

## **BRISTOL'S 43 BRIDGES - NOT CROSSING THE SAME ONE TWICE!**

1. Start at Spike Island.
2. Take Vauxhall Bridge (1) to Bedminster.
3. Walk upstream along the New Cut on the Bedminster side to Gaol Ferry Bridge (2).
4. Take Gaol Ferry Bridge (2) to Spike Island.
5. Walk upstream on the New Cut to Bathurst Basin (Commercial Road) Bridge (3).
6. Cross Bathurst Basin Roadbridge (3) to Redcliffe and walk further upstream on the New Cut to Bedminster Bridge (4).
7. Bedminster Bridge is actually two bridges. Take the first, east one, (4) to cross the New Cut to Bedminster and the second, west, one (5) to go back to Redcliffe.
8. Walk further up the New Cut on the Redcliffe side, **DO NOT CROSS THE NEXT BRIDGE** (Langdon Street or "Banana" Bridge (20)).
9. Continue to Bath Bridge. Bath Bridge is another double - use the first, southwest, (6) to cross to Bedminster and the other, northeast one (7) to go back to Redcliffe.
10. Continue further upstream on the New Cut, pass under the Temple Meads platforms (not walkable, hence excluded).
11. The next bridge is an unnamed railway bridge (8) that surprisingly does have a footpath. Use this bridge to cross the New Cut to the Bedminster side, follow the footpath, turn left onto Bath Road.
12. **DO NOT CROSS THE NEXT BRIDGE** Totterdown (Albert Road) Bridge (19) but continue to follow Bath Road up to Edward Road. (Do not turn into Central Road - a dead end).
13. At the end of Edward Road take the footpath to Sparke Evans Park Suspension Bridge (9) and use this to cross the Avon to St Phillip's Marsh. Turn right.
14. Follow the footpath to the St Phillip's Causeway Bridges (10, 11).
15. Climb up to road level via the stairs to the east St Phillip's Causeway Bridge (10) and cross this to the St Anne's side.
16. Return to the St Phillip's Marsh side via the west St Phillip's Causeway Bridge (11).
17. From St Phillip's Causeway Bridge walk through the parking lot of the shopping centre and leave it via the rear exit which leads onto Feeder Road.
18. Turn right onto Feeder Road and follow Feeder Canal to Marsh Bridge (12) at Marsh Lane.
19. Use Marsh Bridge (12) to cross Feeder Canal, turn right immediately after the bridge and follow the footpath upstream to Netham Lock Bridge (13)
20. Netham Lock Bridge is another double bridge (east 13, west 16), but **USE ONLY ONE SIDE** (13) **RIGHT NOW** to cross Feeder Canal to St Phillip's Marsh again.
21. Head straight ahead and cross the Avon on New Brislington Bridge (14) to the St Anne's side.

22. Turn left, use the walkway on the river to walk upstream to St Anne's Bridge (15) at Blackswarth Road.

23. Cross St Anne's Bridge (15), turn immediately left and walk downstream on the footpath back to Netham Lock Bridge (16)

24. Use Netham Lock Bridge (16) to cross the Feeder Canal again to St Phillip's Marsh.

25. Turn right onto Feeder Road, continue past Marsh Bridge, cross under a (non-walkable) railway bridge up to Feeder Canal Footbridge (17).

26. Use Feeder Canal Footbridge (17) to cross the Feeder Canal to the Barton Hill side.

27. Follow the footpath, then turn left onto Silverthorn Lane. At the crossing, turn left to stay on Silverthorn Lane. At the end turn left into Avon Street.

28. Use the bridge on Avon Street (18) to cross Feeder Canal to St Phillip's Marsh for a final time.

29. Follow Albert Road straight ahead for a good distance until you see Totterdown/Albert Road Bridge (19) on the right. (You pass en route the railway bridge you crossed earlier (8) - it looks much more impressive from here!).

30. Use Totterdown/Albert Road Bridge (19) to cross the Avon again and leave St Phillip's for the final time.

31. Turn right onto Bath Road, then left into Angers Road. At the end of Angers Road, cross Wells Road, take the footpath to Cheapside, continue straight ahead through the residential area to St Lukes Road.

32. Turn right onto St Lukes Road and follow it to Langdon Street/Banana Bridge (20) and cross the New Cut on this bridge.

33. Follow the path straight ahead to Prewett Street, turn right onto Prewett Street and walk straight ahead to the big roundabout close to Temple Meads station (Temple Circus Gyration).

34. Turn onto Friary Road (the most peaceful road from the roundabout), follow it to its end, take the footpath straight ahead to the futuristic stainless steel Meads Reach Footbridge (21) (Bristol's newest bridge, as of summer 2014).

35. Cross the Floating Harbour on Meads Reach Bridge (21), turn left, follow the footpath downstream to Valentine's Bridge (22).

36. Cross the Floating Harbour on Valentines Bridge (22), turn right and walk downstream to Temple Bridge.

37. Cross the Floating Harbour on Temple Bridge (23), cross Temple Way, then head back to the Floating Harbour.

38. Turn right and walk downstream to St Phillip's Bridge (25), but DO NOT CROSS ST PHILLIP'S BRIDGE (25). Continue on the footpath downstream to a little footbridge (24) and use this to cross the River Frome to Castle Park.

