

## **Centurions1911 Social Walk – Bath Cents**

### **Bristol – Bath, Saturday 29 June 2013**

Join us for a social walk of 20-21 miles with lovely views of the River Avon, a tour of the sights of Bath, and a look at the Kennet and Avon canal. At the heart of the walk is the Roman city of Bath, or Aquae Sulis as it would have been known to the Centurions of the Roman legions who were stationed there. The walk links the railway stations of Bristol Temple Meads and Bath Spa.

The walk uses the **Bristol to Bath railway path**/cycle-way. Starting in the booking hall of Isambard Kingdom Brunel's historic Bristol Temple Meads station, we walk a mile or so to the start of the old railway path, then follow the path/cycle-way 15 miles, partly along the pretty Avon valley, to the city of Bath. En route, we stop at Bitton Station for refreshments and to see the surviving section of the railway line, now operated by an historic railway trust.

Arriving in **historic Bath**, we will take a sightseeing walk through the handsome Georgian city, a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**, via the Royal Crescent and Circus, past the Roman baths and the medieval abbey, and with views of Pulteney Bridge [still lined with shops as the old London bridge was.]

We'll walk the short, interesting section of the **Kennet and Avon canal** towpath where the canal arrives in Bath down a flight of locks, and finish at Bath station, from which onward travel is easy in all directions. There will be stops for refreshments en route, but please also carry some drink and snacks.

The walking surfaces are good throughout and trainers will be ideal. Parts of the city of Bath are hilly. There is the option to "do your own thing" in Bath, eg to visit museums, or sunbathe [we hope] in the parks or squares, if you prefer.

We plan to start at 0945 at Bristol Temple Meads, and to finish at Bath Spa station around 1700.

Both Centurions and guests are welcome. Those joining the walk will make their own travel [and any accommodation] arrangements. The area makes for a nice weekend visit. There is a wide variety of accommodation, including youth hostels in Bristol and Bath, a YMCA in Bath, many B&Bs, hotels, etc.

Please let us know if you plan to join the walk, by providing the information requested below.

We look forward to seeing you and hope members and guests will enjoy the day.

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[Photo: Roman Baths, Bath Spa]

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Name

Address

Centurion number [if appropriate]

Name of others [eg friends, family] joining the walk

Email address

Mobile telno [for use on the day if necessary]

Thank-you. We look forward to seeing you!

**Please send by email or post to:**

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