



## FIND US...

### By Road

**From the North:** 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 South:** Leave the M5 at Junction 25 (Taunton) and follow the signs to the A358 towards Minehead. At Williton turn left at mini roundabout and then 1 mile on turn right at large roundabout onto B3191 to Watchet.

**From Exeter:** For the scenic route over Exmoor take the A396 to Dunster and then turn right onto the A39 for 5 miles to the large roundabout. Turn left onto B3191 to Watchet.

### By Rail

National Rail connection to 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](http://www.west-somerset-railway.co.uk).

### By Bus From Taunton

Service No. 28 - [www.firstgroup.com](http://www.firstgroup.com).

### By Sea

Tidal access twice a day. Mooring berths available by enquiry to Watchet Harbour Marina - [www.watchetmarina.com](http://www.watchetmarina.com).

### To find out more visit Watchet Visitor Centre

01984 632 101  
[info@lovewatchet.co.uk](mailto:info@lovewatchet.co.uk)  
Harbour Road, Watchet, TA23 0AQ

Live webcam of Watchet:  
[www.visit-watchet.co.uk/Camera.php](http://www.visit-watchet.co.uk/Camera.php)

# www.lovewatchet.co.uk



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## DIARY OF EVENTS 2019...

### Every Wednesday May - September

Watchet Town Council Esplanade Market. Stalls and local produce, 9.30am - 4pm

### First Sunday of the month April - October

Watchet Coastal Communities Team (WCCT) Street Fair with stalls, music and entertainment, 10am-4pm

### Friday nights (check dates on web)

Watchet Community Cinema, Knights Templar School, check for film, usually 7pm, <https://watchetcommunitycinema.weebly.com/films.html>

### Sat 2nd, Sun 3rd, Sat 9th & Sun 10th March

Watchet Pantomime, Aladdin

### Saturday 30th March

Mothers' Day High Tea, Knights Templar School 12 noon-2.00pm & 2.30-4.30pm

### Saturday 30th March

Re-opening of the West Somerset Railway

### Sunday 7th April

WCCT Street Fair, The Esplanade, 10am-4pm

### Wednesday 10th and Wednesday 17th April

Messy art workshops, all ages, Contains Art, 2-4pm

### Thursday 11th April

Watchet Choir perform Faure Requiem & Captain Noah, Methodist Church at 7.30pm

### Sunday 5th May

WCCT Street Fair, The Esplanade, 10am-4pm

### Sunday 12th May

Coast to Coast Challenge from Watchet to West Bay, Dorset in aid of Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulances

### Sunday 26th May

Watchet Wheelbarrow Race, The Esplanade, 2pm

### Saturday 1st June

'By the Boats', mini music festival and creative workshops, Contains Art, 12 noon - late

### Sunday 2nd June

WCCT Street Fair, The Esplanade, 10am-4pm

### Sunday 9th June

West Somerset Railway 40th Anniversary

### Thursday 20th - Sunday 23rd June

West Somerset Railway Diesel Gala

### Sunday 7th July

WCCT Street Fair, The Esplanade, 10am-4pm

### Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th July

Photographic Exhibition at the Methodist Church

### Saturday 20th July

Kids' Art Day, Contains Art, 2-4pm

### Saturday 27th July

Watchet Carnival parade, stunt plane show and evening entertainment on the Esplanade and other venues around town

### Sunday 28th July

Traditional carnival fete, the Memorial Ground

### Sunday 4th August

WCCT Street Fair, The Esplanade, 10am-4pm

### Sunday 11th - Saturday 17th August

Watchet Summertime week. Family fun all week

### Friday 16th August

Town Council Fun Day, The Esplanade, 12 noon-5pm  
Watchet Community Cinema, The Esplanade, sunset

### Saturday 17th August

Firework display, The Esplanade, after dark

### Friday 23rd - Sunday 25th August

Watchet Music Festival

### Sunday 1st September

WCCT Street Fair, The Esplanade, 10am-4pm

### Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th September

Watchet 1940's Homefront Weekend in conjunction with West Somerset Railway

### Sunday 6th October

WCCT Street Fair, The Esplanade, 10am-4pm

### Saturday 30th November

Knights Templar School Fair 10am-3pm

### Saturday 7th December

Crib festival and Christmas stalls and raffle in aid of Air Ambulance and Nursery school in India. Over 30 nativity sets on display, Watchet Methodist Church

### Tuesday 24th December

Father Christmas Float Tour

Seasonal walking tours and fossil walks via Visitor Centre. Contact us and see website for more local events.

# WATCHET

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FAMILY FUN | ART & CULTURE  
GEOLOGY & COAST | HERITAGE



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Vikings, 200 million year old fossils, Romantic Poets, legends of pirates, a Saxon Royal Mint, sea shanties and Isambard Kingdom Brunel; there's so much more to Watchet than meets the eye. Take time to scratch the surface and you'll find Watchet's hidden treasures.

Spend the day fossil hunting on the wild Jurassic coastline, take a steam train ride, watch the boats in the marina, listen to fiddle players in the local pubs, relax in the cafes, visit the museums, eat fish and chips on the harbour wall, wander along the ancient Mineral Line, cloud-gaze at Splash Point or just sit and enjoy the stunning views.



## GEOLOGY & COAST

- Go fossil hunting on Helwell Fossil Beach
- Walk the South West Coast Path
- Go rock-pooling on West Beach
- Visit the harbour and marina
- Book a sea fishing trip
- See the alabaster collection at the Market House Museum
- Go geo-caching - [www.lovetwatchet.co.uk/geo-caching](http://www.lovetwatchet.co.uk/geo-caching)
- Take part in a fossil walk (book from the Visitor Centre)



## FAMILY FUN

- Be a pirate at the Watchet Boat Museum
- Go crabbing off the harbour wall
- Take a picnic or use the community BBQ up on Splash Point; enjoy the views and fly a kite
- Visit the play area, outdoor gym and tennis courts on the Memorial Ground
- Enjoy local ice-creams on the Esplanade
- Sail model boats on the West Street Beach boating pool



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## ART & CULTURE

- Admire The Ancient Mariner statue
- Visit the sea wall mural on the way to the lighthouse
- Enjoy regular live music in the pubs
- Book guided walks and talks at the Visitor Centre
- Be inspired by Contains Art
- Join in at Watchet Library
- Buy local produce at the markets each Wednesday\* and street fairs on 1st Sunday of the month\*



\*seasonal only

## HERITAGE

- Visit both the Market House and Boat Museums
- See the steam trains visiting Watchet station
- Take the circular walk to St. Decuman's Church and Holy Well
- Explore the old paper mill via a virtual tour at the Visitor Centre
- Walk the Mineral Line
- Sip a heritage ale or local cider in the CAMRA award-winning pubs

