

Need another word that means the same as “detour”? Find 10 synonyms and 30 related words for “detour” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Detour” are: roundabout way, roundabout route, tourist route, diversion, bypass, alternative route, digression, deviation, byway, bypath**

## Detour as a Noun

### Definitions of "Detour" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “detour” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *A roundabout road (especially one that is used temporarily while a main route is blocked).*
- *A long or roundabout route that is taken to avoid something or to visit somewhere along the way.*
- *An alternative route for use by traffic when the usual road is temporarily closed.*



## Synonyms of "Detour" as a noun (10 Words)

- alternative route** One of a number of things from which only one can be chosen.
- bypass** An alternative channel created during a bypass operation.  
*I had a **bypass** last year so have been building up my strength.*
- bypath** An indirect route.
- byway** A side road little traveled (as in the countryside).  
*The highways and **byways** of Dorset.*
- deviation** The action of departing from an established course or accepted standard.  
***Deviation** from a norm.*
- digression** A turning aside (of your course or attention or concern).  
*Let s return to the main topic after that brief **digression**.*

**diversion**

A turning aside (of your course or attention or concern).

*A subsidiary raid was carried out on the airfield to create a **diversion**.*

**roundabout route**

A road junction at which traffic streams circularly around a central island.

**roundabout way**

A large, rotating machine with seats for children to ride or amusement.

**tourist route**

Someone who travels for pleasure.



**Usage Examples of "Detour" as a noun**

- *He had made a detour to a cafe.*



## Associations of "Detour" (30 Words)

- apophasis**    Mentioning something by saying it will not be mentioned.
- avert**        Turn away or aside.  
*She **averted** her eyes while we made stilted conversation.*
- avoid**        Keep away from or stop oneself from doing (something).  
*This route **avoids** downtown Boston.*
- bypass**        An alternative channel created during a bypass operation.  
*You cannot **bypass** these rules.*
- circumvent**    Overcome (a problem or difficulty), typically in a clever and surreptitious way.  
*He **circumvented** her with some of his stories.*

<b><u>deflect</u></b>	Turn from a straight course, fixed direction, or line of interest. <i>The compass needle is <b>deflected</b> from magnetic north by metal in the aircraft.</i>
<b>derail</b>	Obstruct (a process) by diverting it from its intended course. <i>A train was <b>derailed</b> after it collided with a herd of cattle.</i>
<b><u>dodge</u></b>	Expose (one area of a print) less than the rest during processing or enlarging. <i>He <b>dodged</b> the issue.</i>
<b>elongate</b>	Long in relation to width elongated. <i>An <b>elongate</b> tail tapering to a point.</i>
<b><u>elongated</u></b>	Long in relation to width, especially unusually so. <i>The old man s gaunt and <b>elongated</b> frame.</i>
<b>elude</b>	(of an achievement or something desired) fail to be attained by (someone). <i>We need to ensure that bad cases do not <b>elude</b> tough penalties.</i>
<b>escape</b>	Escape potentially unpleasant consequences get away with a forbidden action. <i>A sob <b>escaped</b> her lips.</i>
<b>eschew</b>	Deliberately avoid using; abstain from. <i>He appealed to the crowd to <b>eschew</b> violence.</i>
<b><u>evade</u></b>	Use cunning or deceit to escape or avoid. <i>Suppliers can <b>evade</b> or manipulate regulations.</i>
<b>extended</b>	Fully extended or stretched forth. <i>An <b>extended</b> discussion.</i>
<b><u>flee</u></b>	Run away from a place or situation of danger. <i>He was forced to <b>flee</b> the country.</i>
<b>lengthy</b>	(especially in reference to time) of considerable or unusual length, especially so as to be tedious. <i><b>Lengthy</b> delays.</i>
<b><u>long</u></b>	For a long time. <i>Looked out the <b>long</b> French windows.</i>
<b>oncoming</b>	Due to happen soon. <i>She walked into the path of an <b>oncoming</b> car.</i>
<b><u>ostracize</u></b>	(in ancient Greece) banish (an unpopular or overly powerful citizen) from a city for five or ten years by popular vote. <i>Themistocles was indeed out of favour at Athens by the end of the 470s when he was <b>ostracized</b>.</i>
<b>outrun</b>	Run faster than. <i>It s harder than anyone imagines to <b>outrun</b> destiny.</i>

<b>parry</b>	An act of parrying something. <i>The swords clashed in a <b>parry</b>.</i>
<b><u>prolonged</u></b>	Relatively long in duration; tediously protracted. <i>A <b>prolonged</b> and bitter struggle.</i>
<b>protracted</b>	Relatively long in duration tediously protracted. <i>A <b>protracted</b> and bitter dispute.</i>
<b>route</b>	Send via a specific route. <i>Proposals have been put forward for a new <b>route</b> around the south of the town.</i>
<b><u>shun</u></b>	Avoid and stay away from deliberately; stay clear of. <i>He <b>shunned</b> fashionable society.</i>
<b>sidestep</b>	Avoid dealing with or discussing (something problematic or disagreeable). <i>A boxercise workout that incorporates an intricate combination of <b>sidesteps</b> with left and right hooks.</i>
<b>undiagnosed</b>	Eluding diagnosis. <i>Some patients have diseases that go <b>undiagnosed</b> and therefore untreated.</i>
<b><u>veer</u></b>	(of the wind) change direction clockwise around the points of the compass. <i>An oil tanker that had <b>veered</b> off course.</i>
<b>volley</b>	Discharge in or as if in a volley. <i>The infantry let off a couple of <b>volleys</b>.</i>

