



• It helps cut congestion and is good

It is sociable.

It is cheap.

It can help keep you fit and healthy.

BENEFITS OF CYCLING

adults and children. See www. training courses available for the excellent National Standards skills, you might consider one of If you wish to improve your cycling



chairs and horse riders. Give way to pedestrians, wheel-

assert your position on the road. decisively and do not be atraid to appropriately in good time. Act turns ahead and position yourself direction. Anticipate obstacles and sudden moves or changes in Think ahead and try not to make

more visible to following traffic. the gutter and to make yourself to avoid drains, litter and glass in Ride about 1m out from the kerb

Always ride within your own ability.

bling before riding on the road. and check behind without wobsignal confidently with both hands Make sure you can start, stop,

RIDING ON THE ROAD

white on a blue background. Cycle route signs are generally

Ji gnivsəl make sure you secure your bike if Carry a good-quality lock and

helmet.

clothing and consider wearing a Wear appropriate footwear and

bright clothing. to consider wearing reflective or rear lights after dark and may wish • Be visible. You must use front and

tained and roadworthy. ㅇ Make sure your bike is well main-

and the Highway Code. Always abide by road regulations

GENERAL

namage to any property arising from their use. cannot accept any liability for any injury, loss or ease of access or condition of these paths and Council has no responsibility for the maintenance. dedicated as public highway. Somerset County These routes (denoted by dashed lines) are not *Routes that are not public highway

that may occur resulting from reliance on this uor accept responsibility for any loss or damage cycling ability. Somerset County Council does to the conditions at the time of use and their own should judge the suitability of the route in relation

not indicate an enhanced level of maintenance or directness and typical traffic conditions. They do more convenient to cyclists, including gradient to a number of criteria which may make them other facilities and have been chosen according ontes linking settlements, marked cycle routes or rue conres Lugicked in Vellow indicare strategic that these routes will be hazard-free. In particular of marked routes on the map does not guarantee information is up to date and accurate, inclusion networks. Every effort is made to ensure that all the utormation about the local road and cycle path This map is published with the intention of providing

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elephone **Somerset Direct** on 0845 3459155 animal, missing signpost or damaged stile please pridleway such as an obstruction, aggressive If you find a problem on a public footpath or

REPORTING A PROBLEM ON A PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY

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nelp improve the quality and information provided and updated. We welcome any comments that may interested partners and will be continually reviewed from local cyclists, town/parish councils and other Lyese was yave been broduced with advice

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simply by making smarter choices about the way you travel, visit To find out about other ways you can improve your quality of life

the options suitable for you.

a big difference. We hope this map will help you to explore some of some of these small journeys instead, even occasionally, would make even when we're only popping round the corner. Walking or cycling These days it's all too easy to just hop in the car without thinking, Did you know that the majority of car trips are less than 2 miles?

we can protect and improve our environment, our health and our alternatives such as walking, cycling, car share and public transport, raising awareness and encouraging wider use of sustainable travel



pollution in Somerset. By reducing congestion and Council initiative aimed at a Somerset County Moving Forward is

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Somerset

some fantastic views.

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- and it can all be seen best by bicycle or on foot.

spaces with wildlife all around, there is something here for everyone

donkeys on the beach to quaint shops in small towns, or wide open

There's so much more to Somerset than just its history. From

monarch, King Alfred, reminding us of where he burnt the cakes.

his queen, Gwynevere. At Athelney stands a monument to another

ancient monks claimed to have found the remains of this warrior and

Cadbury is the alleged site of Camelot and at Glastonbury Abbey, the

you with the legend of King Arthur. The Iron Age hill fort at South

For those with a love of myth and legend, Somerset can fascinate

passenger line, to the coastal towns of Watchet and Minehead.

along the West Somerset Railway, the UK's longest privately-owned

with its famous bell-ringing mute swans. Classic steam trains run

12th-century cathedral and the nearby moated Bishop's Palace

villages, such as Wells, with the gothic grandeur of its wonderful

trove. There are dozens of fine old churches and historic towns and

For the historically minded visitor, the county is a positive treasure

opportunities to test your stamina against the hills and discover

For those who prefer the challenge of mountain biking and hill

items from lobster pots to hot air balloon baskets!

exploring its rich heritage and delightful countryside.

sports, the Quantocks, Mendips and Exmoor all provide exhilarating

weaving — an important craft for the production of a wide range of

home to one of Somerset's oldest traditional skills – willow basket

and hill-free landscape. These ancient wetlands, rich in wildlife, are

Levels are perfect touring country, with their meandering quiet lanes

For walkers and cyclists seeking a relaxing rural jaunt, the Somerset

landscapes and moods, offering many attractions to visitors keen on

From the Mendip Hills in the north, to the Quantocks in the west and

the Blackdowns in the south, Somerset is a county of contrasting

Cycling advice and benefits

Useful information & places to go

Cheddar has been a destination for visitors for centuries, all coming to view the limestone gorge carved into the southern slopes of the Mendip Hills. Reaching over 500ft in places, the ravine boasts the highest inland cliffs in the country. Cheddar village was the site of a Saxon palace for the Kings of Wessex and has an attractive Minster church, an historic market cross and a range of local shops.

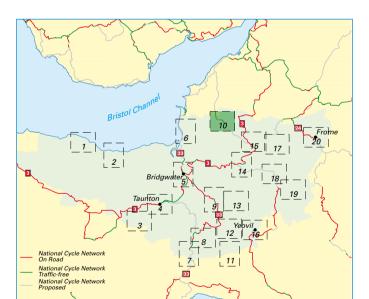
At the lower end of the gorge, closest to the village, there are riverside walks, tearooms, gift shops, a small toy museum and the famous Cheddar Showcaves – a labyrinth of underground chambers open to the public. The adjacent museum highlights important archeological finds including a Mesolithic skeleton.

Cheddar cheese, which is known throughout the world, originated from farms in this region. Visit the Cheddar Gorge Cheese Company to see traditional cheese-making displays. The Mendip Hills are a great centre for walking, riding and cycling. There is a walking festival in September and the Cheddar Challenge organises many cycling competitions throughout the year for mountain bikes and BMXs.

For further information about Cheddar's activities and events contact the local Tourist Information office or visit www.visitsomerset.co.uk

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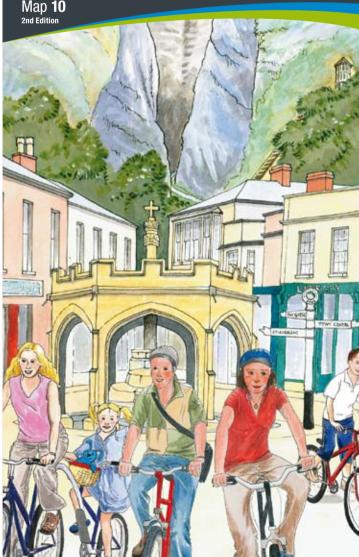
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Cheddar & Axbridge

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during busy periods on the roads. It is fast, especially in towns or

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3 The Cheddar Gorge **Cheese Company** The Cliffs, Cheddar Gorge, BS27 3QA 01934 742810

Cheddar Sweet Kitchen Daghole Cottages, Water Lane, Cheddar, BS27 3QJ 01934 743810

6 Mendips Raceway Ltd Warrens Hill Road, Shipham, **BS40 7XU** 01963 220028

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