

Attractions along the route

The dramatic **Dundas Aqueduct** crosses the River Avon near the north end of the route; there is a visitor centre here with refreshments and other facilities.

The former mining community of **Radstock** is set in some of the most beautiful Somerset countryside and is home to the **Radstock Museum** where the long and fascinating history of mining and life in the North Somerset Coalfields can be discovered.

Kilmersdon's Jack and Jill of the nursery rhyme have been brought to life again through the Jack and Jill Millennium project, which re-discovered a medieval well shaft and rebuilt a well-head. **Mells** is connected with another nursery rhyme, where Little Jack Horner reputedly obtained the deeds to Mells Manor after they were hidden in a pie.



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Frome is steeped in history and creativity, with more listed buildings than any other town in Somerset, as well as a renowned thriving Arts and Crafts community. There is plenty to explore, including a museum, 17th and 18th century housing, shopping and more.

For more information on the Colliers Way visit www.bathnes.gov.uk/colliersway

Front cover: Pit Head Wheel by Sebastien Boyesen, outside Radstock Museum. © John Grimshaw, Sustrans

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The Colliers Way

**Dundas Aqueduct,
Radstock and Frome**



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Dundas Aqueduct



- Traffic free route
- On road route
- Future route
- Alternative route
- Sleep section
- Public house / Shop
- Public telephone / Cafe
- Museum / Bike shop
- Ramp access to traffic-free sections
- Level access to traffic-free sections

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When you are on the National Cycle Network you will see these signs, red for National route, blue for Regional route.

Linear Orchard

Travelers discarding apple cores from train windows which self seeded have provided the inspiration for a planting scheme and a series of signs between Frome and Radstock. Artists Elizabeth Turrell and Inri Maufe worked with Sustrans to create etched and enamelled copper plate signs highlighting the names of Old English varieties of apples and pears. The signs, set into boulders, mark apple and pear trees along the route planted to form a linear orchard, marking off the distance and in the future providing refreshment for the traveller.



The **Colliers Way** is part of **National Route 24** of the National Cycle Network, that will eventually provide a continuous cycle route all the way to Southampton and Portsmouth, as well as a link to Poole via National Route 25 and Weymouth via National Route 26. This route makes use of disused railway lines to provide traffic-free walking and cycling, connected by quiet country lanes.