



# TRAILS

## LANSDOWN ON THE LEVEL

6 miles / 9.5km  
About 3 hours



# START/FINISH

Lansdown Park & Ride, Bath, BA1 9BJ



## WALK INFORMATION AND ACCESSIBILITY:

Total ascent 120m, this is a relatively flat walk, with two short, slight uphill sections.

The path is mainly rough/grass paths in good condition, some sections are across arable fields, and some on stony paths. There are kissing gates round some of the route and two large stiles at the Monument and where you leave the Cotswold Way (between points 5 and 6 on the map). There are also some high Bristol gates. There are loos (20p) at the Park&Ride which includes baby change facilities and are adapted.

Nearest place to eat or drink is the Blathwayt Arms, at the start/finish or a café at Pipley Barn (4 on the map). There are few benches (one only) but there are low walls throughout that can be rested on.

Good mobile phone signal throughout the walk.

There is livestock in some fields; Bath Racecourse has occasional race days; you have to cross the busy Bath Road, twice, but with good visibility on straight stretches; there is a stretch of path on the edge of Lansdown Golf Course, so look out for golf balls.

## EXPECT TO SEE

- Views west as far as the mountains of Wales
- Views down the glorious Charlcombe Valley
- Archaeological sites
- Grenville's monument
- Birds, butterflies, dragonflies

## THINGS TO DO

- The walk is mainly flat, so it's all about enjoying the views without a long uphill walk to get here

## DID YOU KNOW?

- On this walk you are passing scenes from the iron age at Little Dean Fort and Roman battlefields
- The early 18th-century monument to Sir Bevil Grenville commemorates his death at the Battle of Lansdown in 1643



# ROOSTE

1

Leave the P&R at the rear, through the gap to the right of the toilet block and changing room buildings (dark wooden buildings), the public footpath is along the hedgerow opposite. Go towards the racecourse with the hedgerow on your left. Cross the small lane to the racecourse, walking towards the white barriers. Keep to the left of the racetrack walking between the white railings on your right and hedge on your left and walk along the edge until you reach the corner.

2

Where this path opens out, follow the path that crosses the field, cutting off the corner (ignoring the path to the left). You will arrive at Prospect Stile, which has a plinth/topograph. Enjoy the views. At this point, you're picking up the route of the Cotswold Way. Leave Prospect Stile following the Cotswold Way waymarking going right - don't be tempted by what looks like a path going downhill, keep on the racecourse side with the trees on your left. This will take you round the edge of the field, follow the tree line round the corner of the field.

3

Take the 90 degree left turn where the waymarking shows you a few metres further along the path. You are now on a slightly raised pathway through the middle of a field, this is the site of the iron age fort. At the end of the raised path, continue through the gate where the path starts to go down, and take the Cotswold Way path to the right. The path then rises up again before joining a larger track. Keep going up, there's a bench/viewing point at the top of the rise.

4

Follow Cotswold Way between the wood on your left and the golf course on your right. When you reach a fork, take the right hand fork. You'll then reach a cross roads, with a track to your right and left and a footpath ahead of you, and a track straight ahead. Take the path ahead of you, which bears slightly left, and continue with the woodland on your left. Keep on the track until you reach the main road.

5

Cross the road, with care - it's a fast stretch, and a little ahead, you'll see the monument to Grenville. Take the path to the right through the woodland. This is the first of the stiles, it has broad wooden and stone steps. Follow the path up through the wood and then along the edge of a field, a wall on your left.

6

At the end of this, there's a large stone stile. Over the stile, the Cotswold Way goes left, but take the pathway to the right around the top of the valley. Follow the way marking - ignore the first path to the right back towards the road and keep going on the left hand path. The path goes through a couple of gates and cuts across the middle of a field.

