



# TRAILS

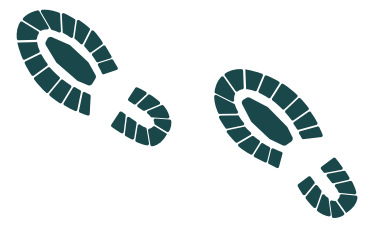
## NEWBRIDGE – PROSPECT STILE

12km / 7.5 MILES  
3.5 - 4 HRS



# START/FINISH

Newbridge Park & Ride, BA1 3NB



## WALK INFORMATION AND ACCESSIBILITY:

It's recommended that you take this route in a clockwise direction – the uphill sections are more gradual this way round. Elevation about 300m. There are loos at the Newbridge P&R and half way round at Lansdown P&R where there's also a water tap. There are pubs, halfway round, near the Racecourse (The Blathwayt Arms), at the end of the route near Newbridge P&R (the Boathouse) and in the village of Weston, where there are also shops. Path types, combination of tracks and unsurfaced pathways/hard paths. One uneven section between Lansdown P&R and Beckford's Tower. This section is also likely to be muddy after wet weather. There are very few benches. There are steps up Newbridge Slopes and up to Prospect Stile. There is a stile when leaving the road at Penn Hill and another at the top of Dean Hill by Pendean Farm (4). There may be cyclists on some tracks, and likely to be livestock in some of the fields. You have to cross a couple of roads in Weston, otherwise it's a route with few hazards.

## EXPECT TO SEE

- Spectacular views to south west and west of Bath
- Newbridge slopes nature reserve
- Beckford's Tower
- Primrose Hill Community Woodland
- Weston village

## THINGS TO DO

- Stop at Kelston Roundhill for the views and in June/July the wildflower meadows on its slope
- Visit Beckford's Tower Museum and grounds

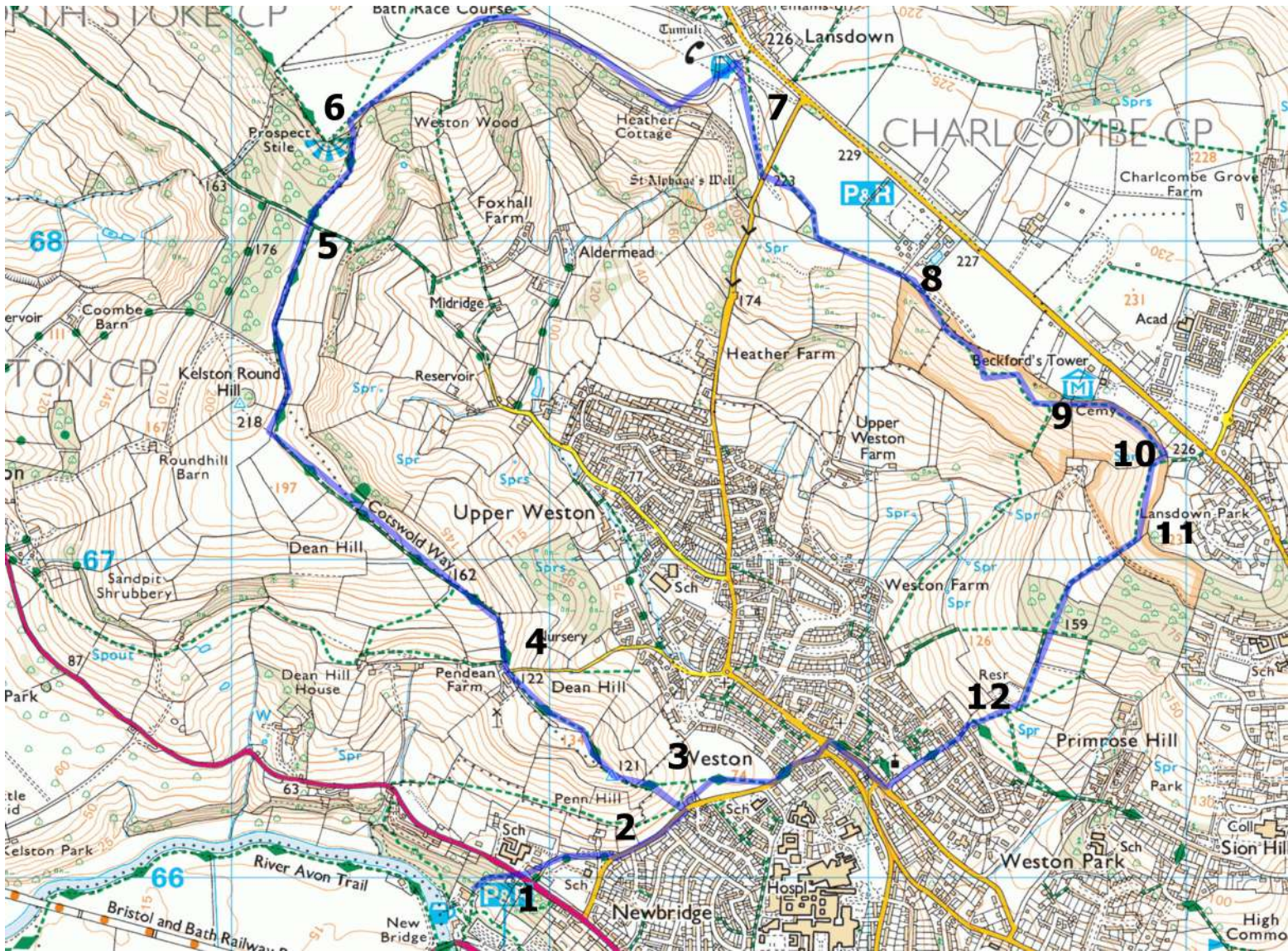
## DID YOU KNOW?