39. Turn right immediately after the footbridge and follow the River Frome upstream until it disappears into a culvert. In principle you can continue straight ahead from here to cross some bridges on the Frome, but they are not that interesting and would probably not have made it into the

Königsberg puzzle. So you can turn right immediately and cross the now underground Frome (without going over a bridge).

40. Turn right onto Queen Street, then right again onto Passage Street, back to St Phillip's Bridge (25).

41. Cross the Floating Harbour on St Phillip's Bridge (25).

42. Continue straight ahead on Counterslip, then turn right onto Victoria Street and follow it to Bristol Bridge (26).

43. Cross the Floating Harbour on Bristol Bridge (26), turn immediately left and follow the Floating Harbour downstream to Redcliffe Bridge (27).

44. Cross Redcliffe Bridge (27), turn right, and follow the Floating Harbour downstream to the end of Redcliffe.

45. Opposite the Ostrich Inn use Bathurst Basin Footbridge (28) to cross to Spike Island.

46. Turn right, head back to the Floating Harbour and follow it to Prince Street Bridge (29).

47. Cross Prince Street Bridge and turn left. Follow St Augustine's Reach to Pero's Bridge (30).

48. Cross Pero's Bridge (30) then turn left, follow the Floating Harbour a long way downstream to Pooles Wharf Bridge (31).

49. Cross Pooles Wharf Bridge (31) and follow the Floating Harbour downstream to the next bridge - Cumberland Basin Bridge (32,33) at Merchants Road.

50. The Cumberland Basin Bridge is actually two bridges, one after the other. Use them to cross the Floating Harbour to Spike Island.

51. Head straight ahead into Avon Crescent and follow it until it merges into Cumberland Road.

52. Cross the (disused) railway to reach the walkway on the New Cut again (we are now very close to our starting point).

53. Turn right and follow the Avon downstream to the next bridge, Ashton Road Bridge (34).

54. Cross Ashton Road Bridge (34) and follow the footpath downstream.

55. When you get to the flyover look to the left for stairs that lead up to Brunel Way. They are easy to find.

56. On Brunel Way follow the footpath across Avon Bridge (35) which takes us back to Spike Island.

57. Take the first stairs down. You are close to the locks at the entrance to the Floating Harbour now. The locks are not bridges, but there is a little bridge (36) that takes you to the locks, then a few meters upstream is another little bridge (37) that takes you back to stairs that lead up to Brunel Way.

58. Climb back up to Brunel Way and cross the Floating Harbour on Plimsoll (swing) Bridge, (38) to Hotwells.

59. The next bridge is Trym Cross Road Bridge (39) 4 miles upstream. There are many ways you can get from Hotwells to here - two alternatives are suggested on the map.

60. Cross the Trym on Trym Cross Road Bridge (39).
  61. Follow the Trym downstream, PASS THE LITTLE BRIDGE (41) ON THE LEFT FOR NOW, and head to the stairs up to the Portway.
  62. Climb up to the Portway and walk on the pavement across the Portway Bridge (40) back to the Stoke Bishop side of the Trym.
  63. Cross the Portway road to the Avon side, and take the stairs down again. (The railway bridge nearby is not crossable by foot).
  64. Pass under the Portway back to the little bridge we passed before (41) and use it to cross the Trym again.
  65. After the little bridge, turn left immediately and walk across the grass to pass below the Portway one more time.
  66. Turn right for a very nice riverbank footpath (some way above the river, but below the railway) taking you downstream.
  67. After a good distance, the path leads to a railway underpass.
  68. Use the underpass, turn left immediately and follow the path through the trees. This goes over some stairs and has very nice views of the hairpin bend in the Avon.
  69. After you pass some allotments, use the bridge over the railway to get to Woodwell Road.
  70. Follow Woodwell Road over the Portway until it merges into The Parade.
  71. Follow The Parade up to Lower High Street.
  72. Turn left onto Lower High Street and follow it a good distance until you get to the M5.
  73. Just in front of the M5 turn left and follow the footpath up to the motorway and the Avonmouth Bridge (42).
  74. Use Avonmouth Bridge (42) to cross the Avon to the Portishead side (this is fun!). On clear days you can see both Severn bridges from here.
  75. On the Portishead side, follow the ramp down and follow the Avon Trail cycle path upstream.
  76. The path passes the outskirts of the village of Pill, then it leaves the river for a short while - the signs become slightly confusing (you may find yourself walking across a grassy hill, just head on - you will find the cycle path again).
  77. The cycle path rejoins the river, and you follow it for a very nice walk back to Clifton Suspension Bridge (43).
  78. The nicest route for climbing up to the bridge is to pass first under the bridge then continue on until there is a chance to turn right. Use the small bridge to cross the railway and follow the path through the trees up to the bridge.
  79. Cross Clifton Suspension Bridge (43).
- Congratulations, you've done it!