

Directions to the Old Court, Temple Cloud, from M5 Southbound

The City of Bristol and the surrounding motorways can be very busy and slow at peak times, weekends and holidays. There is no perfect solution to this when travelling south on the M5 but alternative 2 at least avoids an unattractive, often slow, journey across Bristol itself and is more scenic.

1. Via M4/M32

At M5 Junction 15, take M4 direction London.

At M4 Junction 19 (next junction), take M32 to Bristol and follow directions on page 2 below.

2. Via M5 Junction 19

At M5 Junction 19 take Gordano Services exit and follow Easton-in-Gordano and Portbury, turning left on A369.

Turn right almost immediately for Portbury. Follow this road round to the left as you enter Portbury and continue on.

At the T junction with B3128 turn left for Failand. As you enter Failand (less than a mile) and after passing the Failand Inn pub on your right you will see a turn to the right.

Take this and turn right when it shortly meets the B3129. (If you miss the first right turn after the pub, you will come to a set of traffic lights where the B3128 crosses the B3129. Turn right here instead.)

Follow B3129 to its intersection with B3130 at Flax Bourton and turn left.

Continue on B3130, going straight on where it meets A370, through Barrow Gurney, until you meet A38 at a set of traffic lights.

Turn right and then shortly left, again on B3130, signed Winford, Pensford and Chew Magna.

Go through Winford and at the roundabout at the bottom of Pagan's Hill turn right, up the hill, for Chew Stoke.

At the T junction as you enter Chew Stoke, turn right and then shortly turn left following the recreational sign for "Chew Valley Lake", direction Bishop's Sutton. Follow across the dam on the Lake around the curves to the T junction in Bishop's Sutton. Turn left on the A368.

Shortly, turn right for Stowey and Temple Cloud. (This turn is not very obvious as you approach it - there is house named Stoweylands on the right just before you reach it and there is a telephone kiosk on the left a short way up the road you are turning into.)

If you miss it, continue on until you reach the A37 at Chelwood and turn right at the roundabout there.)

Follow this road round to the left at the top of the hill above Stowey and meet the A37 at Clutton. Turn right and run down the hill into Temple Cloud - watch out for 30 mile speed limit and speed camera as you enter the village.

As you come to a set of pedestrian traffic lights, you will see a Texaco gas station on the right and opposite it the Temple Inn public house on your left. Temple Inn Lane turns left immediately past the pub.

We are the big building surrounded by a stone wall opposite the pub on Temple Inn Lane. Turn into Temple Inn Lane and fork right immediately onto the access road across the cattle grid and turn into our gates.

M4 to Junction 19 and take M32 to Bristol.

Follow M32 to the end T junction.

Turn left, following routes to the South West and signs for A4 Bath and A37 Shepton Mallet. Look also for the local signs to Temple Meads Railway Station. This is a major landmark on your route and you will go right past it. (Please note that A37 is the road you want all the way out of Bristol to Temple Cloud but after this point it is not consistently signed for Shepton Mallet. A37(A39) Wells is the most frequent signing and the road is often described as the Wells Road. You will also see signing to Yeovil).

You are now on the Inner Circuit Road. Following this down through the underpass, stay with it to the large roundabout system at its end and there swing round to the left following A4 Bath, A37/(A39) Wells, A38 Taunton.

This brings you to the main front entrance of Temple Meads Station. Pick up the centre lane painted A37 on the road.

A38 for Taunton goes to the right just after you pass Temple Meads. Continue with A4 and A37. You almost immediately reach a set of traffic lights where A37 (signed Wells and Yeovil) forks away from A4 to the right.

Follow A37 through Bristol suburbs and out into the country approximately 10 miles to Temple Cloud. When you reach a roundabout where the A368, Bath to Weston super Mare road, crosses the A37 you have about two and a half miles to go. Stay with the A37 through Clutton and into Temple Cloud - watch out for 30 mile speed limit and speed camera as you enter the village.

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Useful Links

National Express Coaches - www.nationalexpress.co.uk

Rail Travel - www.railtrack.co.uk

Online rail ticket purchase - www.thetrainline.co.uk

Eurostar - www.eurostar.com

British Airports Authority - www.baa.co.uk

Routeplanner & live traffic info - www.rac.co.uk

Rail Europe - www.raileurope.co.uk