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For information on the county of Somerset its attractions, events and accommodation go to
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For further information on the Blackdown Hills AONB including walk maps and events please visit
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For the most up to date information please contact Traveline on 0871 2002233.
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Call 0845 345 9155 to receive copies of bus timetables. Visit www.somerset.gov.uk/publictransport for information about public transport in Somerset.

We welcome your comments

If you have any comments or suggestions for other days out please Tel: 01934 750833 or email somersetvisitorcentre@somerset.gov.uk.

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Heritage and the Hills

A great car-free day out, starting from Chard then exploring the beautiful undiscovered Blackdown Hills

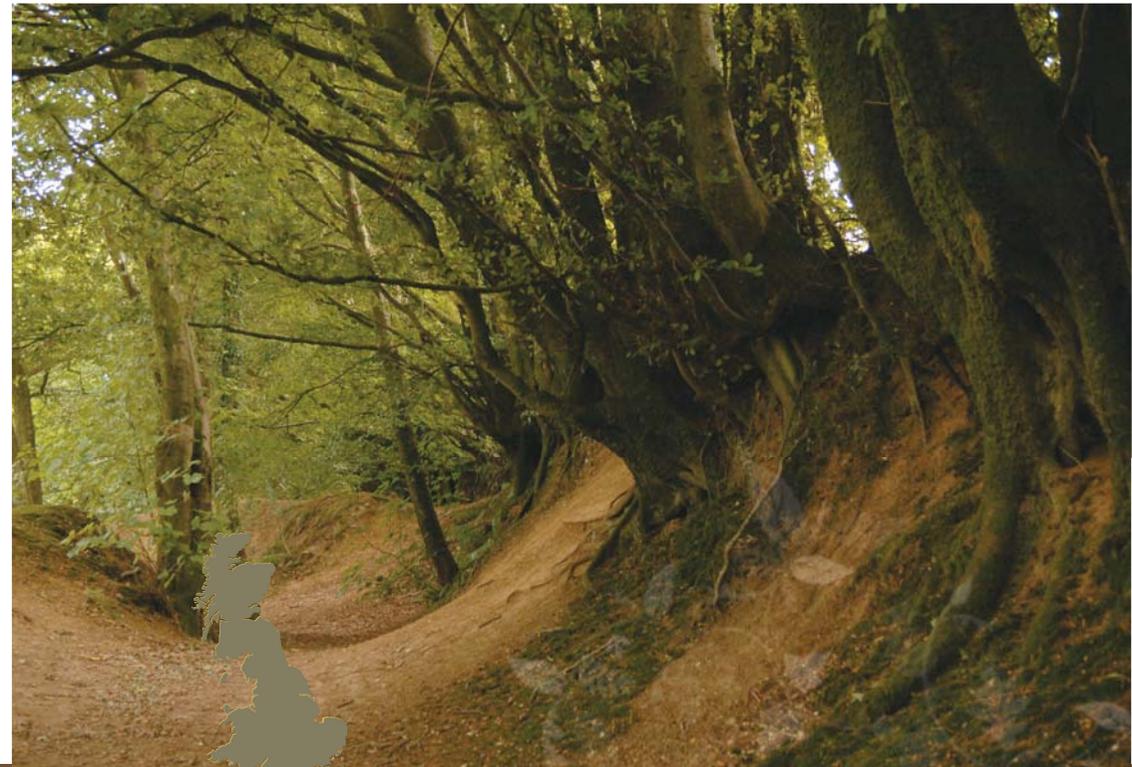
One of a series of car-free fun days out in Somerset, this route includes a walk around Castle Neroche, a visit to Chard Museum and an alternative to extend your visit and walk around Chard Reservoir.

Highlights:

- Castle Neroche
- Chard Museum
- Chard Reservoir



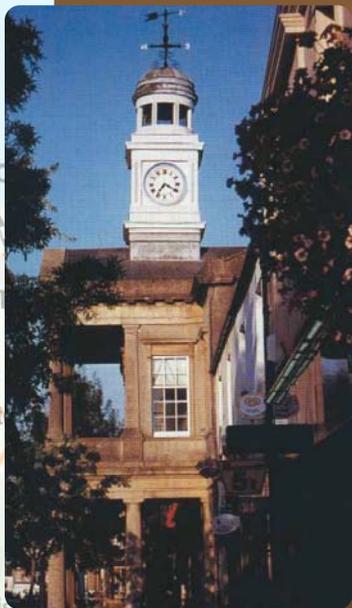
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Chard



Chard is a lovely Market Town situated in South Somerset, with a weekly market taking place every Saturday. It has an abundance of cafés and restaurants. Chard is a key point on the Taunton Stop Line, a World War II defensive line consisting of pillboxes and anti-tank obstacles, which runs from the coast near Seaton to the Somerset coast near Highbridge. It is also the birth place of aviation. Take bus 99 towards Wellington (bus stop Fore Street).

Buses run every hour from 8.51am (bus stop located outside the Guildhall), the last bus is 5.51pm. You will need to get off at Castle Neroche Farm which is a request stop!

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Did you know?

At an altitude of 121 metres Chard is the highest town in Somerset



Key



Places to Eat



Places of Interest



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Bus



Walks



Blackdown Hills AONB

Castle Neroche, Blackdown Hills

Castle Neroche is the remains of an Iron Age Hill Fort and Norman Castle, which was occupied around 1148AD. There are far reaching views from the Castle ramparts. The trail is well signposted and easy to follow. The Blackdown Hills form a peaceful, unspoilt landscape, covering an area of 145 square miles on the Somerset and Devon border. The hills rise from the Vale of Taunton up to 315 metres above sea level at Staple Hill. The steep wooded ridges, high plateaux, rolling farmland and lush valleys make the Blackdown Hills one of the finest landscapes in the country, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and a delight to explore either on foot, bike, horseback or by public transport. Visit www.blackdownhillsaonb.org.uk for more info.

A warm welcome awaits you when you visit the West country's hidden gem!

NB Last bus (99) back from Castle Neroche Farm to Chard is 7:55pm Mon - Sat

When you get back to Chard why not extend your visit to the Chard Museum or Reservoir!



Chard Reservoir

A lovely stretch of open water that stands amidst attractive woodlands. A 2-mile marked walk with a wonderful opportunity to observe local wildlife. The paths are suitable for most wheelchairs and buggies. There is also a bird-hide overlooking the Reservoir with up-to-date bird records. Visit the Information Centre in the Guildhall for directions and maps.



Chard Museum



A fascinating look at times past including industries and social life. Also John Stringfellow and John Gillingham, pioneers of powered flight and artificial limbs. Partially suitable for wheelchairs. Open May - October - Mon-Fri 10:00am - 4:30pm Sat 10:30am - 1:00pm Charge applies Visit the Information Centre in the Guildhall for directions and maps.



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