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Bus & Walk 20 Prescott to Winchcombe

Bus service W1 out to Prescott, a hamlet to the west of Winchcombe and walk back. Follow the Tirlle Brook between Langley and Nottingham hills. The Tirlle Brook rises on Langley Hill and flows north west to meet the River Avon at Tewkesbury. There are fine views to the Salt Way on the return to Winchcombe.

This walk needs to be planned in conjunction with the W1 bus timetable available at: www.marchants-coaches.com

Distance: 3 miles / 5 km

Duration 1.5 hours (walking)

Difficulty: Easy

Start of walk: Prescott Hill Climb
Grid ref: SP 985/297

OS maps: Outdoor Leisure 45,
Landranger 163

Refreshments: None on route.
Ascent: 315 feet/96 metres
Descent: 361 feet/110 metres

Start from Back Lane car park, take the W1 bus from the stop in Back Lane, on the opposite side of the road to the library, on the corner of Summers Road.

Ask the driver to be dropped off at the Prescott Hill Climb, a request stop reached after about 10 minutes. The bus passes through Gretton on a scenic route round Langley Hill with good views of the hills to the north and west of Winchcombe.

Leave the bus at Prescott hill climb and walk back about 50 metres to the junction on the bend of the road. **A** Turn right by the 'No through road' sign and walk along the lane past The Mill House and Middle Hill Farm. The lane then descends and rises again to the gateway of Manor Farm. Go through the metal gate by the bridleway sign on the left just before Manor Farm. Across the vale behind you is the sixteenth century Manor on Dixon Hill.

Follow the bridleway past Manor Farm. Keep left with the path at the Y-junction near the end of the farm buildings, ignoring the track rising to the right. The Tirlle Brook can be heard in the valley on the left. Continue along the path with trees on the right then go through a gate, and carry on past 'Johnny's Wood' on the right. Walk through a wooded area to an open meadow, bear left and walk uphill towards the gate on the skyline ahead.



Look ahead to a small wood and cross the wide field, aiming to pass close to the right hand side of that wood **B** ("Frog Wood") to a metal gate. You may well see an unusual statue just inside the wood.

There is an electricity supply pole in the middle of the next field. Walk to the gate in the hedge opposite, passing close to the pole. Go through the gate and walk through the next field, aiming for the first of two gates in the far left corner. Continue for a short distance to a bend in a lane (Langley Road). **C** Bear left and follow the quiet lane for about 1 1/2 miles (2.4km) back to Winchcombe.

The lane ascends past an attractive stand of tall oak trees, goes under the pylon lines then rises and falls on the way back to Winchcombe. Fine views unfold to the right of Cleeve Hill, then of Salter's Hill. Notice later the horseshoe of beech trees on the left.

Once within Winchcombe, follow Langley Road to the junction with Back Lane and Malthouse Lane at a mini-roundabout. Bear left down Back Lane to your starting point.

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