

Your Guide to Great Days Out

Take the train for a fun day out -

go to the seaside or shopping, visit the zoo or take a boat trip, take some leisurely walks or visit an historic harbour.

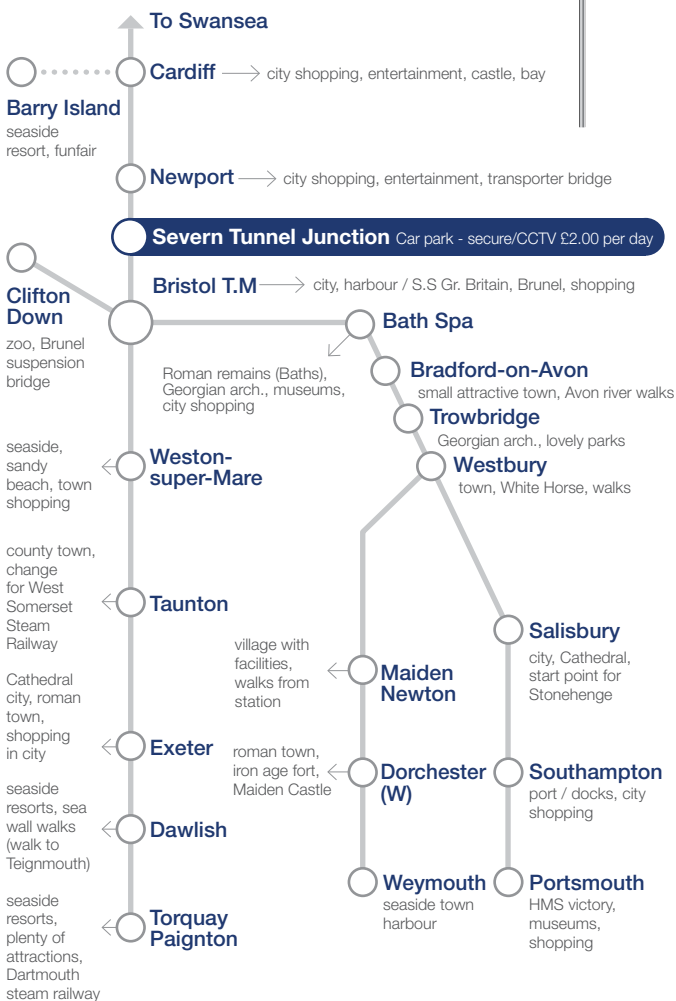
All these and more are in easy reach from
Severn Tunnel Junction station.



If you are looking for some ideas for great days out,

we've put together a selection of fun places to visit over the summer holidays. You can reach all these places easily by train and we've even given you information about prices and some of the great deals you can take advantage of.

Train Services from Severn Tunnel Junction



Cardiff (and Barry Island)

What can we do?

- City centre shopping and entertainment
- Cardiff Bay
- Castle
- Welsh Folk Museum St. Fagans
- You can also catch a train from Cardiff Central to the seaside resort of Barry Island with its fine beach and amusements. Also Penarth town with its views overlooking the channel

Trains: Almost ½ hourly to Cardiff.
Change in Cardiff for Barry and Penarth

Journey Time: Cardiff – 25 minutes /
Barry – 1 hour



Cardiff Castle
in the summertime



Swansea

What can we do?

- Visit Swansea Bay and its fine beach
- City centre shopping
- Gower Peninsula

Trains: Travel to Cardiff Central and change for Swansea

Journey Time: 1½ hours approx.



Swansea Marina – one of
the few Blue Flag Marinas
in Wales*

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Bristol

What can we do?

- Visit the Harbourside and the SS Great Britain
- Take the Bristol Ferry from Temple Meads
- Shopping – new Cabot Circus development due to open in the Autumn
- Explore At-Bristol
- Bristol Zoo Gardens
- Clifton Down is great for shopping or take a walk up on to the Downs or to the Clifton Suspension Bridge
- If you're jetting off on holiday from Bristol International Airport you can take the train to Temple Meads and then the Airport Flyer coach service – buy a ticket to Bristol Airport



Explore-At-Bristol
Planetarium*



Trains: Hourly service from Severn Tunnel Junction to Bristol Temple Meads (more frequent in the peak)

Journey time: 20 to 25 minutes to Bristol Temple Meads / 1 hour approx. to Clifton Down

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Weston-super-Mare

What can we do?

- Popular seaside resort – lovely beach, pier, also shopping and amusements

Trains: Hourly service from Severn Tunnel Junction – the beach is only a 5 to 10 minute walk from the station

Journey time: 1 hour



Donkeys walking on Weston-super-Mare beach

Bath Spa

What can we do?

- World Heritage Site – fabulous architecture, beautiful Abbey, Roman Baths, pleasant riverside, all within easy walk from the station



Roman Baths
www.visitbath.co.uk

Trains: Hourly to Bristol Temple Meads and change for a frequent service to Bath Spa (though there are some through trains)

Journey time: 1 hr 10 mins approx.

Taunton

What can we do?

- County town of Somerset – lots of shops
- Connect to the West Somerset Steam Railway for a trip to Minehead



Trains: Hourly service from Severn Tunnel Junction

Journey time: 1½ hours

Bus connection outside Taunton Station to Bishops Lydeard and the West Somerset Railway

Bradford-on-Avon

What can we do?

- This delightful historic town is situated between Bath and Trowbridge
- Lovely scenic train ride through the Avon valley
- Walks along the river and canal



- Some lovely tea shops
- Station very convenient for all activities

Trains: Hourly to Bristol Temple Meads and change for Bradford-on-Avon

Journey time: 1 hr 25 mins approx.



