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Time Travel

A great car-free day out, stepping back in time to discover the picturesque and historic towns of Frome, Bruton and Castle Cary, deep in the Somerset countryside.

One of a series of fun days out in Somerset, this route uses the Heart of Wessex Line (more information at www.heartofwessex.org.uk). The route is linear, will take a day, and can be started at any point.

Highlights

- Nunney Castle
- Bruton Museum
- Frome Heritage Trail
- Gants Mill



Castle Cary



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Frome



Frome has a long history as a market and agricultural town with a flourishing cloth and printing industry. Today Frome is an attractive place with steep cobbled winding streets and more listed buildings than any other Somerset town.



A Heritage Walking Trail (1.5 hours) is available from the Tourist Information Centre (housed in an old wool drying tower where there are also some interesting arts/crafts shops.) featuring the Bridge (a contemporary of Bath's Pulteney Bridge), and Frome Museum (free), which interprets the town's social and industrial history.

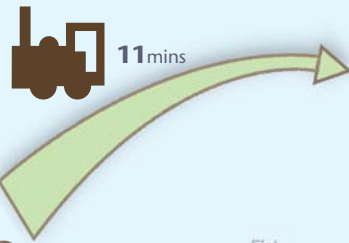
Specialist shops are a feature of the town, particularly in Medieval Cheap Street and 17th Century Catherine Hill areas. Take the train (11 minutes) to Bruton

NB: Train station is 20 mins walk from town centre. Last train back from Castle Cary:-
18.53 (Mon-Fri)
20.56 (Sat)
18.59 (Sun)

Frome



Enjoy an evening at the cinema, a concert at the Cheese & Grain or a choice of theatres: the Merlin for contemporary drama and dance or the Memorial offering traditional variety theatre.



Bruton



Bruton was founded in Saxon times with Jacobean almshouses, abbey remains and an attractive dovecote.

Narrow alleys - called Bartons - link the high street with a riverside walk. Down by the river is the 15th-century Packhorse Bridge, stepping stones and magnificent twin-towered church.



A small museum (free) tells much of the town's history and an informative town trail is available from the local information centre. On Saturdays, some of the shops in the town are closed.

Take the train (5 minutes) to Castle Cary. It is a 20 min walk from the station to Castle Cary itself.

Castle Cary



Castle Cary is much smaller than Frome but it has a beautiful winding main street of thatched cottages built of the local golden ham stone. On Bailey Hill is the 18th-century 'pepper pot' lock-up, one of only four in the country.

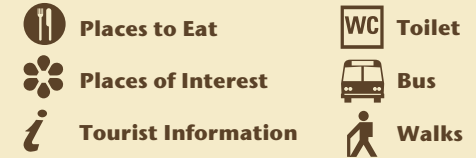
The tourist information centre houses the museum (free) which has a display on diarist Parson Woodforde.

Horse hair weaving became big business in Cary in the 19th century and today John Boyd Textiles, just out of town, is the only horse hair manufacturer in the UK (viewing is by appointment only).

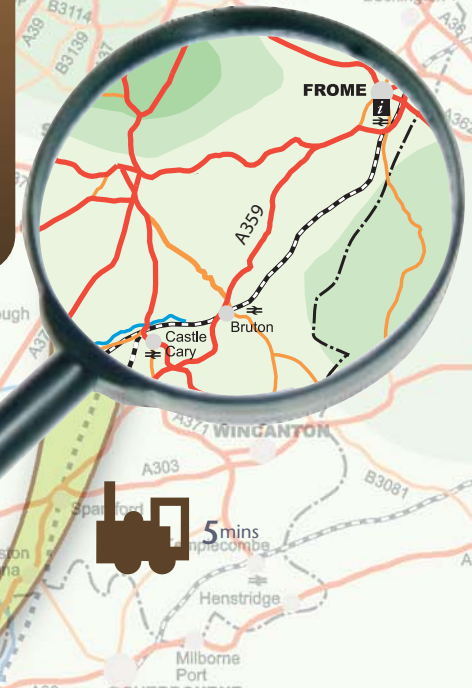
The town is noted for its exclusive shops (but some are closed on Saturdays). Return to Frome by train (16 minutes)



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Extend your trip



From Frome Market Place take bus number 161 (9 minutes) to the George Inn Nunney for a two minute walk to visit the 14th Century moated castle at Nunney (free).