

# Bridgwater, Goathurst, North Petherton, Fordgate and Canal

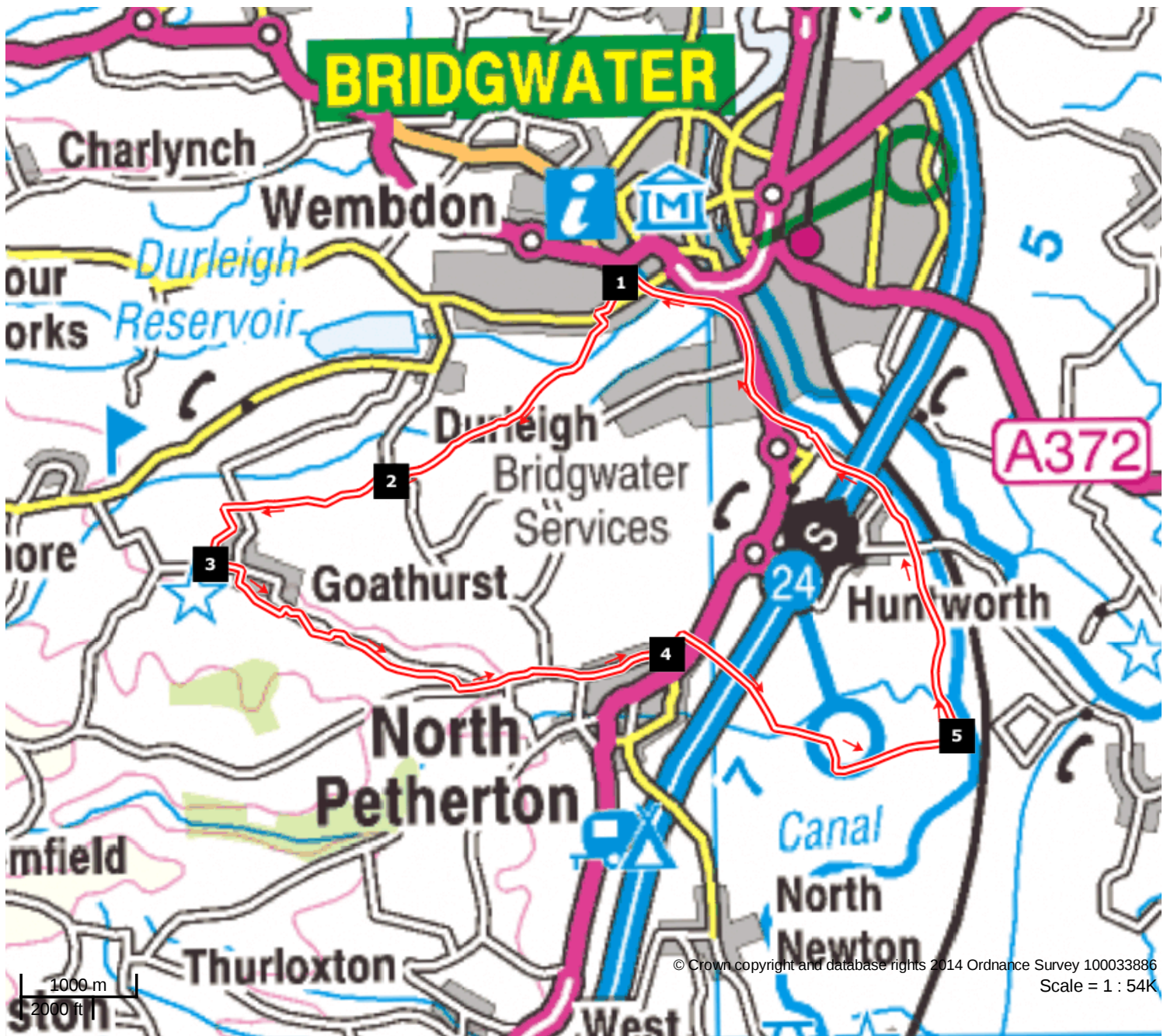


Starts at Bridgwater

6 hours 0 minutes | 11.7miles 18.9km | Leisurely

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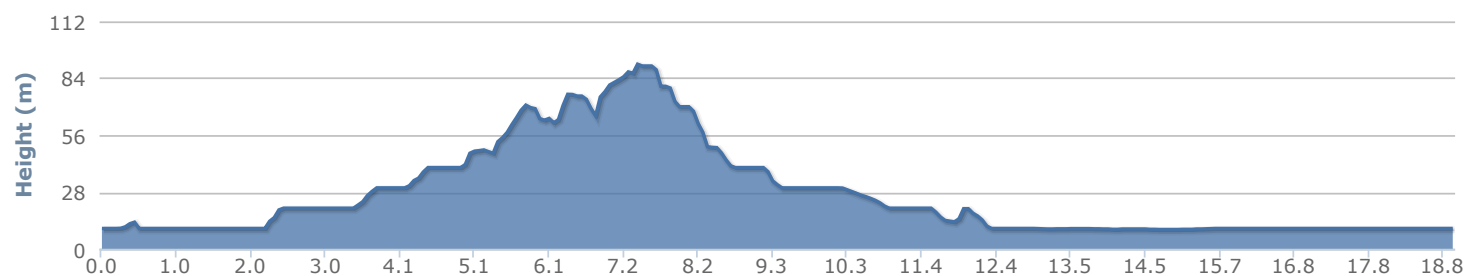
A circular walk from Bridgwater going out across the Meads and fields to Goathurst. The route then uses roads to get through North Petherton and onwards to the canal. Returning along the canal path.



— Main Route    — Alternative Route    Point of Interest    Waypoint

Distance: 18.85km    Ascent: 114m    Descent: 114m

## Route Profile



\*move mouse over graph to see points on route

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## **Starts at**

West Street Bridgwater

## **Ends at**

West Street Bridgwater

## **Getting there**

West Street is off the A 39 running through the centre of Bridgwater. After passing Morrisons and B & Q on the left turn left at next set of traffic lights into West Street. Drive up the street and park in one of the lay-bys beyond the pedestrian crossing.

Refreshments can be obtained in Bridgwater and North Petherton.

If using public transport alight at Bridgwater bus station and then walk through into East Over. Turn right and follow street over river and on up through the main street of the town to reach the traffic lights at Penil Orliu. Cross straight over into West Street.

## **Route instructions**

**[1]** Walk up West Street and turn first left and immediately cross over into St Matthews Field. Walk diagonally to the left across the field heading for the far corner. At far corner turn left onto path and follow over stream. (This section can be a little difficult to follow but basically the path to follow runs midway between the houses on the left and right) Turn right and initially follow the bank of the stream. Where bank begins to turn to the right go ahead across the field heading for a gate in the corner. Pass into next field and head across middle of field and onwards into the next field. You should then go straight ahead over field where the path then continues run alongside the hedge on the right. This path is now easy to follow and continues more or less straight ahead with a few twists and turns where it crosses the stream or turns corners of fields. The path eventually reaches a lane.

