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Walk 13 Bus & Walk Prestbury - Winchcombe



Bus 606 or W2 out and walk back

Start of the walk ascends the scarp before levelling out and descends into Winchcombe. Great views from Cleeve Common, an interesting walk.

Distance: 6.5 miles/ 10.5 km

Duration 3.25 hours (walking)

Difficulty: Strenuous initially, then moderate/easy

Start/finish: Back Lane car park, Winchcombe. (Grid ref: SP 025285)
£1 all day. Toilets 20p in car park.

OS maps: Outdoor Leisure 45,
Landranger 163

Refreshments: Cleeve Hill Golf Club.
Ascent: 308metres Descent: 301metres

Bus times: www.marchants-coaches.com

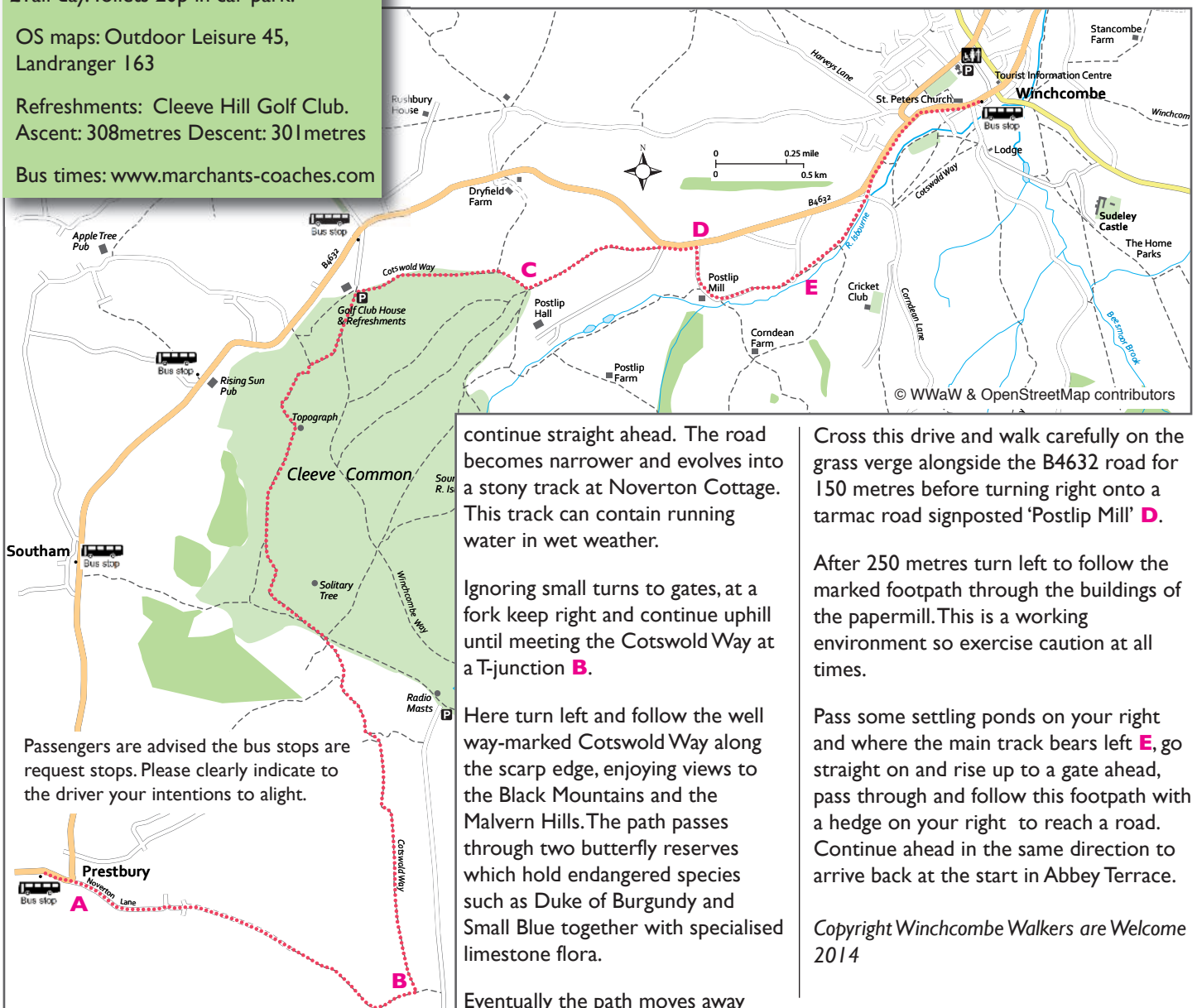
Park in Back Lane car park and exit via the steps signposted Town Centre. Turn right at the High Street and follow the pavement along Abbey Terrace for 100 metres. Cross the road and catch the Marchants service bus 606 or W2 to Cheltenham from the War Memorial on Abbey Terrace and alight at the High Street, Prestbury stop, opposite the Prestbury War Memorial.

Walk back about 200 metres to the mini-roundabout to follow Noverton Lane **A**. Continue in this direction, ignoring all other turnings. Where the main road bears left into Desert Orchid Way,

continued below

from the edge to reach a trig point and a topograph. Bear left and descend the grassy slope and continue to follow the Cotswold Way signs. Pass Cleeve Hill Golf Club clubhouse (refreshments available) and turn right to follow the Cotswold Way along a good track, pass through one gate to reach a second **C**.

Go through this second gate and bear left, leaving the Cotswold Way, and shortly pass through another gate to walk down a gently sloping but stony track to arrive at the beginning of a drive to Postlip Hall.



continue straight ahead. The road becomes narrower and evolves into a stony track at Noverton Cottage. This track can contain running water in wet weather.

Ignoring small turns to gates, at a fork keep right and continue uphill until meeting the Cotswold Way at a T-junction **B**.

Here turn left and follow the well way-marked Cotswold Way along the scarp edge, enjoying views to the Black Mountains and the Malvern Hills. The path passes through two butterfly reserves which hold endangered species such as Duke of Burgundy and Small Blue together with specialised limestone flora.

Eventually the path moves away

Cross this drive and walk carefully on the grass verge alongside the B4632 road for 150 metres before turning right onto a tarmac road signposted 'Postlip Mill' **D**.

After 250 metres turn left to follow the marked footpath through the buildings of the papermill. This is a working environment so exercise caution at all times.

Pass some settling ponds on your right and where the main track bears left **E**, go straight on and rise up to a gate ahead, pass through and follow this footpath with a hedge on your right to reach a road. Continue ahead in the same direction to arrive back at the start in Abbey Terrace.

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