

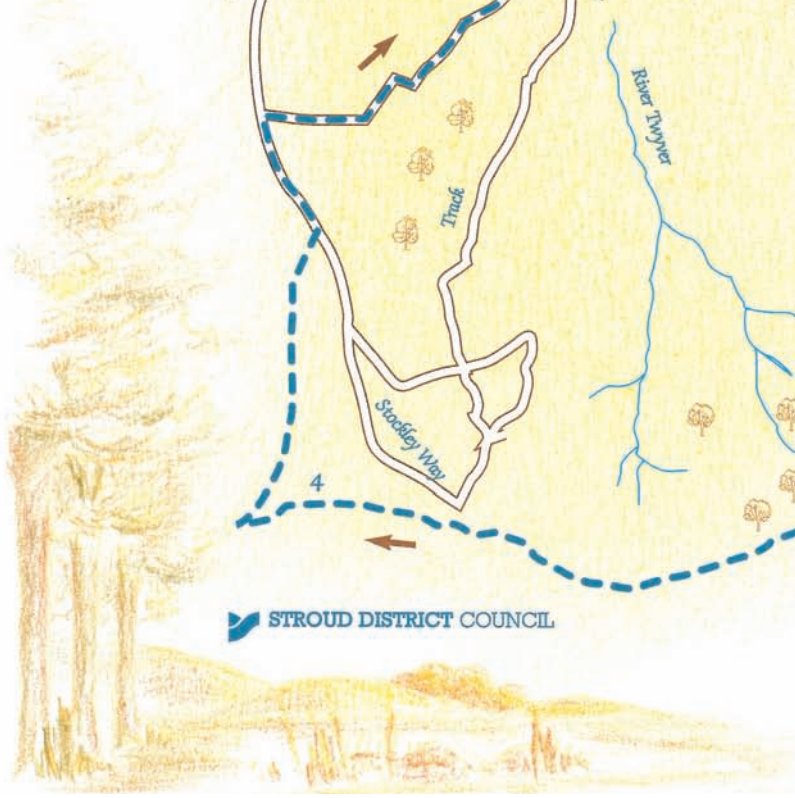
Upton St Leonards and Prinknash

5.9 miles 9.4km

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Start . . . St Leonard's Church, Upton St Leonards

Level to begin but does climb steeply up to Popes Wood

From the Church (1), proceed up Bondend Road and then take the footpath opposite Perry's Orchard, turning right at junction to continue along a narrow passage between high fences. Continue, cross Bondend Road and over field with boundary to your right. Cross stile and keep straight ahead with stream on the left (do not cross the footbridge). Head for the right hand corner of the field and cross the stile next to the gate. Turn left and keep the hedge to the left. Cross numerous electric fences then bear right to a stile at Manor Farm. Turn left along the Portway for 240m then turn right up the lane, just past the Gastrells (2). Passing Knapp House cross stile on right through scrubby area and into field. Cross field following roughly ridge line to further stile. Turn 1/4 left and cross field to stile. Cross and follow close to line of bushes on left. The next stile lies hidden at the end of these bushes on left. Cross stile through 'V' stile to further stile into field, cross field and over further stile, cross track and through metal stile to bridleway.

Follow bridleway to the right, through Pope's Wood (3) passing close to white bungalow on left and ascend driveway to cross B4073. Take the Edge Road on Cud Hill (4). After 700m and stone folly on right turn sharp right over stile, with metal gate and down track passing pylon on left (do not enter pylon area). Continue straight ahead keeping tight to left hand boundary hedge through scrubby area to footbridge, cross through further scrubby area to stile into field. Cross to stile in wooden fence, down middle of

field to stile and then diagonally across field to a wooden gate leading to the B4073. Turn left along road passing two cottages on left. Turn right onto the bridleway and continue, descending to Hardwick Farm. Turn left to pass in front of the farm and then turn left up an embankment and over a stile. Making for top right hand corner of field cross stile and footbridge. Continue across field to stile, turn right to stile set in a hedge and then straight ahead and over a stile. Follow the hedge on the right and cross a stile on the right. Cross two fields with stiles. Turn left along the High Street and then right, up Rance Pitch and return to the Church (1).

- **Alternative start point -**

(A) Cud Hill

- **Places/Points of interest -**

- (1) The village of Upton St Leonards including the Church
- (2) Prinknash Abbey and Park
- (3) Pope's Wood
- (4) Cud Hill

- **Places to eat -**

The King's Head, Upton St Leonards
The Royal William, Cranham

- Off street parking is not available in Upton St Leonards, but the area around Perry Orchard provides many safe on road sites if care and consideration is exercised.

Follow arrows with yellow dot. Sometimes plastic arrows with black centre dot may be used.

We advise that the relevant OS Pathfinder Map be used in conjunction with this leaflet

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