery (opens 8am till 3pm +10am on Sundays). You can also stock up with freshly baked croissants which will definitely impress the family and friends back at Bath House.

Everything is lovingly hand-crafted using the highest quality, locally sourced and ethically produced sourdough ingredients.

If you arrive later in the morning, grab a coffee (yep, they also do great coffee!) and a particularly exquisite homemade marmalade based quiche...possibly the finest in the land! Yum! You can then take a short stroll up to the river bank picnic area and settle down on one of the numerous benches to watch the world go by...or sail past.



ROUGH MAP



Fancy a Trip on the River?

As well as being rich in history and legend, the Somerset Levels are host to otters, kingfishers, herons and the famous Somerset cranes, which can often be seen flying along the River Parrett.


The Duchess of Cocklemoor ferry boat is solar powered, seats 12 people and is available for private charter for just £60. Your friendly and knowledgeable tour guide will take you on a relaxing one hour trip up the River Parrett, and drop you back where you began. Google: www.duchessofcocklemoor.co.uk and click on 'Take a trip'.

Bars and Restaurants

(Roughly in the order we like them)


The Devonshire Arms - 6 miles

Long Sutton, TA10 9LP - 01458 241271

 **Bar area only**

The Firehouse - 5 miles

Curry Rivel, TA10 0HE - 01458 887447

 **Garden terrace only**

The White Hart - 4 miles


Somerton TA11 7LX

01458 272273

 **Preferably bar area**


Halfway House

Pitney, TA10 9AB - 01458 252513

 **100% dog friendly**


28 Market Place - 7 miles

Somerton, TA11 7NB - 01458 333444

 **Bar area only**


Rose & Crown Inn - 3 miles

(AKA: Eli's; The pub with no bar) TA10 9QT - 01458 250494


 **100% dog friendly**

The Black Swan - 2 miles

For a Sunday roast, TA10 9RQ - 01458 252854

 **Bar area only**

The Old Pound Inn is 30 Seconds away and is good for a pint and pub food

 **100% dog friendly**

TO AVOID
DISAPPOINTMENT,
WE ADVISE PRE-
BOOKING MOST/
ALL VENUES

Support Local Stores

The Langport Stores is a real step-back-in-time and well worth a visit. The local butcher also sells fresh fruit and vegetables and the local tattooist is inked-up and ready to go! **Shop local whenever possible.**

Tesco

There's a Tesco Metro in Langport with loads of parking where you can buy most supplies. TA10 9RQ. 7am – 10pm



Cafes

Try the **Kitchen** at the Wharf, Great Bow Yard, Langport TA10 9PN. This is also a great venue for that last farewell breakfast after checkout.

Play Park and Aller Church

Walk out of Bath House and keep to the left for a 10-minute walk to the play park (with a zip-wire!) and the ancient Aller church. This is a nice little walk for dogs and has a doggie-bin en-route.



Markets

The local Langport Market runs on the 2nd Saturday of the month and is said to have a French Brocante feel about it. The Frome Independent Market (1 hour drive, car park: BA11 1BB) is brilliant and is on the first Sunday of the month from March till December and from 10am – 3pm.

Bicycle Hire

www.parretttrailbikes.co.uk

Electric and pushbikes available - ask for Tony. 01458 253 626/07510 053746

Langport Free Parking: Cocklemoor:

TA10 9PG (with electric charge point),

Stacey's Court: TA10 9PQ and a few at TA10 9RB

Doctor Surgery: 01458 250464, Langport TA10 9RH

Dentist: 01458 253888, Langport TA10 9PR

Local Vet: 01458 250459, Langport TA10 9PS

First Aid Box: This is located in the tall right-hand kitchen cupboard to the right of Pegasus

Petrol Station:

Langport TA10 9SQ, 7am – 10pm

Local Taxis: 07976 552929 + 01458 250511 + 01458 241463

Garden Centre: Kellways, 01458 250521, Langport TA10 9EZ



Explore

Muchelney Abbey - 4 miles TA10 0DQ

Montacute House - 17 miles This is a National Trust property, TA15 6XP.

