

Wells Moat Walk

Approx distance 1 to 1.5 miles
Approx duration 30 minutes



A short walk around the Bishops Palace Moat, seeing many of the famous sights of Wells. Market days are Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Starting in the market place with your back to the high street, go through the right hand archway (the Bishops Eye), straight ahead is the drawbridge. Walk across for a glimpse of the Bishops Palace and see the bell that the swans ring when they want feeding. Follow the moat around to the right with the castellated walls dating from the 14th century, and to the right see the Bishop Tithe Barn.

Beyond are the Palace Fields – open countryside running up to the very edge of Wells with a footpath to the village of Dulcote. Continue along, beside the moat. As you pass the last of the palace walls on your left you will see the Waterfall flowing from the wells from which the city gets its name.

Continue under the great beech trees, cross the road and walk down Tor Street. In Tor Street you will see Black Dog, an ancient tile company making decorative relief tiles in terracotta, (these make excellent & portable presents).

Next to these workshops is a beautiful little park where you can see and photograph the cathedral from the east side. A few steps from the park is the Fountain Inn with refreshments and good food.

After Tor Street, turn left into St Andrews Street towards the Cathedral. To the right see Vicars Close circa 1342, the earliest 'street' in Europe, and then walk under the Chain Gate with the famous Wells Clock on your left. You will pass the North Porch of the Cathedral, the Wells Museum and the Cathedral Green. The West Front towers above you as you walk towards Penniless Porch and back through to the Market Place.

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