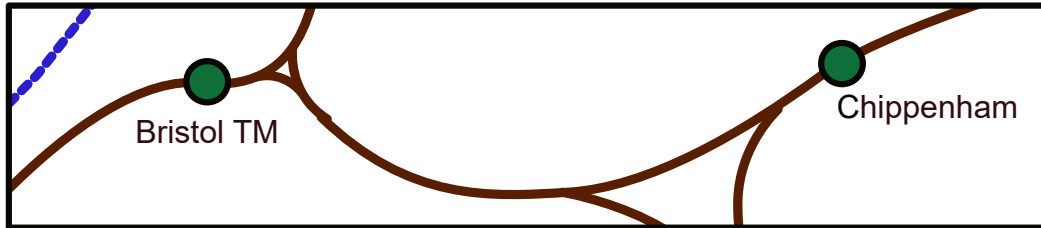


Day out at Bristol Harbour?



Bristol Harbour was formed on the Rivers Avon (from the east) and Frome (from the north). Docks existed since the 1240s when St Augustine's Reach was constructed. The tidal range (of about 9m) hampered access for ships and led to the creation of a harbour using a dam and lock system at Hotwells. The 'New Cut' was excavated from Netham to Hotwells to allow the River Avon uninterrupted flow to the Avon Gorge. The resulting 'Floating Harbour' was opened in 1809. Trade and industry have all but vanished now. The surviving buildings are re-purposed and the waterside developments include many cultural, catering and entertainment attractions - more than enough to fill your day.



Weekday train service is approx half-hourly, leaving about xx05 and xx30. The first off-peak service is at 0906. Trains back leave Temple Meads at xx00 and xx30. Journey time is 25 mins. Off-peak return fare is £10-70 (£7-05 railcard). Services are not as frequent on Sundays.

At Temple Meads, exit past the main booking office and follow the Temple Quay signs - it's about a 10 minute walk from your arrival platform.

Waterbus services leave Temple Quay at 1000, 1040, 1120 and 1200 and a ticket for the full tour costs £12. See <bristolferries.com> to check return details and to ensure all services are running. Saturday services may not be as frequent.