Burrow Mump - 3.5 miles

Burrowbridge, TA7 0RB.

This abandoned church (it was never completed) is fun to climb and on a clear day views are plentiful... so you can easily spot a Viking attack! It's just a short drive to the King Alfred Inn, a fine ale house to stop off for refreshments.



Local Interest

www.shakespeareglass.co.uk

Bere Cider Company:

01458 250166 +TA10 0QX - Travel just 1.5m from Bath House to sample the local cider.

Smith and Evans Winery: 01458 259075 + TA10 0QL. This cool winery is just one mile from Bath House.

Both are along busy roads, so it's best to drive.



Wildlife

Cranes: Google: 'RSBP Great Crane Project'

Alpacas: www.stokewoodalpacas.com

Murmurations: Google 'Somerset Levels Murmurations'.



Boot and Bikes

Bath House has a secure bike store that also houses 12 pairs of wellington boots in various sizes for your use. The Aller walk can sometimes be muddy and the Enchanted Wood has muddy sections most of the year. Both walks are great for runners. There's also a boot jack and 2 tyre pumps in the bike store. The store is the right hand garage by the entrance in the parking area and you'll find the key hanging on the side of the wooden electric box in the hallway.

Please remember to return the key to the same spot after use. There's a hose beside the car charger to clean the boots before replacing them.

Have fun!



The Smaller Detail

Some of our previous customers have struggled with...

- **Banging head on beams and inglenooks...**
remember to duck next time.
- **The Toaster:** Ensure toaster is turned on at the wall, use the little lever at the base of the toaster to drop bread in and then turn the dial to 1, 2 or 3; depending how brown/black you like your toast. Use the lever to lift toast.
- **Opening the Stove Door:**
The handle is hanging to the left of the stove.
Be firm... but gentle.



Anything Else ...

Message Francis on What's App and he'll do his best to help.

If you don't use What's App, text message or phone **07974240571**

Safety

- Please use the shower/bath mats provided to avoid accidents.
- There's a fire extinguisher and blanket in the left-hand tall kitchen cupboard.
- Remember that it's bad luck to pass on the stairs...

Cleaning or Maintenance Emergencies

If you've seriously stained the furniture or carpets (with wine) and are panicking, **message Francis on 07974240571.**

If you've damaged the building (or there's a serious leak) **call Francis.**

If it's urgent and there's no answer, try **Flynn on 07970 730387.** Please be aware that if it's not an emergency, you will be liable for any call-out costs.

Hot Water Bottles

Just to let you know that our cute little hot water bottles spontaneously combust if they are over one mile away from Bath House :-)) but if you'd like one of your own, contact Elke at
The Crafty Elks on
www.etzy.com

Drying Clothes on Wet Days

If you've been out hiking in the rain or are just struggling to get the laundry dry, the wardrobe in Botanical is also a super-duper mini drying room. Use hangers and the racks and clothes will dry in no time. The top bathroom radiator also has an electric option to enable it to be used without the central heating being switched on. This is great for drying smaller items but please remember to switch it off when not in use as it gobbles up the electric.



Lyme Regis

One hour drive from Bath House, along the Jurassic Coast, is the unspoilt seaside town of Lyme Regis; known as the 'Pearl of Dorset'.

It has lots of independent shops and cafes, millions of fossils, lots of cliff walks and plenty of clean beaches; in fact it's the quintessential seaside town. As you stroll along the beach towards the Cob, look out for the highly recommended Beach Kiosk. They serve the **BEST** coffee, toasted sandwiches, homemade cake and of course ice creams. Wrap up warm for a winter visit and enjoy your hot chocolate (and avocado and halloumi bagel!) whilst watching the crazy winter swimmers! PS: Also watch out for the psychotic dive-bombing seagulls! There's limited parking near the beach (DT7 3QD) and a much bigger cliff-top car park with amazing views and many steps back down to the beach (DT7 3DW).

