



TRAILS

CITY CENTRE BEECHEN CLIFF AND LYNCOMBE VALE

4.5km / 2.75 MILES
1.5 HRS



START/FINISH

Brunel Square (Railway Station), Bath, BA1 1SU



WALK INFORMATION AND ACCESSIBILITY:

Steep uphill – 200m ascent, with steps.

Paths, grass paths, pavements, some roads, kissing gates, no stiles but plenty of often steep steps.

Some quiet roads, the roads have pelican crossing.

Loos in central Bath – nearest are in Southgate shopping centre or in the bus station and in Alexandra Park.

Shops, pubs, cafes in Widcombe at start and finish.

Good public transport links, or parking in centre.

EXPECT TO SEE

- One of the best places to appreciate Bath as a landscape city
- Fields and woods surprisingly close to the city centre
- Lyncombe Vale is an attractive residential area

THINGS TO DO

- The climb up Beechen Cliff is really worth it for the view of the whole city in its landscape setting
- Up the steps to Beechen Cliff is a great workout
- Have a break from the shops and offices to see some wilder places in easy reach

DID YOU KNOW?

- The view from Alexandra Park at the top of Beechen Cliff is mentioned in Jane Austen's *Northanger Abbey*
- Some of the site of the woodland of Beechen Cliff used to be houses, destroyed in the Bath Blitz, now colonised by nature, you can see the remains of garden walls



ROUTE

1

From Brunel square, pass through the tunnel under the railway line between the shops and restaurants. Take the green footbridge over the river and cross the busy road at the pelican crossing. Turn right then immediately left up Lyncombe Hill.

2

Turn right onto Calton Road and follow it until you see a grassed bank and play park on your left. Behind the play park there's a woodland path up some steps, take this and walk through the woods. When you reach a crossroads of paths take the steep steps to the left (marked '76 steps to go') - this isn't indicated on the map. There's a gentler alternative route by carrying on through the woods and turning left at the end. At the top of the steps turn left along a wider path and keep going with the trees and views on your left. There are a couple of viewpoints along here with interpretation boards.

3

After the final viewpoint, which has benches, take the shallow steps going down, after 50m, take the kissing gate on the right, and then the lower footpath across the field and the next field.

4

At the end of the path, just before the metal gate onto the road, take the right-hand footpath going uphill and then join the hard path ahead. Pass through the gate and out onto the grounds of Beechen Cliff school, carry straight on, sticking to the left-hand side.

5

Keep going until you reach a double metal gate onto the road, and turn right along the road, crossing when it's safe. After 100m, take the left pathway (down the right hand side of a double garage with black doors), take the path down some steps and into the woods. The path ends in a t-junction with another path, turn left. Follow the gravel path through the field and then take the gate on the left under the arched bridge. Turn right along the road (Lyncombe Vale Road).

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Just after the entrance to The Paragon School, fork right onto Lyncombe Vale. At the end of this road, turn left onto Prior Park Road. Continue to the mini roundabout at the bottom of the hill and turn left onto Widcombe Parade (Claverton Street).

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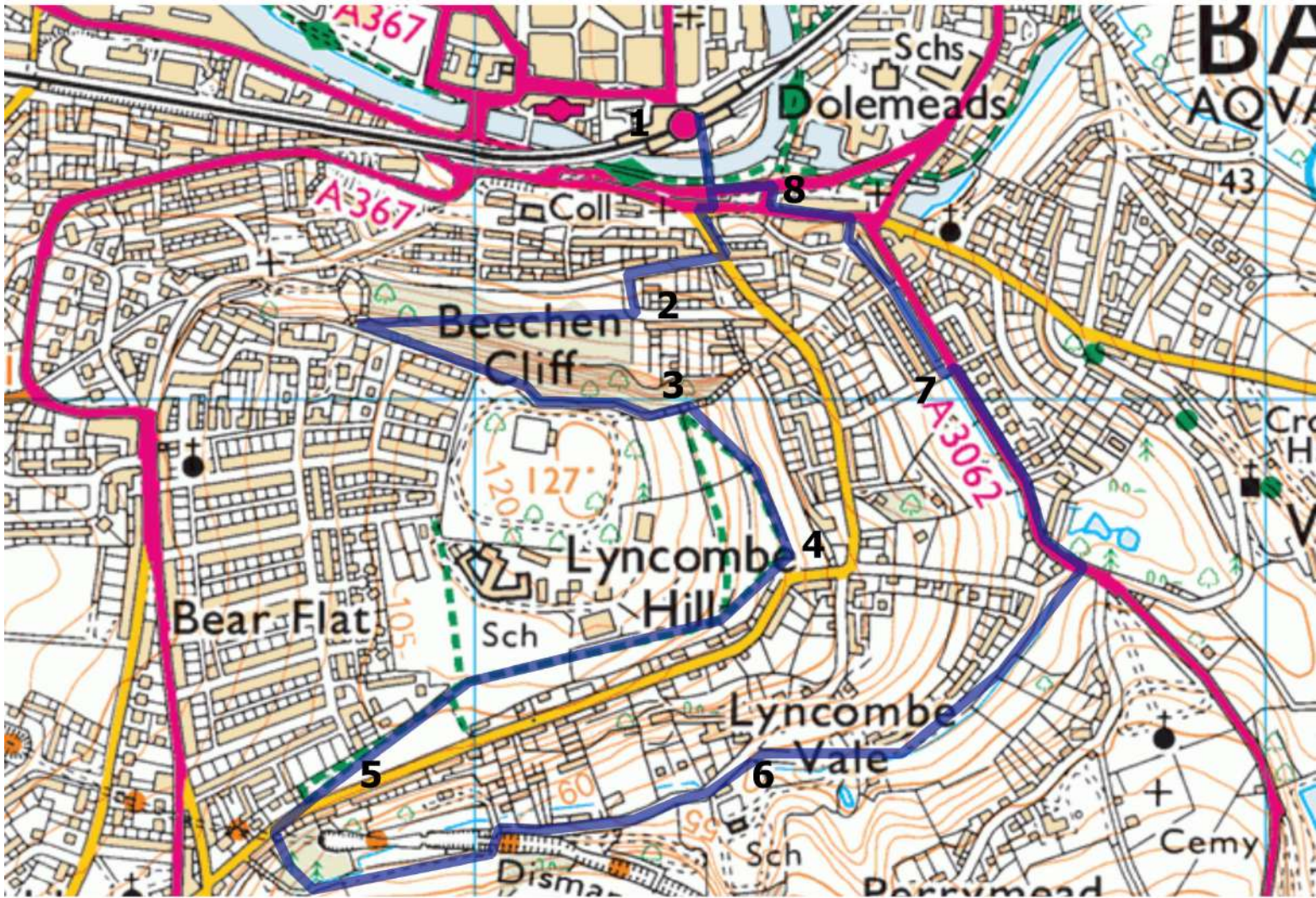
Or just after the garden centre you can take the raised pedestrian route on the left between the houses and the watercourse, crossing onto Millbrook Lane and taking the small lane first right onto Widcombe Parade.

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From the shops, take the pelican crossing back over the busy road to the green footbridge over the river where you started.

MAP

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