**[2]** Turn right and in a short distance turn right through a field gate onto a signed footpath. Walk straight ahead crossing a corner of the field to reach the hedgerow. Now follow the edge of the field with the hedgerow on the left and after passing under power lines go on to reach the corner of the field. Turn left to follow path out of field and then immediately turn right and enter another field. Follow the hedgerow round to the right rounding a corner. On rounding corner turn left and cross to hedgeline running straight ahead. Keep this hedgeline on the right and follow it to reach a lane. Turn left into lane and follow into Goathurst.

**[3]** After passing church on the left continue to road junction and turn left. Follow this road out of village and onwards for approximately 2 miles to finally reach a "T" junction. Turn left and follow road on into North Petherton. On entering North Petherton keep straight ahead on road which runs along the edge of the village to reach the main A38.

**[4]** Turn left onto A38 and walk along pavement on lefthand side for approximately 200 yards. Just before the butchers on the right turn right into a minor road. Follow this road over M5 motorway and onwards to reach Petherton Park Farm. On reaching farm turn right onto the unmade track running alongside the farm. Follow this track to Fordgate. On arrival at Fordgate the track runs into Fordgate Farm. At gateway turn left and follow path to cross canal bridge seen ahead.

**[5]** After crossing bridge turn left onto canalside path. Follow onwards passing under Huntworth Bridge to reach Boat and Anchor pub. From Boat and Anchor continue to follow the canalside path along the righthand side of the canal. Pass under the M5 viaduct and shortly after reach a canal bridge. Turn left over the bridge and then right to follow the canalside path on the lefthand bank. Keep on this path all the way into

the centre of Bridgwater. After passing the back of Morrisons, B & Q and the YMCA centre on the opposite bank the path divides. Keep to the left path and follow to exit into West Street. Turn left to return to the start.

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