If you enjoy the hustle-bustle of arcades and piers, try Weston-Super-Mare (40 mins). Google:

www.visit-westonsupermare.com/things-to-do

Or for rainy days, try the waterpark at Blean

www.breansplash.com (40mins -TA8 2QY - 01278 751595)

Outdoor Pool and Picnic Area

Since opening in 1937, over four and a half million people have visited the wonderful Greenbank Pool in the nearby town of Street. Greenbank is a very safe and very clean, family orientated facility. We advise parking in Clarks Village (BA16 0BB) and taking the short walk through Clarks Village, past the pirates play area and across the road to Greenbank. There is very limited parking outside the pool. **Greenbank Pool: Wilfrid Road, Street. BA16 0EU (11 miles) - 01458 442468**



Mystical Glastonbury

Glastonbury town is just 12 miles from Aller and has gained worldwide fame due to its iconic music festival. However, the town is also steeped in history, myths, and legends that make it a fascinating place to visit. The town's most famous landmark, Glastonbury Tor, has a striking appearance as a natural landmark rising prominently from the Somerset Levels, plus it's believed to be the mystical Isle of Avalon, where King Arthur was taken after he was mortally wounded in battle.

The town is also home to a beautiful Abbey ruin that dates back to the 7th century and is said to be the burial place of King Arthur and Queen Guinevere. Glastonbury has a vibrant alternative community with many crystal shops, healers, and spiritual practitioners. Whether you are a history buff, a music lover or a spiritual seeker, Glastonbury has something to offer everyone.



Glastonbury Tor

Glastonbury Tor is known worldwide for its spiritual significance, with many people believing it to be one of the Earth's chakras or energy centres and a site for spiritual pilgrimage. It's also believed by some to be the location of the elusive Holy Grail and therefore a place of healing and meditation. But if that's all a bit too 'woo-woo' for you, the Tor is well worth a visit for its stunning

views of the surrounding countryside and is a popular destination for hikers and nature enthusiasts.

Directions: For the best route up the Tor, park at Silver Street car park (**BA6 8BS**) and head off up Chilkwell Street, turning left at Wellhouse Lane.

The Chalice Well

You might stop-off enroute at The Chalice Well (**BA6 3DD**). Surrounded by three acres of peace and tranquillity, the beautiful gardens and orchards are a living sanctuary where you can experience the quiet healing of this sacred place. Glastonbury has lots of cafés and one of our favs is The Rainbows End. **BA6 9DP** and **01458 833896**.

Local Interests

The best local Fish & Chips is Pendra's in Langport

2 miles

01458 250519

Located right beside Cocklemoor free car park (TA10 9PD)



Pitney Farm Shop & Café

3.5 miles 01458 253002

Pitney Farm shop and cafe (TA10 9AP) is a super friendly family run organic farm, stocking a wide range of home produced meats, eggs and vegetables as well as many other local, organic and fair-trade foods. Check the website for opening times; www.pitneyfarmshop.co.uk



Cardamom Indian Restaurant at Langport

2 miles 01458 252215

Park at Bow Street car park (TA10 9PH) and the restaurant is a one minute walk.



Kids will love to meet the Alpacas

BA22 8JB 11 miles 07767 692286

www.caryalpacas.co.uk

Spend an hour at the Coates English Willow Visitor Centre

TA3 6HY 6 miles 01823 490249

www.coatesenglishwillow.co.uk



The Fleet Air Arms Museum

11 miles BA22 8HT 01935 840565

Cheddar Gorge and Wooky Hole are a great day out for all the family.

