

Walks on Wheels - for wheelchair, mobility scooter and children's buggy

Crickley Hill

Short family walk for all wheels in a country park.
Tarmac and earth paths.



Where is it?

High on the Cotswolds above Gloucester, at the junction of the A417 and A436 (Air Balloon pub) take the A436 towards Andoversford. Almost immediately turn left towards Cheltenham. After 100 metres turn left into Crickley Hill Country Park and follow the tarmac drive to the visitor centre. Disabled parking is on the left past the visitor centre, other Pay and Display parking is on the right before the visitor centre and beyond.

The walk

A pleasant walk of 850 metres suitable for all in a country park, with views from the escarpment over the Severn Vale and then through woodland. The surface is tarmac, crushed stone, short grass and earth.



Distance: 850m (760m omitting the fort) with ups and downs of 16m or 17ft

Start: Crickley Hill Country Park visitor centre.
SO 929/162 (GL4 8JY)

Refreshments: Crickley Hill Country Park or the Air Balloon Pub

Directions

Follow the orange arrows on the Family Trail. A large wall map at the visitor's centre shows the route.

From the disabled parking area beside the visitor centre, turn left and follow the path with orange arrows to the topograph, **1** with elevated views over the Severn Vale to the Forest of Dean, Wales and Shropshire.

Continue in the same direction to arrow no 2, **2** where if you can manage the short moderate climb on a hard surface you will reach the top of the Iron Age hill fort, **3**. Retrace the route back to arrow 2 **2** and turn right picking up the trail

of orange arrows.

Those who have not taken the slope will turn left **2** and everyone goes across short but uneven grass for 30 metres to a gate with an orange arrow. Go through the gate and turn left to cross a short bridge into the woods.

Follow the earth path through the wood past an orange arrow no 4, **4** to arrow 5. **5**

At this point the waymarked path bears right, but your route bears left and follows an earth path which will lead in 100 metres to a gate on the entrance road.

Go through the gate and turn left **6** along the footway back to the visitor centre.

Refreshments and toilets

Toilets (including disabled) available at the visitor centre as well as refreshments. A trumper can be hired (Mon - Fri) please pre-book by telephoning 01452 863170.

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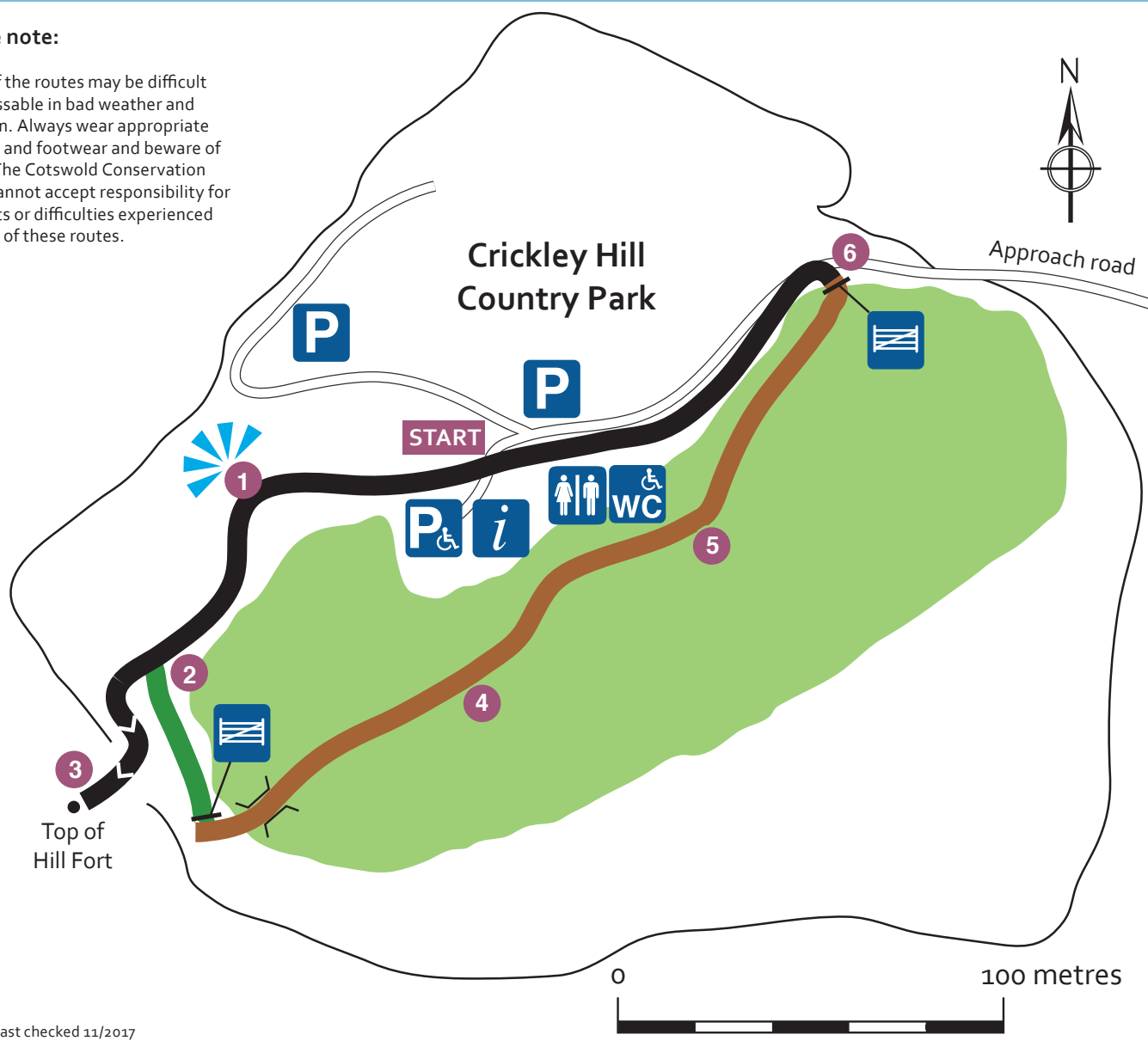
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Please note:

Some of the routes may be difficult or impassable in bad weather and after rain. Always wear appropriate clothing and footwear and beware of traffic. The Cotswold Conservation Board cannot accept responsibility for accidents or difficulties experienced by users of these routes.



This walk last checked 11/2017

Key to map

- Smooth, hard surface
- Earth path, generally smooth
- Grass, mown or grazed but may be uneven
- Gentle slope (up)

Key to symbols

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| Parking | Gate |
| Disabled parking | Information |
| Toilet | Viewpoint |
| Disabled toilet | |