

“Beating the Bounds” of King’s Stanley

Distance about 9 miles, time about 5 hours, terrain includes slopes and some muddy tracks.

The 14 bus route bisects the walk if it is preferred to do it in two halves.

At the rear of King’s Stanley Car Park find a footpath called “Bubble Lane”. Follow this across Bath Leaze into Bath Road. There is a stream which, forms the parish boundary

Cross Bath Road onto a footpath across a field. Avoid bearing left to follow the path beside the stream. Instead go straight ahead for the stile into Dozule Close, then left into Marsh Lane.

Very soon there is a footpath right across a field and a footbridge takes you onto Gipsy Lane.

Turn left along Gipsy Lane, past allotments and Leaze Farm. The parish boundary joins the road and follows it to the Knoll, after which it passes right into fields. Remain on Gipsy Lane. This becomes a clear track uphill through woodland and across the Cotswold Way until it joins the Permissive Bridleway near the Gliding Club.

The parish boundary crosses the B4066 about 500m. west of here and turns east towards Selsley across land used by the Gliding Club. The nearest walkers can go to it is to follow the B4066 or the Permissive Bridleway to Selsley Common. It passes behind Longwood Farm and over the ancient Cross Dyke, which is opposite the entrance to Penn Lane. The boundary virtually follows the road, past the entrance for Penn Wood Scout Centre, Boundary Court and Yew Tree Cottage.

Just past the T-junction for Woodchester, the parish boundary leaves the B4066 and goes downhill through Rabbit Warren Woods. The nearest walkers can go to it is to turn right down Selsley Road and go downhill for Woodchester.

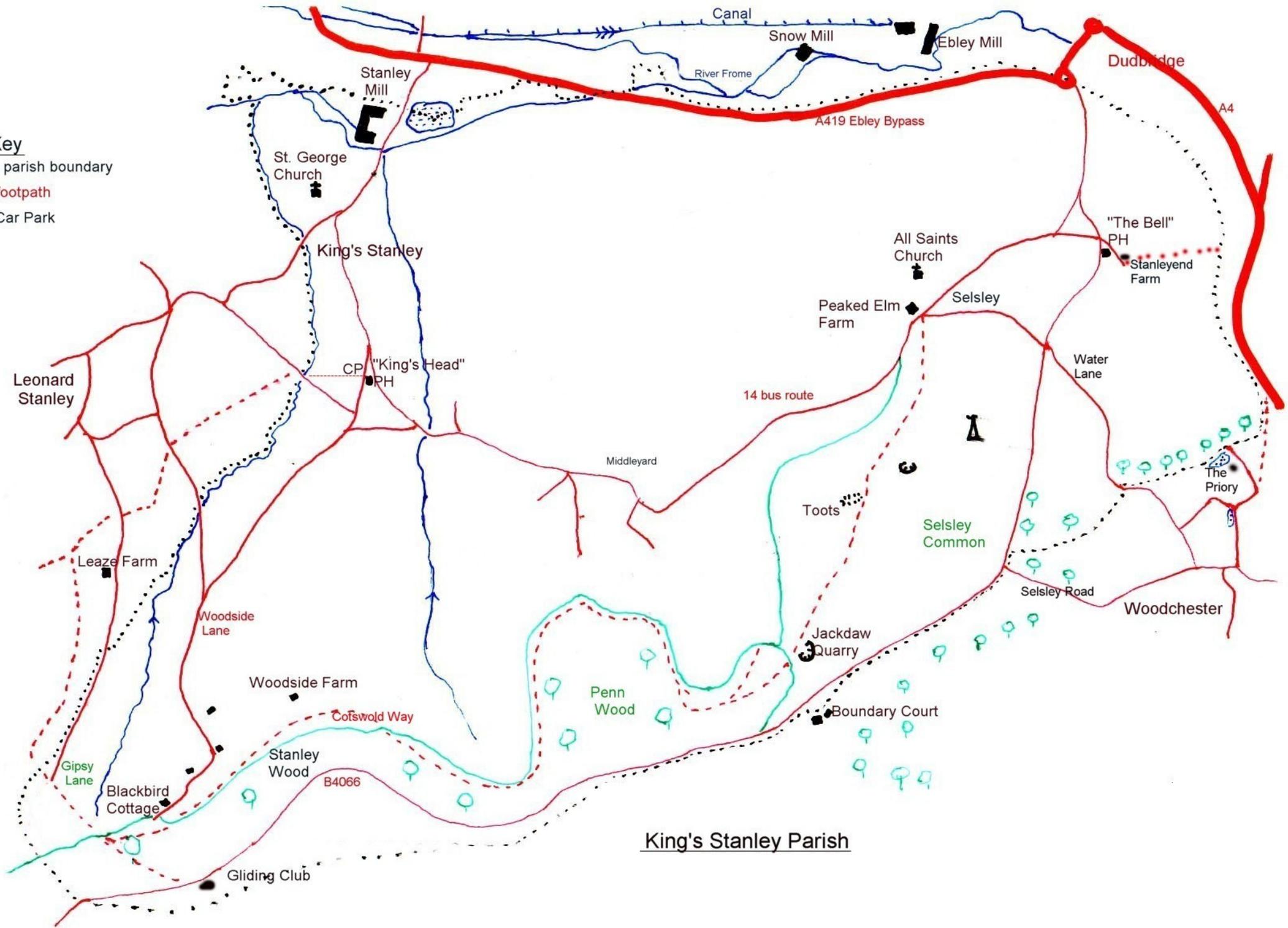
Pass Water Lane and Lawns Park, then turn next left into Church Lane, a winding road past the Priory. The parish boundary has followed a stream into the pond on the left and then follows the Nailsworth Stream for a short distance before joining the old railway line. Walkers can continue along the road, over the Nailsworth Stream, then left towards Lightpill to find a footpath left with a footbridge onto the old railway line, now a cycle track.

If in need of refreshment take the next left off the cycle track, uphill then right past Stanleyend Farm to “the Bell”.

The parish boundary follows the old Midland Railway line past Sainsburys and Ebley Mill until the mill leat stream crosses the bypass. Walkers need to continue to the pedestrian-controlled lights, cross the A419 and walk towards King’s Stanley. Turn right into Brockley Road. The boundary passes though the millpond, behind Stanley Mill, and across fields to a stream, which it follows to Brockley Road.

Walkers continue along Brockley Road, then left into Broad Street, past the school, to rejoin the boundary at the stream by Bubble Lane.

- Key**
- parish boundary
 - footpath
 - CP Car Park



King's Stanley Parish