20 miles BS27 3QE 01749 672243

www.cheddargorge.co.uk and witch@wookey.co.uk

Visit Muchelney Pottery

TA10 0DW 5 miles 01458 250324

www.johnleachpottery.co.uk

Hestercombe House & Gardens

TA2 8LG 13 miles 01823 413923

www.hestercombe.com



If you fancy a nostalgic Train ride back in time try this one plus take a trip to Dunster Castle and lunch at The Luttrell Arms is highly recommended. You can then head to Dunster to lovely beach where parking is available plus it's dog friendly all year round.

35 miles TA24 5BG 01643-704996

www.west-somerset-railway.co.uk



The Amazing Wells Cathedral

18 miles BA5 2UE 01749 674483

www.wellscathedral.org.uk

(And why not visit Wells Reclamation on the way home)

If you don't mind driving, Stonehenge is an hour from Bath House and Tintagel Castle and the St Nectan's Waterfall are around 2 hours away but both well worth a visit if you've never been before.

PS: Also take a look at www.visitsouthsomerset.com and if you have a pooch, search for 'Dog friendly days out in South Somerset'. Plus If you're coming from up'country and need a break, stop off at www.gloucesterservices.com.



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THE MAP

The Aller Adventure

This is a brilliant circular walk of approximately 7m (11k) that can be completed in 1hr 47mins or 3hrs, depending on your enthusiasm! It's a mix of flat terrain and a few steep hills. If steep hills are not a problem and you enjoy a good view, then give this one a go. There is a much shorter version for those... of a more delicate nature

Please respect the Countryside Code: follow all signs and keep to the paths, as animals—especially those with newborns—can be easily distressed and may become protective. Keep dogs under close control, particularly around livestock and take all litter home with you. Remember your binoculars—you might spot something special. Enjoy your walk!

- 1 **Let's begin:** Turn left out of Bath House, keep to the left and follow the narrow (sometimes overgrown) little path. Try not to get caught scrumping apples along the way! The path spills out onto a tarmac road. Turn left up to the ancient Aller Church. Kids (and adults!) will love the zip-wire in the play park. Follow the road for another 100 yards to the Church.
- 2 **The Church and the Views.** Keep eyes peeled for the fabled 'Aller Dragon' tile to the right of the Church gates. At the back of the churchyard, you'll find a bench with a stunning moorland view of Aller. For anyone who has already had enough walking for one day, you can leave them here for later collection.
- 3 **Ditch-side Stroll:** To continue, exit through the wooden gate out onto Middle Moor and head diagonally left down across the field toward a row of trees and a gate by a drainage ditch. Turn right, go through the gate, keeping the ditch on your left as you walk straight ahead to the River Parrott (3/4 mile).
- 4 **Optional Escape Route (Shortcut):** Soon you'll come across a dubious little bridge on your left. Only cross it if you've hit your yearly fitness quota as this leads back to Aller via a few fields and a stile. From there, you can turn left along the main road and maybe hole up at The Old Pound Inn until your party comes to retrieve you.
- 5 **Onwards and upwards:** Otherwise, continue on straight through various gates, keeping that ditch to your left. You might catch a swan gliding by like it owns the place, a heron pretending not to notice, sheep lounging like it's a countryside spa day or the occasional chatty dog walker.
- 6 **Cows Ahead—Proceed with Caution:** You could be in trouble here if you're a Bovinophobiac (fear of cows) as you might come across one of the critters. Remember to keep dogs on a lead, no sudden movements, avoid eye contact and no shaking of red cloaks. Seriously, be aware, as they're very protective of young calves, so go slowly or go around them if you can.

7 Riverside Ramble: Cross the Sowe Throttle (if you're already lost, What3Words are: thinnest.wonderful.headache) and turn left through another gate onto the River Parrett Trail towards Langport (1½ miles). You can rest here a while on Tori's bench. The mountainous looking range far off to the left is called Turnpike hill... which you will soon be scaling! If you're going for a Personal Best, keep talking to a minimum, swing those arms and follow the long path along the river, through Monksleaze Clyse sluice and keep going with the river on your right.