Salisbury

What can we do?

- Historic Cathedral City – look out for the crooked spire
- Great shops
- Bus connections for Stonehenge – ask for a train ticket to Stonehenge

Trains: Hourly to Bristol Temple Meads and change for Salisbury (some direct trains)

Journey time: about 2 hours



Stonehenge
Courtesy of Salisbury
District Council

Portsmouth

What can we do?

- Historic naval city
- Visit the Historic Harbour to see HMS Victory
- Royal Navy Museums
- Catch the ferry to the Isle of Wight

Trains: Hourly to Bristol Temple Meads and change for services to Portsmouth Harbour

Journey time: 3½ hours



Fort Constitution
Lighthouse

Weymouth

What can we do?

- Popular family destination, with fabulous beaches
- World Heritage Jurassic Coastline
- Harbour
- On the way down to Weymouth, Maiden Newton provides a base for some nice walks, or visit Dorchester, a Roman town which also houses a Dinosaur museum



Fishing boats in
Weymouth Harbor

Trains: For a good day out from Severn Tunnel Junction, you need to get the 0825 service to Bristol Temple Meads and change

Journey time: 3½ hours approx.

Torbay Area (Dawlish, Teignmouth, Torquay and Paignton)

What can we do?

- A variety of destinations in this area. Dawlish is a pleasant small town, with the station virtually on the beach! Good coastal walks. Paignton has a zoo, beach and connection to the Dartmouth Steam Railway

Trains: Hourly to Bristol Temple Meads from Severn Tunnel Junction and change for services to the Torbay area

Journey time: 2½ to 3 hours approx.

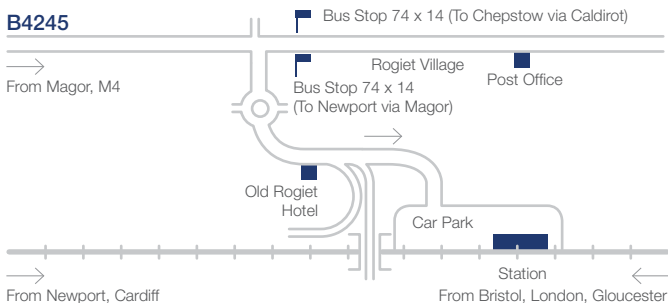


Holiday resort town
Teignmouth, Devon

How to get to Severn Tunnel Junction station and facilities?



From Bus Stop to Station



By Car: The Station is just off the main B4245 Caldicot to Magor Road in Rogiet and is clearly signposted.



Car Parking: There is a secure Car Park (CCTV) at the station - All Day Parking is £2.

Pay & Display (Ticket Machines)

By Bus: There are buses approximately every half-hour. The Bus Stop is on the main B4245 Caldicot to Magor Road in Rogiet close to the junction with Station Road. Ask the driver for "Rogiet Pool" for Severn Tunnel Junction station.



Bus Services:

74 Newport - Chepstow

X14 Bristol - Chepstow - Newport

It is a 10 minute walk from Bus Stop to Station

There is a less frequent (approximately every hour and a half) circular service that calls at the station itself during the middle part of the day.



Bus Service: - 62 - Sudbrook - Caldicot - Severn Tunnel Junction - Magor - Severn Tunnel Junction - Caldicot - Caerwent - Caldicot - Sudbrook

Information: - Traveline 08712 002233

(open 7:00a.m - 10:00p.m) - www.traveline.org.uk

Taxis: Beeches 01633 882088
Denzil Davies 01291 424600
Diane's 01291 423700
Kudos 0845 371 3045

Station Facilities:

Toilet: There are no public toilets at the station, but there is a Portaloo for the use of rail passengers.

Disabled Access: - There is no disabled access at the station.

Buying a ticket

You should buy your ticket before you board your train and you can do that several ways:

At the ticket office:

Open from 6:00 a.m - 10:30 a.m - at all other times buy your ticket on the train from the conductor, there are no ticket machines at the station.

On the internet: www.firstgreatwestern.co.uk

Over the telephone:

You can check train times using **National Rail Enquiries:** **08457 48 49 50**, calls may be recorded (24 hours daily).

You can buy tickets through **First Great Western** telesales on **08457 000 125** (0700-2200 daily).

There are special tickets available for Bristol Zoo Gardens, At-Bristol and Stonehenge, which include the bus journey and discounted entrance to the attractions where appropriate. Please ask when you buy your tickets.

Example Fares:

Here are some example Cheap Day Return fares from Severn Tunnel Junction to:

- Cardiff - £6.30
- Bristol - £6.00
- Weston - £12.00
- Bath - £9.90
- Taunton - £15.40

Family & Friends Railcard:

The Family & Friends Railcard costs £24 for a year, but allows up to 4 adults and 4 children to get discounted travel on most tickets including Advance purchase.

GroupSave:

Groups of up to 4 people can travel for the price of 2 adults with GroupSave, and up to 4 children can travel for £1 each. GroupSave is only available off-peak and is not available on all services so please check before you travel.





Severn Tunnel Action Group

Campaigning to overturn the cuts in rail services and for less overcrowding, integrated transport, improved parking and better Station facilities.



The Severn Tunnel Action Group (STAG) was formed in the winter of 2006 in response to the intended cuts in rail services including the loss of five of the six morning commuter services to Bristol and Bath and half the return services. Over a hundred commuters found there was no public transport to get to work. Following re-instatement of the majority of the commuting trains, STAG is working with the Rail industry to develop the services and facilities, in particular the re-instatement of the trains that provide connection and integration between the Bristol and Chepstow - Gloucester line services.

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