



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.

By Bus From Taunton

Service No. 28 - www.firstgroup.com.

By Sea

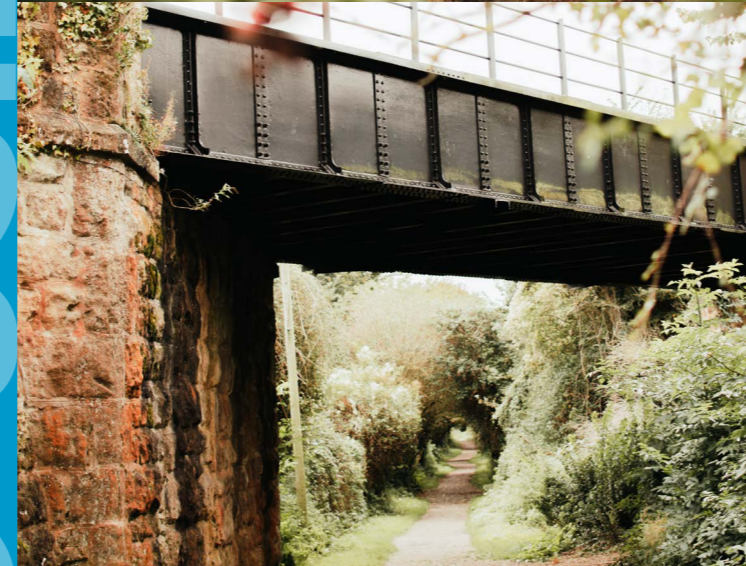
Tidal access twice a day. Mooring berths available by enquiry. Please contact Somerset Council Harbour Master.

To find out more visit Watchet Visitor Centre

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 Harbour Road, Watchet, TA23 0AQ

Watch the **live camera feed** from Watchet at www.visit-watchet.co.uk

www.lovewatchet.co.uk



DIARY OF EVENTS 2024

Regular activities:

Seasonal walking tours & fossil walks via the Visitor Centre throughout the season. See www.lovewatchet.co.uk/events.

Rope making at the Boat Museum, Saturdays July to Sept. Thursdays during school holidays. 10.30am-2pm.

Fishing trips available throughout the season.

Watchet Street Fairs, The Esplanade. 1st Sunday of the month. March-Oct, 10am-4pm.

Watchet Market, April-mid Sept, every Wednesday Weather permitting. 9.30am - 3.30pm.

West Somerset Railway re-opens Sat 23rd March. For details: www.west-somerset-railway.co.uk.

Watchet Market House Museum re-opens Sat 23rd March. For details: www.watchetmuseum.co.uk

The Radio Museum re-opens Sat 23rd March. For details: www.radiomuseum.uk

Free kids art activities most weekdays in the school holidays at East Quay. See www.eastquaywatchet.co.uk.

Saturday 20th January – Monday 6th May

East Quay Gallery presents 'People Came for Tea and Stayed Forever': Sam Francis. For further info visit eastquaywatchet.co.uk.

Friday 1st March and Saturday 2nd March

Steaming Coasters present 'Coaster Encounters of the Mirth Kind'. 7pm at Watchet Visitor Centre. £5 per ticket. Tickets on sale at Watchet Visitor Centre.

Wednesday 6th March

The Hungry Grass Theatre Company presents 'The Rime of the Ancient Mariner'. 7pm at Watchet Visitor Centre. £6 per ticket. Tickets on sale at Watchet Visitor Centre.

Saturday 13th April

East Quay presents the Hatch Fashion Show: Into the Void. 8.30pm. See www.eastquaywatchet.co.uk.

Saturday 11th May

Celebrate Somerset Day in Watchet. Programme TBC.

Saturday 18th May

Annual Coast to Coast Cycle Ride in aid of Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. Cyclists leave Watchet Harbour at 10.30am. Finish at West Bay, Dorset.

Saturday 25th May – Sunday 9th September

East Quay Gallery presents 'The Zizi Show': Jake Elwes and 'Open About Identity': Selected artists. Visit www.eastquaywatchet.co.uk for more info.

Sunday 26th May

Watchet Wheelbarrow Race from Watchet Live. 2pm start. Starting Grid and Finish on The Esplanade.

Friday 31st May and Saturday 1st June

East Quay presents 'Maritime Mayhem'. Activities and programme to be confirmed. Visit www.eastquaywatchet.co.uk for more info.

NEW for 2024. Sunday 21st July

Gardening show on the Watchet Memorial Ground from Watchet Gardening Club.

Saturday 27th July and Sunday 28th July

Watchet Carnival Weekend from Watchet Live. Saturday: Carnival Fiesta from 2pm on Swain Street and The Esplanade. Children's activities & entertainment plus carnival bands. Sunday: Carnival Fayre from 12pm on The Memorial Ground with stalls and more!

Monday 19th August to Saturday 24th August

Watchet Summertime Week. Full programme of events.

Saturday 14th September to Sunday 15th September

Watchet 1940s event in association with WSR 1940s weekend by the Watchet Home Front Group.

Saturday 21st September – Sunday 5th January

East Quay Gallery presents 'Wild Apples': Serena Korda. Visit www.eastquaywatchet.co.uk for more info.

Saturday 21st September to Sunday 29th September

Somerset and Exmoor Coast Festival

Saturday 21st September to Sunday 6th October

Somerset Art Weeks Festival. Evolver Magazine and printed Directory with all venues listed, available from the Visitor Centre or East Quay, Harbour Road.

Friday 6th December

Christmas Extravaganza around town, 5-8pm

Monday 23rd December

Jolly Christmas Singalong at East Quay with Watchet Community Choir.

Tuesday 24th December

Father Christmas Float Tour, early evening.

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WELCOME TO WATCHET

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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, potter around the independent shops, visit the museums, eat fish and chips on the harbour wall, wander along the ancient Mineral Line, fly a kite at Splash Point or just enjoy the stunning views.



GEOLOGY & COAST

- Walk the England Coast Path
- Go rock-pooling on West St. Beach
- Visit the harbour and marina
- Book a sea fishing trip
- See the alabaster collection at the Market House Museum
- Find a fossil on the foreshore at Helwell Bay Beach
- Go geo-caching via lovewatchet.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
- Visit the play area, outdoor gym and tennis courts on the Memorial Ground
- Enjoy local ice-creams on the Esplanade
- Join in all sorts of family fun at events throughout the year (see listings)
- Take part in activities at East Quay
- Sail model boats on the boating pool or fly a kite on West St. Beach



ART & CULTURE

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



*seasonal only

HERITAGE

- Visit the Market House Museum, Boat Museum and Radio Museum
- See the steam trains visiting Watchet station
- Take the circular walk to St. Decuman's Church and Holy Well
- Walk the Mineral Line
- Sip a heritage ale or local cider in the CAMRA award-winning pubs
- See paper being made by hand at Two Rivers Paper at East Quay
- Join in at Watchet 1940s weekend



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