

Strawberry Line



Service summary:

This disused railway line owned by the council runs from Yatton railway Station to the A38 just south of Winscombe. We have worked in partnership with community organisations to secure external funding to develop the Strawberry Line as an eight mile long multi-user trail.

The Strawberry Line provides access for walkers, cyclists and wheelchair users with parking available in the villages of Yatton, Congresbury, Sandford and Winscombe. Horse riding is permitted on a one mile section of the trail between Congresbury and Winscombe.

The trail follows a 'green corridor' of wetland, woodland and grassland habitats through the heart of North Somerset and is a designated local nature reserve. We have produced a management plan for the Strawberry Line highlighting its special features and how we manage the reserve. The Strawberry Line is managed to enhance the wildlife value of the site while encouraging understanding and enjoyment of its special features.

We will:

- make sure the Strawberry Line is maintained to our exacting standards to continue providing an environment in which more people will use the multi-user trail for transport and leisure while benefitting from quiet enjoyment of the countryside
- make sure we manage the reserve in an environmentally friendly way and monitor and review the management plan to safeguard the future of the reserve
- work closely with other organisations such as English Nature, Avon Wildlife Trust, local interest groups and parish councils to make sure the management plan is followed properly
- provide opportunities for the local communities to be involved in the management of the Strawberry Line through ongoing practical work and partnership projects

- promote awareness and understanding of the natural and cultural heritage of the Strawberry Line and its surroundings through on site interpretation, producing leaflets and programmes of events
- actively promote visits by schools and colleges for educational purposes.

You can help by:

- being considerate to other users of the trail
- keeping your dog under close control
- putting litter and dog mess in the appropriate bins
- reporting any damage or defects you see on the Strawberry Line- please tell us what and where the damage is
- reporting any antisocial behaviour or vandalism you see as quickly as possible to the council - 01934 621 802 - or to the police -999.

Frequently asked questions:

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1. Where can I use my wheelchair on the Strawberry Line?

The whole of the Strawberry Line is accessible for people in wheelchairs with entry points in the villages of Yatton, Congresbury, Sandford and Winscombe. Disabled parking is available in Yatton and Winscombe.

2. Where can I ride my horse on the Strawberry Line?

Horse riding is permitted on a one mile section between Congresbury and Sandford. Please keep to a walking pace when riding on the trail and give way to other users.

3. Where can I park?

There are car parks close to the trail in Yatton and Winscombe.



4. What can I do if I see motorbikes racing along the Strawberry line?

This is normally a police matter. Try to get the registration number of the bikes and any other vehicles and contact the police as soon as you can, or contact the council on 01934 888 802.

5. Where can I find out more information?

Further information and a downloadable leaflet are available on **www.thestrawberryline.co.uk** or telephone the council on **01934 888 802**.