8 Decision Time at the Railway Bridge: As you approach the black railway bridge (built 1870), you have a choice: Under the bridge to Langport (and civilisation), or Sharp left over a small bridge to continue across the Levels... which is it to be?

9 The Langport Option: If opting for Langport, head under the railway bridge, across the field to a small bridge. Keep going and you'll reach a metal gate to the Walter Bagehot Town Garden. Go through the garden, under the arch into Langport town.

10 Or Staying Wild: Otherwise, turn sharp left over a very small bridge, keeping the ditch to your left. Follow this winding trail across the Levels (about a mile) through several gates and stiles to a metal gate and out onto the tarmac road into Combe. There are often sheep in the fields, so dogs on leads. Leap the gate with flair or open and re-tie it, if you're feeling sensible.

11 The Small Climb: Turn left and follow the road round to the right and uphill to the main road. If you're thinking that the steep hill wasn't so bad... rest assured that that wasn't THE steep hill!



12 The Big Climb: Please take EXTREME CAUTION crossing the busy road, then go straight up the well-worn steps and up the steep, rooty woodland path. Look out for our friend Buba around half way up. This is the lung-buster but the reward will be worth it. Pause often to admire the views or fake a wildlife sighting if you need more oxygen. At the top, keep left along a dirt track and out onto a small tarmac road and turn left.

13 The Ridge: Pass Bowden's campsite (wave to the slightly tragic lions), and just before Woodrove Kennels, you will see a small stile on your left. Hop over it and follow the narrow path with a 3ft wire fence on your left. At the end, turn right over yet another stile and out onto the glorious Aller Ridge. Keep along this ridge and maybe rest a while on the fallen tree and scan the horizon.

14 Binoculars & Fairies: This is your moment—binoculars out and take in the views! Can you spot the black Railway Bridge? Keep straight across stiles, through gates, into a copse and back out into fields. One last stile drops you onto a rough track. Turn right here for The Enchanted Woods (maybe one for another day?) otherwise, turn left down the final steep, rough and sometimes slippery path. This leads onto a tarmac road and you carry on straight ahead down the hill.

15 Homeward Bound: After a right bend, turn left down an easy-to-miss path (opposite a small reddish cabin) and out onto the main road. Turn left, cross the road, and pass The Old Pound Inn (or stop in for a quick one!) Return home to a cosy Bath House, trade muddy boots for slippers and regale everyone with tales of dragons, ditches, and debonair bridges.

Scan the QR code to download the walk and a map. Good luck!

The Curry Rival Walk

Curry Rivel, one of Somerset's largest villages, lies just 10 minutes' drive from Bath House. Once known as Curri in the Domesday Book—possibly after 7th-century hermit St Currig—the village gained its “Rivel” from Sir Richard Revel, a 12th-century Lord who obviously wanted to be remembered. This 3½-mile scenic, mostly flat, circular walk (about 1¾ hours) starts and ends at The Firehouse, once a working forge and now a popular pub famous for its pizzas (if you want to eat later, ask for a pizza-to-go).

Historically rooted in willow growing, the area still harvests willow today. A standout sight is the Burton Pynsent Monument, designed by Capability Brown and built in 1767 by William Pitt the Elder, in gratitude to Sir William Pynsent, who opposed the much-hated cider tax (some things never change!) The 15th Century St Andrew's Church has a 13th-century North Chapel, which, at its window near the altar, you can see etchings by artist James McNeill Whistler.

1 Begin Your Adventure: TURN LEFT out of the car park and onto the main road. Take a RIGHT turn along the pavement and just past a red post box in the wall, slip RIGHT into a secret little alley. A kissing gate awaits (tradition demands a kiss as you enter but don't dawdle!) Turn LEFT along a quiet driveway, then straight over a stile and into a field, with the wall faithfully keeping to your RIGHT.

