



Transport links in North Somerset

North Somerset has transport links via road, rail, air and sea:

Road links

The M5 motorway runs through North Somerset and connects it to Bristol in the north and Taunton in the south – then on into the heart of Devon. There are junctions at Portishead (J19), Clevedon (J20) and Weston-super-Mare (J21).

An estimated 95% of the adult population of North Somerset are within five miles of the three junctions connecting to the motorway.

Direction	Miles and journey time (Source: RAC Route Planner)			
City	Weston-super-Mare J21	Clevedon J20	Nailsea (near J20)	Portishead J19
M5/M4 interchange	21 miles 21 minutes	15 miles 15 minutes	9 miles 8 minutes	9 miles 9 minutes
Bristol	20 miles 34 minutes	14 miles 27 minutes	10 miles 21 minutes	7 miles 20 minutes
Royal Portbury Dock	14 miles 19 minutes	8 miles 12 minutes	6 miles 15 minutes	1.5 miles 5 minutes
Bristol Airport	12 miles 27 minutes	10 miles 24 minutes	6 miles 19 minutes	10 miles 26 minutes
London	137 miles 2 hours 34 minutes	131 miles 2 hours 28 minutes	129 miles 2 hours 31 minutes	125 miles 2 hours 22 minutes
Cardiff	51 miles 59 minutes	45 miles 52 minutes	43 miles 56 minutes	38 miles 45 minutes
Plymouth	102 miles 1 hour 49 minutes	107 miles 1 hour 53 minutes	112 miles 2 hours 2 minutes	114 miles 1 hour 59 minutes



Birmingham	101 miles 1 hour 52 minutes	95 miles 1 hour 46 minutes	93 miles 1 hour 49 minutes	88 miles 1 hour 40 minutes
Manchester	181 miles 3 hours 9 minutes	175 miles 3 hours 3 minutes	174 miles 3 hours 6 minutes	169 miles 2 hours 57 minutes

Rail links

Rail stations are located at Weston-super-Mare, Weston Milton, Worle, Yatton, and Nailsea and Backwell.

North Somerset Council are working with the other West of England councils on proposals for an ambitious programme of rail improvements for delivery over the next 10 years, including plans to re-open the Portishead rail line and re-introduce half-hourly passenger train services.

High speed Intercity trains and local commuter trains link the centre of Weston-super-Mare with all major towns and cities.

Destination	Duration (approx)
Weston Milton	5 minutes
Worle	8 minutes
Yatton	14 minutes
Nailsea and Backwell	21 minutes
Bristol Temple Meads	33 minutes
Taunton	29 minutes
Birmingham	2 hours 9 minutes
London Paddington	2 hours 25 minutes



Bristol Airport

This growing international airport's ability to attract increasing numbers of passengers is a testimonial to its continuing success. 6.76 million passengers used Bristol Airport during 2015, surpassing the total for the previous 12 months by nearly 500,000. The record annual number represents a 7.7 per cent increase year on year, and a sixth consecutive year of growth for England's third largest regional airport.

The Bristol Airport Flyer express bus service connects the airport to Bristol Temple Meads train station every 10 minutes at peak times and is only seven miles away. It also connects to Bristol Bus Station and buses regularly run from Weston-super-Mare to the airport calling at various local stops along the way.

Passengers can fly direct from Bristol to over 100 destinations in the UK and abroad including Barcelona, Berlin, Brussels, Geneva, Madrid, Paris, Rome and Warsaw.

Royal Portbury Docks

Situated in the Bristol Channel, the port has an important strategic national role in supplying several important industries with valuable raw materials such as coal, forest products, grain and metals. It is recognised as being one of the most productive and technically advanced ports in Europe.

Portbury has over 1.2 million sq ft of modern warehousing adjacent to the container storage area and offers competitive transshipment and warehousing opportunities within the Port.

The port can handle much larger ships than other competitors in the south of England – up to 130,000 tonnes dead weight.

With deep-water capacity, an excellent connection to rail and motorway networks, the future looks bright for the port, which is seven miles from the M4/M5 interchange.

