

Explore Watchet

Our pretty Somerset town is displayed to perfection against the green backdrop of Exmoor, the Quantocks and the Brendon Hills whilst our picturesque esplanade proudly overlooks the marina to the sea.

We've not one, but two fascinating museums, a station from where heritage steam trains depart regularly, a whole host of small, independent shops and cafes, inns, places to stay and a couple of excellent art galleries too.

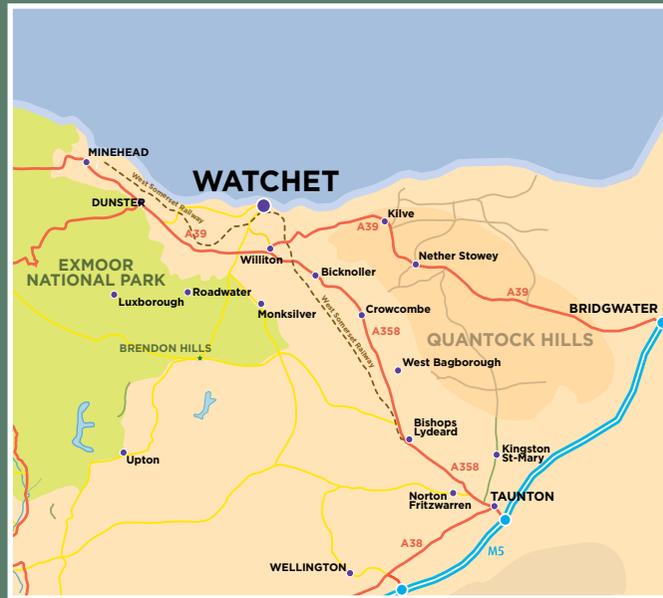


If you'd like to know more about Watchet's long and colourful maritime traditions, search no further than the **Watchet Boat Museum** with its boats, models, artefacts and charts. And you'll find a huge amount of local history packed into the town's **Market House Museum** too. Look out for the near complete Ichthyosaur; a marine creature that swam in the warm seas of Somerset millions of years ago.

Watchet's Jurassic and Triassic coastline is a real treasure trove for amateur **fossil hunters**. Ammonites and other fossils are often found on the easily accessible foreshore. Remember to hunt on a falling tide.

There are many walking routes which run through or near our town. Walkers can follow the Coleridge Trail, and perhaps recognise the inspiration behind the romantic poet's famous 'Rime of the Ancient Mariner'. Although the tracks are long gone The Old Mineral Line Railway, once used to bring iron ore from the Brendon Hills to the port, is another popular walk. The Watchet Heritage Trail leads you through the narrow winding streets to explore our town on foot.

For lots more information on things to see and do see: www.visit-watchet.co.uk & www.watchettowncouncil.org



By Road

From the East: Leave the M5 at Junction 23 (Bridgwater) and follow the signs for Minehead (A39). After about 16 miles turn right following the signs to Watchet.

From the West: Leave the M5 at Junction 25 (Taunton) and follow the signs to the A358 towards Minehead. At Williton turn right and then left following the signs to Watchet (about 18 miles from the motorway).

From Exeter: Follow the A396.

By Rail

National Rail connection to either Bridgwater or Taunton then by bus. Local steam and diesel trains to Watchet from Bishops Lydeard and Minehead on The West Somerset Railway - www.west-somerset-railway.co.uk

By Bus

From Bridgwater: Service No. 14 - www.firstgroup.com

From Taunton: Service No. 28 - www.firstgroup.com
Service No. 18 - www.webberbus.com

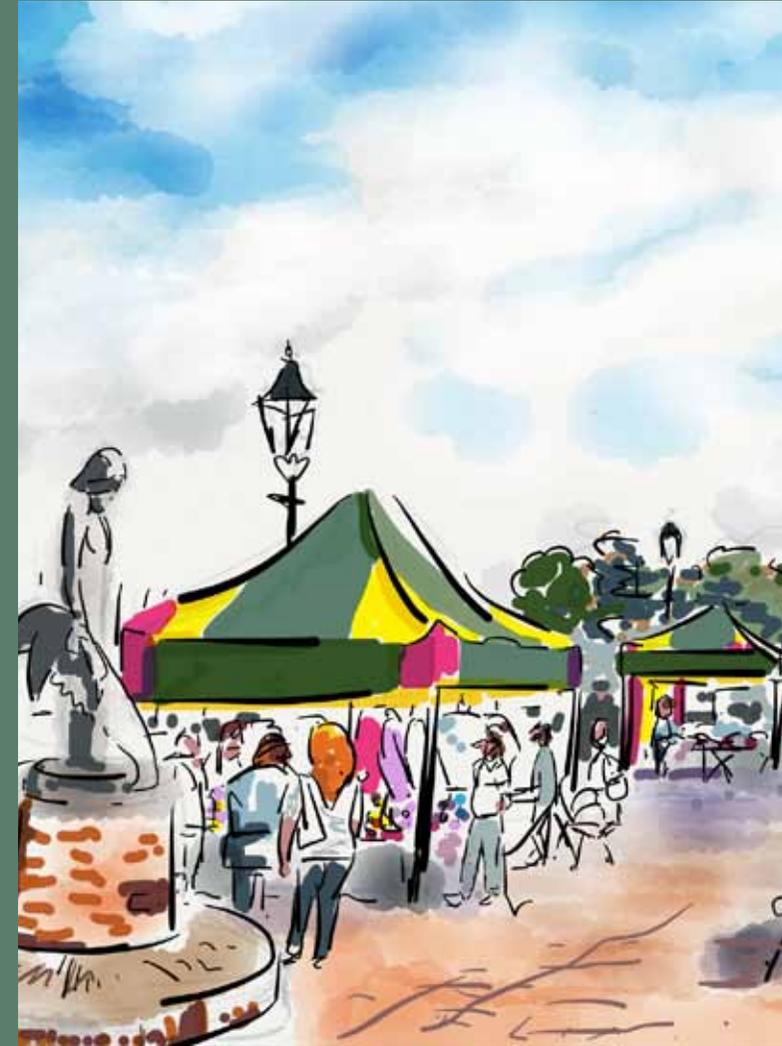
By Sea

Tidal access twice a day. Mooring berths available by enquiry to Watchet Harbour Marina - www.watchetharbour.co.uk

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SUMMER MARKET



THE ESPLANADE
WEDNESDAYS, MAY - SEPTEMBER



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Watchet Summer Market

There's been a market in Watchet since the 13th century and this tradition continues today with the lively and colourful Watchet Summer Market which takes place on Wednesdays, May - September, 9am - 3pm.

Overlooking the sparkling sea, the brightly-coloured gazebos attract visitors from all over the county and beyond who come to browse and shop for some of Somerset's finest local produce, crafts, collectables and to soak up the laid-back vibe on Watchet Esplanade.



For those popping by to pick up their weekly order of great fresh food, or for holidaymakers looking for unique gifts and the odd bargain, the Watchet Market is a 'must do' this summer. For latest information on times and dates see: www.watchettowncouncil.org



Visit by Steam Train

Transporting over 5 million passengers since the line re-opened in 1976, the West Somerset Railway is a true country branch line of the old Great Western Railway. It offers a nostalgic ride back in time over 20 miles through the lovely West Somerset and Quantocks countryside and the perfect way to visit Watchet.

Watchet Station was the original terminus of the West Somerset Railway and on the platform the Pagoda waiting room has a pictorial display of the history of the railway at Watchet. There is also a shop selling souvenirs and refreshments.

Book your market day ticket and view timetables at: www.west-somerset-railway.co.uk