2 What's the Stile: Continue along the driveway to another stile (Somerset loves them). Trot across two breezy fields. Pass another stile (we know, we know), keeping the houses to your LEFT. Go straight ahead through a kissing gate keeping the hedge to your RIGHT and out onto the road. Turn RIGHT for 150 yards and at the end of the garden fence, turn LEFT onto a footpath signposted 'Moortown Lane 1M'.

3 March to the Monument: Turn RIGHT and march nobly towards the Monument where you can look out over a great view of the 1658 Battle of Sedgemoor. Slip through the stile in the opposite hedge and continue to the Monument. Take in the sweeping views and when you're ready, with the Monument at your back and the breeze in your hair, stroll across the field through a stately avenue of trees (not down the hill).

4 Of Gates and Grassy Paths: At the end of the trees, turn RIGHT onto a grassy path beside a fence. You'll reach a (you guessed it) yet another stile. Turn LEFT onto a tarmac lane for just 50 yards, then RIGHT over a stile into a field. Walk straight to the stile in the opposite hedge and to a main road.

5 Through Orchards and Over Fields: Cross the main road (carefully) and enter Moortown Lane. Let the winding road lead you past two orchards (Scrumpling is a Somerset tradition) and just past the second, turn LEFT through a metal gate with a wooden footpath signpost. Cross two fields with the hedge to your LEFT, then along a grassy track to a metal gate and a quiet lane.

6 Secret Pathways: Turn LEFT, stroll for 400 yards and just before some overhead cables, you will find a small gap in the hedge. This gap and the signpost are usually overgrown and easy to miss! Walk straight ahead towards a house with the hedge to your RIGHT. A few yards after the house, bear RIGHT through a almost hidden entrance through a conifer hedge into an enclosed path, passing a tennis court on your LEFT and on to the gate.

7 Homeward Bound: At the road, turn LEFT into Ballers Lane, then LEFT again into Stoney Lane. After 150 yards, turn RIGHT and follow the lane back to the main road past residential homes. At the main road, turn RIGHT, and soon enough, you're back at The Firehouse for well-earned refreshments. Maybe visit the church before heading home to Aller

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INSTRUCTIONS



The Enchanted Woods:

A Magical Walk

Tuck your trouser legs into your socks, lace up your boots (no white trainers) and prepare for a wander through ancient woods where magic lingers in the leaves. This 2½ mile each way trip, will lead you beneath the leafy boughs of Aller Wood, with steep climbs early on, then gentle trails flanked by whispering trees, curious creatures and fairy doors. And at the journey's end, a secret National Trust picnic spot with views fit for fairy royalty.



1 Your Quest Begins... TURN RIGHT out of Bath House and march past the Old Pound Inn (you got to earn that pint first!) Stay on the LEFT pavement and just past Croft House, cross the road (watch out for troll wagons!)

2 Climb to the Clouds. Follow the public footpath sign to Aller Hill and the Enchanted Wood.

Catch your breath and check out the panoramic views as you go.

3 At the path's summit, TURN RIGHT onto the tarmac lane, and follow as it sweeps gently LEFT, as if you are being guided by the fairies of the woods.

4 Up the Wild Track. Soon a steep, gnarly track appears straight ahead. It looks like something a wizard once stomped through and it might be muddy! Tread carefully here and remember to ground every boot print.

5 Welcome to the Enchanted Wood! At the top, stick to the LEFT (ignore the stile on the right as that's another adventure for another day!) and you've now entered the Enchanted Wood, where trees gossip, birds eavesdrop, and foxes write poems in the undergrowth. Did you spot your first fairy door?

6 Secrets and Shadows. Wander through the cool canopy and you'll spot MOD signs (clearly standing for 'Mystical Otherworldly Denizens') and trees older than time itself.

