

Sandfords's Knoll

The walk includes stiles, slopes, and pastures with livestock.

Estimated distance 5 miles, estimated time 3 hours.

From King's Stanley car park turn right past the post office to **Castle Street**. Pass the Luggs and Borough Close, then turn left by "**Rose Terrace**" into a track called Ash Lane.

Continue south along this clearly marked track past a stable and pasture for horses. At the end of Ash Lane, cross a stile and walk diagonally right (SW) across a pasture to a gate with a stile.

Continue across the next pasture for another stile to the right of a farmhouse.

Turn right along a track, past "Woodside", into **Woodside Lane**. Continue past "Enfin" and "Blackbird Cottage" to the end of the tarmac and into Stanley Wood. This track is usually wet.

At a signpost turn left up steps to join the "**Cotswold Way**".

Turn right (SW) and follow the "Cotswold Way" to **Coaley Peak Picnic Site**. You can enjoy an opened tumulus, a topograph, and a stunning view, which often attracts hang gliders and model aeroplane enthusiasts.

From the picnic site retrace your steps along the "**Cotswold Way**" to some steps by a quarry.

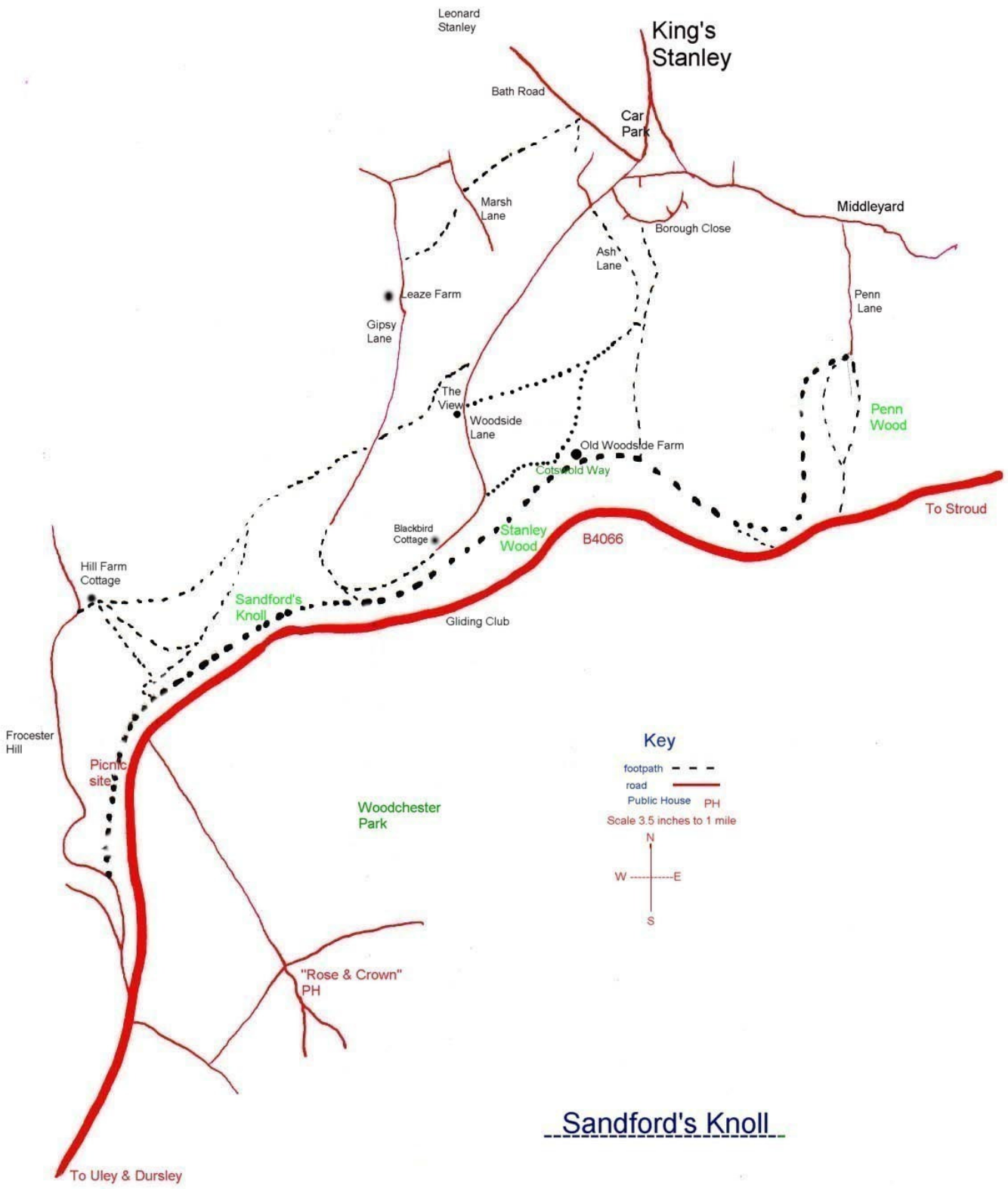
Turn left, along a clear **bridlepath** which follows a loop downhill through **Buckholt Woods**.

Join a footpath left, which descends steeply out of the wood and over pasture, NW towards Kestrel Cottage and **Hill Farm Cottage**. For a gentler descent remain on the bridlepath.

At Hill Farm Cottage turn right (East) and walk slightly uphill across a large field to its corner. Cross into the next field and bear left along the field boundary. Cross into another field and pass behind "The Knoll" to reach **Gipsy Lane**.

Turn left (N) along Gipsy Lane, passing **Leaze Farm**, to a footbridge on the right. Follow the footpath east into **Marsh Lane**. Turn left and later right into **Dozule Close**. Find a footpath right across a pasture to join **Bath Road** by the stream.

Cross over Bath Road and follow the stream into **Bubble Lane**, which will take you back to the **carpark**.



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