

Dover's Hill



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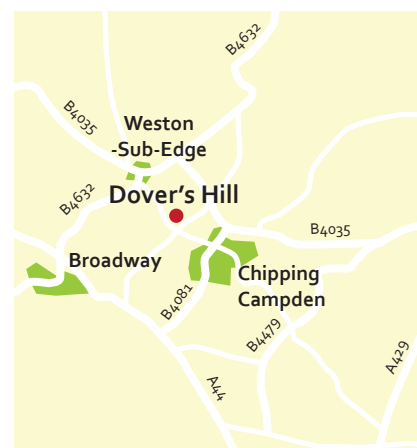
Where is it?

From Chipping Campden, with the Noel Arms on your left, drive one mile towards Weston-sub-Edge. At crossroads on top of the hill go straight on and in 200 metres turn right into a National Trust car park.

The walk

There are two walks with magnificent views from the Cotswold escarpment. The short one is a level 1/4 mile (0.4kms) there and back. The longer route of 1.2 miles (1.9 kms), with a short steep descent and ascent, **is suitable only for large-wheel buggies**.

The surface is mostly grass, with some uneven patches. After rain there will be puddles. It is grazed by sheep, so be prepared to clean your wheels afterwards.



Distance: 0.4km/0.25 mile with ups and downs of 9m or 30ft or longer route of 1.9km/1.2 miles with ups and downs of 21m or 69ft

Start: Dover's Hill car park (National Trust fee payable) SP 136395 (GL55 6UW)

Refreshments: Chipping Campden.

Directions

From the entrance gate both walks head for the prominent stone topograph at the viewpoint. **1** Turn right and follow the edge of the hill on the level for about 500 metres. Stop at a low plinth with a National Trust plaque. **2** This is a triangulation point, once used to map the countryside. Here, the short walk returns to the car park, following the hedge line, where small wheeled buggies and wheelchairs may find the going easier.

The long walk passes to the right of the plinth and a waymark post where the Cotswold Way turns right through a gate. With the waymark post on your right, continue under the trees gently downhill to a double gate leading into a small wood. **3** Go through the smaller gate and bear left to take an uneven earth

path (may be muddy) descending steeply round to the left, to emerge from the trees. Go through the left hand gate ahead **4** and turn left to find a faint grassy track that leads back towards the viewpoint, but a few metres below the edge of the hill. Follow the track, ignoring all the very steep paths up to the left. Passing below the viewpoint stone, do not start to climb until you reach a wooden signpost **5** and a grassy footpath crossing your route coming uphill from the right. Here turn sharp left up a short steep slope, and before the topograph bear right under trees to the car park.

Along the way

Dover's Hill, owned by The National Trust, is a setting for Dover's Games (or Cotswold Olympics) where shin-kicking, broadsword duels, wrestling and other contests are followed by a torchlight procession down to Chipping Campden. This annual event is held in the evening of the Friday after the Spring bank holiday.

Refreshments and toilets

Chipping Campden: several pubs and cafes, accessible toilets in Sheep Street.

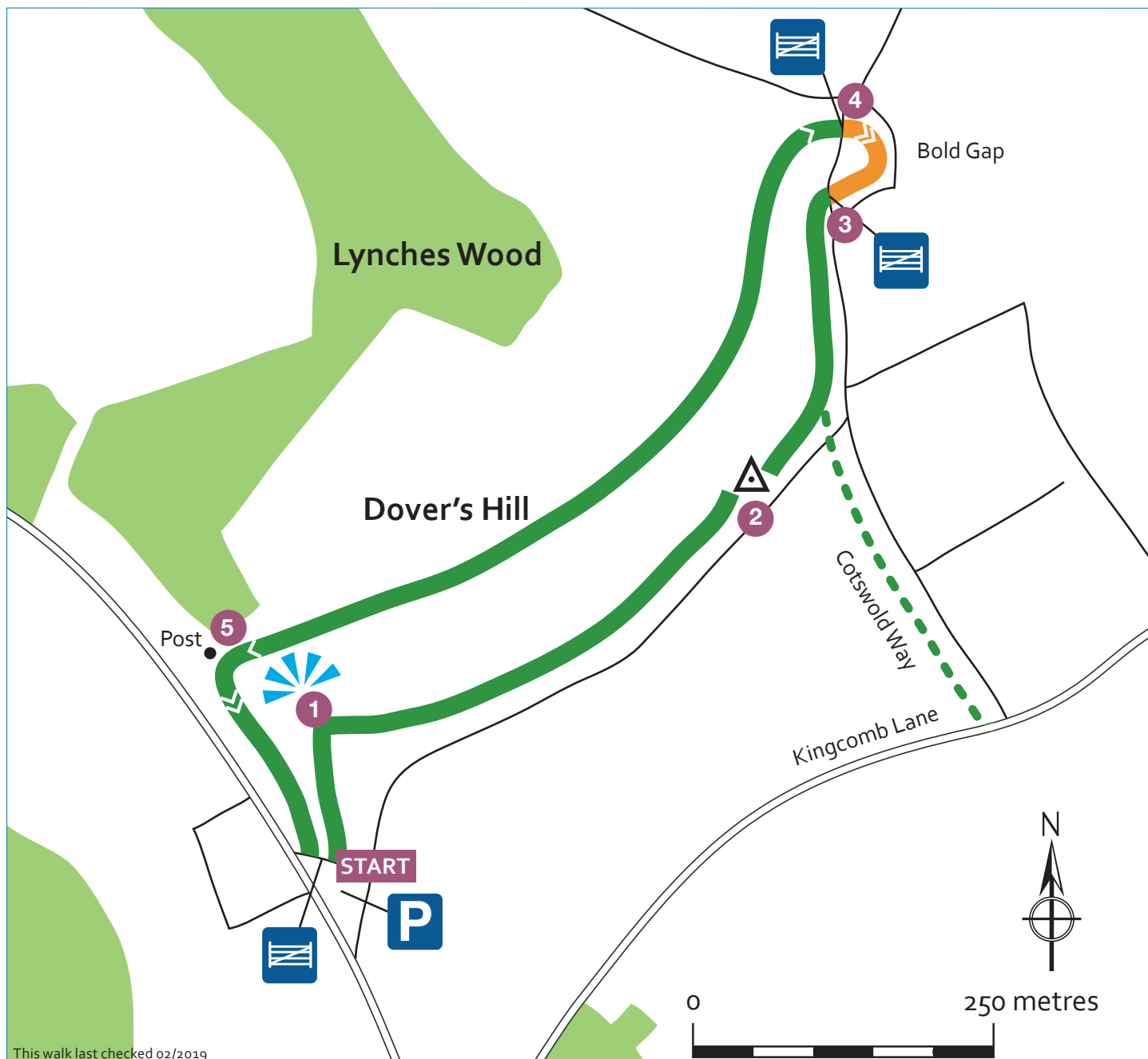
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Key to map

- Grass, mown or grazed but may be uneven
- Rough, stone rock gravel, unmown grass
- Gentle slope (up)
- Steep slope (up)

Key to symbols

- Parking
- Gate
- Viewpoint

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.