7 Fairy Doorways & Woodland Whispers. Keep your eyes peeled! Along the path, tiny fairy houses sometimes reveal themselves. But remember that Fairies are very shy and only they can open Fairy doors! There is a fairy door at the entrance to the woods (he must be a hermit fairy) and we spotted several more in the middle of the woods (What3Words are; ///loved.developed.curvy)

8 A Vista for Dreamers. When the trees finally release you, cross the small road with care and enter the National Trust's picnic glade. Beside the gate into this area is a small memorial to local man; Second Lieutenant Bryson Bellot, who died in the Somme in 1919. Stick to the LEFT, and — WHOOSH! — the view rolls out like a green, dreamy carpet. It's the perfect spot for rest, a feast, or a sneaky swig of enchanted elderflower fizz.

9 Return or Roam Further? Feeling bold? You can keep exploring another mile or so into the woods beyond, where rope swings dangle like forgotten spells. Or, retrace your steps, letting the woods whisper farewell.

10 Avoid the Sat Nav Sirens! Do not be tempted if your Sat Nav may suggest a shorter route home along the road. It's a perilously fast, dodgy, dangerous, boring, twisty-turny, pathless road back to Aller. Instead, return the way you came, through trees, tales, and leafy magic.

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The Langport Walk

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Lace up your boots and try a charming circular stroll through this ancient town's streets, riverside paths, and fields full of quiet magic. Approximately 4M/6.4KM.

Once a bustling river trading town, Langport welcomed goods and folk from far and wide. Kelways Nursery, established here in 1851, became world-famous for its peonies and irises, and the town's most curious landmark, the Hanging Chapel, still watches over visitors as it has since 1344.

Start at Cocklemoor's free car park (TA10 9PG). Langport's shops, pubs, and cafes await the return of its intrepid explorers!

1 Hill of the Flemish Folk. From the car park, head back to the main road and turn **RIGHT**. At the sharp bend, turn **RIGHT** again and climb the steep hill (there's a sturdy handrail to cling onto!)

The gabled architecture here was shaped by Flemish traders who once called Langport home.

2 Views and the Chapel in the Sky. At the top, follow the road **LEFT**. On your **RIGHT**, is the old All Saints Church. Have a wander in and out as its churchyard offers stunning views over the Somerset Levels below. Keep to the **LEFT** as you pass the curious Hanging Chapel and then cross to the Right-hand pavement. You will soon spot a narrow path beside Gateway Cottage that leads down into the green Levels below. If you're doing this walk in the rainy season, it might be flooded!

3 Over the Rhyme and Through the Field. Cross the field, hop over the small rhyme bridge and continue **STRAIGHT** until you come to a metal gate, **TURN LEFT**. Go straight ahead until you reach a stile, turn **Right** through here and head over Huish Bridge that spans the River Parrett.

4 Drove to the Railway of Yore. Now walk along Huish Drove for half a mile. Look for a clear sign on your **LEFT** to the 'Parrett Cycleway', which was once a railway line. Turn onto this path and follow it for about a mile.

5 Back to the River. Pass through gates and out onto the narrow road. **TURN LEFT** and Just before the bridge over the River Parrett, **TURN LEFT** again through a gate with the River Parrett now flowing on your **RIGHT**.

6 Langport in Sight. When you arrive back at Huish Bridge, cross the bridge and **TURN LEFT** over a concrete parking area with a signpost to Langport town centre. Walk along the path, keeping the River Parrot to your **LEFT** - you're almost back!

7 The Riverside Stroll Home. Walk over the small steel bridge and continue along the riverside path to the rear of Cocklemoor car park. This is often a lively spot for boaters and paddlers alike, plus a great spot for a quick picnic with lots of benches.

8 A Shopping Spell. Before you leave, wander Langport's delightful shops. Meet Jason and John at the nostalgic Langport Stores, grab a treat from Mel and Sara at Little Bakery, and explore Kim's antiques (Thu-Sat). And there you have it, a storybook stroll through one of Somerset's most magical little towns.

