

# Bristol's Avon Gorge

# 4.67 miles

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## Overview

This run is centred around the magnificent Clifton Suspension Bridge, built by Isambard Kingdom Brunel, which spans the Avon Gorge. The run takes you down into the gorge under the bridge one way, back under it the other and finally after a tough but pretty climb, over it. Views of the bridge and gorge are superb.



Avon Gorge

## Multi-Terrain Hilly

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### Special points of interest:

- ✕ Clifton Suspension Bridge
- ✕ The Observatory
- ✕ Playground and Stone Slides
- ✕ Avon gorge

### Start Location

Promenade,  
Bristol

Postcode: BS8 3NE

OS: ST 56610 73540

LAT: 51.4586970

LONG: -2.6268890

## Useful Information

There is a small toll for cars that wish to cross the bridge but foot traffic is free. It used to be an annoying 2p! Near the start is a childrens play area and a small stone slide( a slab of stone worn smooth by countless small, and not so small, bottoms).A larger stone slide is found on the path near the toilets and keeps children and adults amused for hours. The Observatory houses a Camera Obscurer which is worth a visit. To find the start, from Bristol follow signs to Clifton and Clifton Suspension bridge.

### Key Statistics:

Run Length	4.67 miles
Climb Rate	53 m/mile
Flat Equivalent	5.35 miles
Well Lit at Night	No
Lone Runner Route	No
Difficulty	Moderate

## Local Amenities

Toilets as marked on map just on the east side of the bridge. Plenty of pubs and cafes in very nearby Clifton village and usually an ice cream van at the start.



Start of Nightingale Valley

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a Observatory

b Large stone slide

c Small stone slide



## DISTANCE DIRECTIONS

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|-----------|-----------------------|--|---|
| <b>1</b>  | <b>0.00<br/>miles</b> | Start on Promenade at bus stop opposite Percival Road.   |   |
| <b>2</b>  | <b>0.29<br/>miles</b> | Go over traffic island WITH CARE and then turn left on footpath down Bridge Valley Road.                         |   |
| <b>3</b>  | <b>0.60<br/>miles</b> | As road merges with The Portway, cross over WITH CARE onto Right Hand Side of road.                              |   |
| <b>4</b>  | <b>0.87<br/>miles</b> | Go under Suspension Bridge.  |   |
| <b>5</b>  | <b>1.60<br/>miles</b> | Go over swing bridge (at Pump House PH) and then turn right to follow Ashton Avenue (keep right past car parks). |   |
| <b>6</b>  | <b>1.79<br/>miles</b> | As road goes up ramp, keep right on small path next to the water.  |   |
| <b>7</b>  | <b>2.02<br/>miles</b> | Turn right over old railway bridge and then right again on cycleway 41 to follow path alongside river.           |   |
| <b>8</b>  | <b>2.93<br/>miles</b> | Turn left through arch up Nightingale Valley (NT sign) into Leigh Woods.   |   |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>3.45<br/>miles</b> | At the end of the path, go through gate and turn left onto road.   |   |
| <b>10</b> | <b>4.04<br/>miles</b> | Turn left onto footpath next to main road and soon cross over Suspension Bridge.                                 |   |
| <b>11</b> | <b>4.40<br/>miles</b> | Turn left onto path which goes past the observatory and back to the finish.                                      |  |
| <b>12</b> | <b>4.67<br/>miles</b> | Finish.  |   |

## Hill Profile

