



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	22 miles 21 minutes	16 miles 16 minutes	14 miles 18 minutes	9 miles 12 minutes
Bristol	23 miles 30 minutes	17 miles 26 minutes	10 miles 18 minutes	8 miles 21 minutes
Royal Portbury Dock	14 miles 19 minutes	8 miles 14 minutes	6 miles 16 minutes	1.5 miles 10 minutes
Bristol Airport	12 miles 23 minutes	10 miles 23 minutes	6 miles 18 minutes	11 miles 27 minutes
London	137 miles 2 hours 13 minutes	131 miles 2 hours 29 minutes	130 miles 2 hours 11 minutes	125 miles 2 hours 4 minutes
Cardiff	51 miles 53 minutes	45 miles 48 minutes	43 miles 51 minutes	39 miles 44 minutes
Plymouth	101 miles 1 hour 35 minutes	107 miles 1 hour 40 minutes	111 miles 1 hour 46 minutes	113 miles 1 hour 46 minutes
Birmingham	101 miles 1 hour 37 minutes	95 miles 1 hour 33 minutes	93 miles 1 hour 35 minutes	88 miles 1 hour 28 minutes
Manchester	181 miles 2 hours 43 minutes	176 miles 2 hours 39 minutes	174 miles 2 hours 41 minutes	169 miles 2 hours 34 minutes



Rail links

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

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	3 minutes
Worle	7 minutes
Yatton	13 minutes
Nailsea and Backwell	19 minutes
Bristol Temple Meads	25 minutes
Taunton	30 minutes
Birmingham	2 hours 12 minutes
London Paddington	2 hours 15 minutes

Bristol Airport

This growing international airport's ability to attract increasing numbers of passengers is a testimonial to its continuing success. There were over 5.7 million passengers in 2011, an increase of 0.8% compared with 2010's figures.

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, Orlando, Paris and Rome.

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.



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