- Avon Wildlife Trust is now managing the slopes at Newbridge to make it better for wildlife
- Primrose Hill Community Woodland was started to mark the millenium with local people fundraising and planting 20,000 trees and shrubs



# MAP

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# ROUTE

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Leave the Park and Ride via the footpath at the top of the bus turning area between the two car parks. You'll see a footpath immediately to your left, through the barrier. Follow the path with the hedge on your left through one field, in the second field cut diagonally right across to the corner of the building you can see (this is the back of the rowing club), and pick up the path that goes up the steps through the woodland and keep going till you reach the road with the school opposite you. Cross the road at the pelican crossing and then immediately take the track that goes up to the right of the school building (not currently waymarked). Follow the track until you reach a road.

2

Leaving the track, ignore the driveway on your left, and walk up to the road, bearing left. Cross over to the pavement side and continue walking up Penn Hill Road.

3

After 300m, just after Penn Lea Road, you'll see a footpath sign on the other side of the road, cross over, taking care as it's on a corner – there's a stile to access the path. Take the route uphill in front of you, to the right of the hedgeline. Keep going up, with the hedge on your left. You'll meet a more established path that then rises to your left going through a gate. You're now following the Cotswold Way – which is waymarked. Take the lane uphill. You will now go up the steepest section of the route.

4

Continue on route until you reach another stile. Follow the road uphill and round the right hand corner (ignoring the lane straight ahead). Around the corner, you'll see the blue Cotswold Way sign. Follow the Cotswold Way for 2km all the way to Prospect Stile. It's worth stopping at Kelston Roundhill on the way to enjoy the flower rich meadows, or to climb to the copse of trees at the top for a 360 degree view.

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When you reach the end of a track at a T junction turn left then immediate right through the large wooden kissing gate. Follow the path up to Prospect Stile, there's a bench just below it.

6

At Prospect Stile, leave the Cotswold Way, which turns left here. Head straight across the field in front of you, towards the buildings you can see ahead (the Racecourse). When you meet the railings, turn right and follow the path between the railings on your left and the trees on your right.

# ROUTE

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Follow the railings around until you can see the pub ahead of you across the track. Don't cross the railings, but take the wide path to the right and follow it with more railings on your left and a low stone wall on your right until you meet the road. Cross the road and enter the playing fields. Walk along the edge of the playing fields with the hedge on your right.

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The changing room buildings are at the back of Lansdown P&R – there are loos and a water tap here if you need them. Otherwise continue until the path reaches a tarmacked lane, keep straight on the lane. The lane turns into a track and about 100m from the start of the lane, there's a gap in the trees and a waymarked path to the right, take this route, leaving the playing fields. On this pathway, which is the most uneven path of the route, keep near the top of the field, parallel with the top, but not immediately by the hedge. Follow the contours round. There may be livestock in these fields.

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Ignore the pathway to the right by Beckford's Tower and keep going slightly to the left, through the kissing gate in the trees. At this point you can take a detour to have a look round the Tower Museum, when open, and grounds.

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Follow the path as it bends round to the right, until you reach a kissing gate, go through it and ignore the left hand path and another gate, staying on the same path continuing round the top of the field.

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The waymarked path now turns right to go straight down the hill, over a track with the hedgerow on your left. Follow this path all the way down to Weston. There are several gates and pathways leading off to left and right, but always take the route straight downhill, through the Primrose Hill Community Woodland, which is worth exploring, and there are benches and picnic tables here.

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On leaving the woodland cross the open space, crossing a track and continuing downhill until you reach a path running left to right at the edge of the housing, and there's no option to keep going downhill. Take the path going right, you've now re-joined the Cotswold Way. Follow the Cotswold Way down to the village of Weston, through the church yard and through the village, taking Church Street until it meets High Street, turn left onto Crown Street then right onto Anchor Road. Join the Cotswold Way a little further up on your right, as it runs along the edge of Weston Recreation Ground until you return to point 3. Then retrace your steps back to Newbridge Park & Ride.