To Langport by Pedal-Power

(Approx. 9 miles / 14.5 km each way)

- 1 **Down the Drove and Over the Bridge:** Exit Bath House, turn LEFT and follow drove road until you reach the small bridge (1.5 miles) and take a LEFT here. Watch out for sheep and lambs.
- 2 **Hilltop Cemeteries & Rolling Roads:** At the main road junction (0.5 miles), turn LEFT and glide over the hilltop with the Cemetery on your RIGHT.
- 3 **The Church on the Hill/Mump:** One mile on, you'll spot the ruins of the 18th-century church atop Burrow Mump. Hop off here and climb for spellbinding views, where on a clear day you can see five different churches across the Levels.
- 4 **Bridge to Adventure:** Descend from the Mump, pass The King Alfred Inn and over the river. Turn LEFT, following signs to Langport and Stathe.
- 5 **The Green Bridge Ride:** Continue straight ahead and you'll cross the Green Wick Overbridge (around 4 miles in) and if you're very lucky a passing train will toot for you!
- 6 **Pound Cottage and the Turn to Town:** Keep rolling for another mile until the junction and take a LEFT into Langport. Pound Cottage stands opposite, like a gatekeeper to the town.
- 7 **Cake & Chains Pit Stop:** Before you cross the River Parrett bridge, turn RIGHT and here you'll find Tony's Bike Repair and the charming Bakery Bridge Canteen for coffee and cake!
- 8 **Riverside Rambles and Extra Miles:** Pedal across the metal bridge, along the riverside path to Cocklemoor car park and on into Langport town centre. You can stop for a



treat at The Little Bakery, then relax riverside and watch the ducks (and dreams) drift by. You can now retrace your route back to Bath House or follow your Sat-Nav for a shorter 2-mile trip back to Bath House but beware as it's a fast road.

If you fancy an extra mile...

- You can extend your route a further mile or so by heading to the far LEFT corner of the picnic area and following the sign to 'Huish Bridge 0.6km'.
- Turn RIGHT over the bridge and follow the rough track past the Parrot Cycleway sign (this could be another detour for another day?)
- At the end of this track turn RIGHT and follow the road up to the junction, turn LEFT opposite Rose Cottage and retrace your steps back to Bath House.

If you bring your own bike, we have a secure store in the parking area and the key is hanging on the electrics box by the front door. . Tony's bike shop in Langport repairs and hires both peddle and electric bikes: 01458 253626

Take care and wear your helmet

Leaving Bath House

We sincerely hope you will have a really fun and relaxing stay at Bath House and totally wind-down/chillax.

- To assist our housekeepers, could you ensure you have fully vacated by 10am on departure day.
- If it's not too much bother, would you be so kind as to place all USED linen (not the mattress or pillow protectors, cushion covers, throws or dog towel) into the green laundry bags provided in the wardrobes. Loosely tie them and place them on the middle landing prior to departing.
- Turn the heating down/off.
- To assist us, please return any furniture and items to their initial positions, including cushions and pillows back to their original rooms.
- Place all rubbish, including bedroom and bathroom bins, into the large red Biffa bin by the entrance in the parking area and place the recycling boxes into the log/recycling store.
- If you've used the fires, please use the ash bucket and place in the log store.
- Remove all food and drink from the house and eat any leftover cake!
- Remember to check under beds, drawers, behind doors and in the coat/boot cupboard so you don't leave anything behind.
- Remember to place any monies in the honesty jar for breakages or car charger
- If you've used the Wellington boots, please hose them off and return them to the boot rack.
- Return the key to the key safe

Thank you for your assistance and kind understanding.

Until the next time...

Hasta la vista

PS Check out Tin Bath and Little Bath next door

www.bathhouseholidays.co.uk





Somerset

Exploring

Warm & Cosy

Relaxing

Wood fires

Luxurious

Chic

Alfresco

Romantic

Tactile

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