

Crickley Hill



Cotswolds
National
Landscape

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. Parking (pay and display £2 all day) including disabled parking on the right before the visitor centre with further parking beyond. Please be aware a private parking company oversees the car park.

The walk

A pleasant walk of 900 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: 900m (810m 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

Directions

From the disabled parking area with the visitor centre opposite, turn right and follow the path through the gate with a red arrow 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 red 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 red 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 red arrow no 4, **4** to arrow 5. **5**

Follow the waymarked route eventually reaching a path. Turn left which will lead in 50 metres to the gate on the approach road.

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.

The site and tramper hire is administered by Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust. GWT members can book the tramper by email. A tramper can be hired (£5 for half a day Mon - Fri except winter) please pre-book by emailing info@gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk. All prices shown are as of Nov 2023

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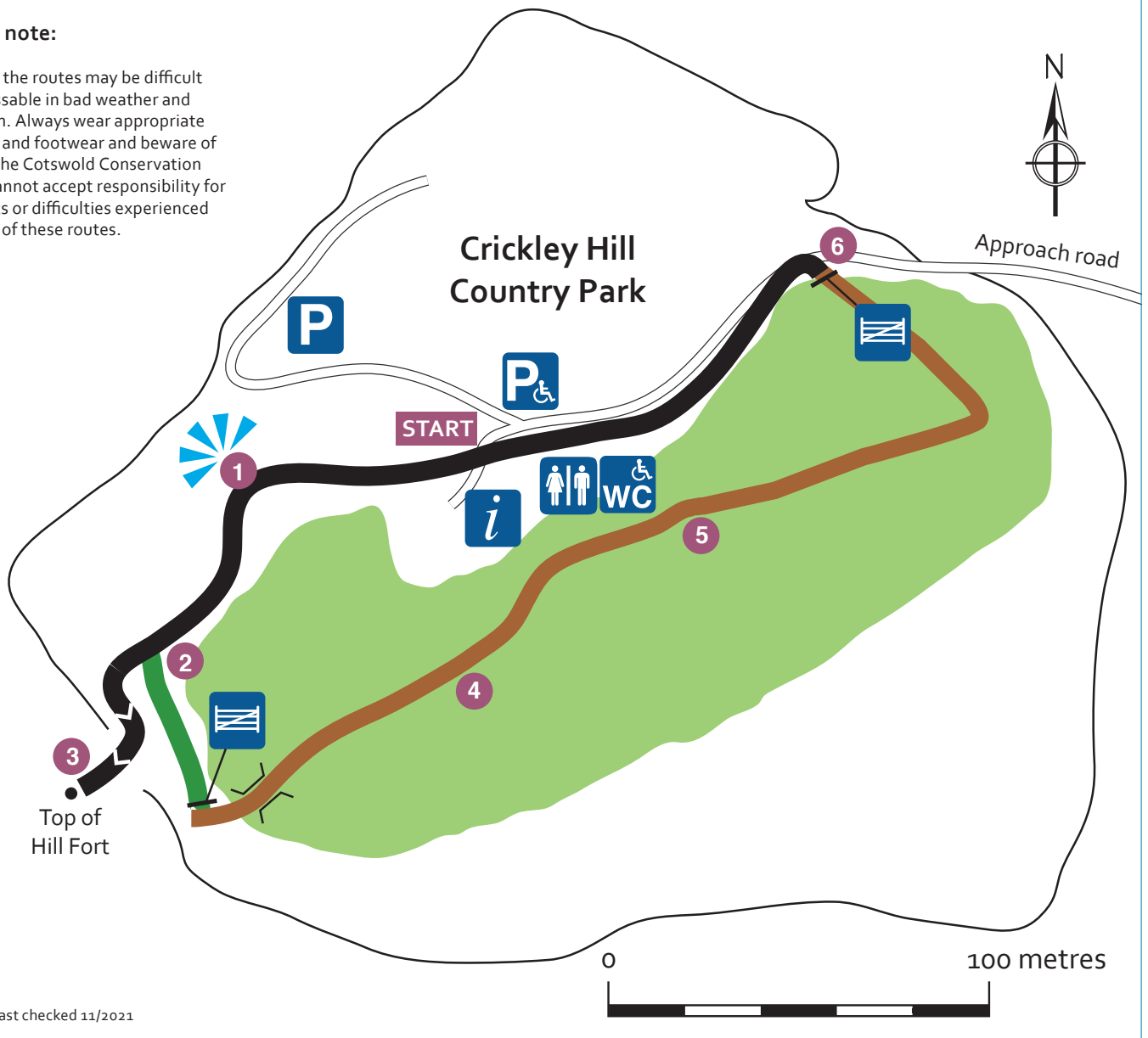
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Please note:

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 11/2021

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 | |