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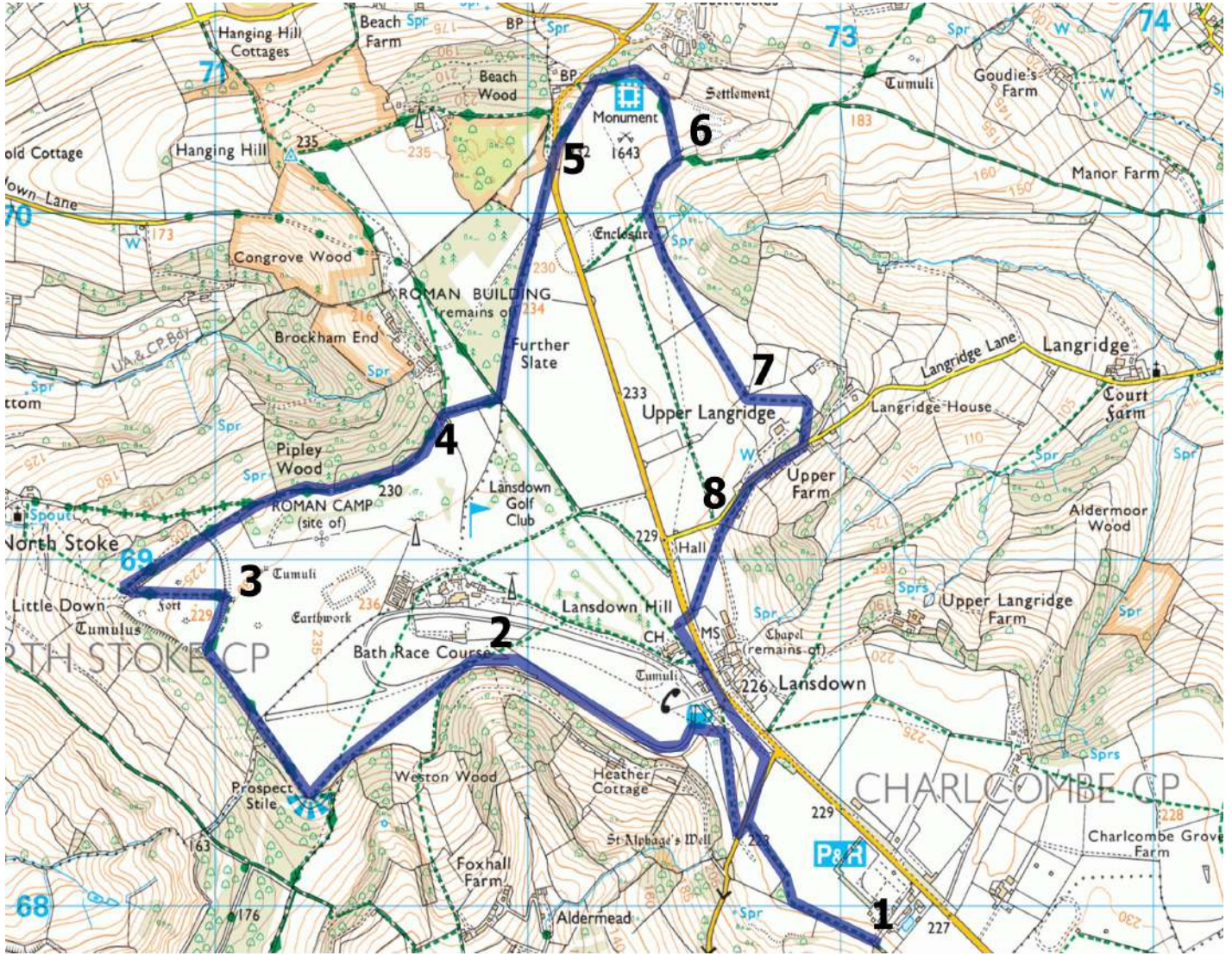
At the gate with farm buildings in front of you, cut across the small field diagonally to the left through the gate/gap then diagonally right through the next small field, to the gate at the corner in the trees. Follow the track till it meets the road. At the road turn right and carry on for about 50m.

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Where the two entrances to the path meet, take the track across the field diagonally left, you will be able to see the road and the Blathway Arms from here. Cross the road to the pub, taking care, then follow the racecourse railings to the left and retrace your steps over the road and across the playing fields back to the Park & Ride.

# MAP

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