

CYCLING, WALKING & DRIVING TIMES TO J25

	From Railway Station ▶	From Town Centre ▶
Walking:	40 mins	30 mins
Cycling:	15 mins	10 mins
Driving:	10 - 35 mins	10 - 25 mins

WALK TO WORK

The area is flat and has good walking links, with two footbridges across the main road separating Blackbrook/Deane Gate and Heron Gate/Hankridge. Bridges are marked on the map overleaf with other local facilities. You can walk from much of the residential area east of the town centre (East Reach) within 15 minutes. Possible walking routes are shown on the map overleaf.

Walking times between Blackbrook and Heron Gate are shown under 'Public Transport'.

CYCLE TO WORK

The area has a lot of good cycling routes – many of these are separated from car traffic or on quiet back streets. Some possible routes for cycling to work are shown on the map overleaf. Many businesses have cycling parking for staff and visitors – some don't! Always lock your bike, wherever you leave it. Cycling can be quicker than driving if you are coming from town. Have a look at the journey time comparisons for the Junction 25 area below if you don't believe us!

DRIVING

All trips to Blackbrook Business Park involve using Junction 25 of the M5 motorway. This puts excess pressure on the motorway roundabout, making it more difficult for traffic to come off the motorway and for cars to get out of Blackbrook and Deane Gate Business Parks. Reducing traffic makes journeys quicker for all. Many employees already travel together to get to work by car.

You can look for someone to share lifts with on the internet, using Moving Forward's www.carsharesomerset.com. Before you set off from work you can also check www.trafficengland.com – plan ahead and don't leave your office just to join the back of a queue.

MOTORCYCLING

Motorcycling is a quick and easy way to avoid congestion for those who prefer to travel independently.

TRAIN SERVICES

Taunton is well-connected to long-distance train services to major cities – Bristol, Exeter, Plymouth and London. It takes 15 minutes to cycle to the railway station from the business parks. There is cycle parking at the railway station on Platform 2, and there are a number of facilities including a café and newsagent. The bus service No. 1 to Blackbrook runs half-hourly from outside the ticket office, and takes 25 minutes. Combined PlusBus rail/bus tickets are available - see www.plusbus.info. There is a walking and cycling link from railway station along the riverside path. Taxis are usually waiting at the railway station, or can be booked through www.traintaxi.com.

WORKING FROM HOME

Ask your employer if you can work at home once a week or more often if your job allows. Using a laptop and a home office space means you can get to work just walking down your stairs and save on petrol costs.

PARK AND RIDE

For commercial and legal reasons, the Park & Ride service does not pick up or drop off at the business parks. However, parking is free at the Park and Ride at Henlade and walking there takes about 10 minutes (using the M5 slip road crossing).

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Blackbrook, Deane Gate,
Heron Gate and Hankridge

Business, Leisure and Shopping areas



www.transportdirect.info "A to B" journey planner

• www.trafficengland.com or 08700 660 115
check ahead for M5

• www.traveline.org.uk and 0871 200 2233
public transport information

• www.nationalrail.co.uk and 0871 200 49 50
for train times and bookings

• www.firstgroup.com and www.webberbus.com
for local bus journeys

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