

5 and 6. Cleeve Common

Panoramic grassy walks on the top of the Cotswolds. The short walks are for all wheels.



Where is it?

On the A40 near Andoversford, take the minor road signed to Whittington. After the church turn left and follow a narrow lane for four miles. After Whalley Farm turn right and wind your way up to the car park by the masts near the highest point of the Cotswolds.

The walks

These walks on the highest point of the Cotswolds are on short grass and surprisingly easy. The 600 metre route is almost level, while the longer routes cross uneven ground with several slopes.

You are advised not to take any route on Cleeve Common in poor visibility.



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The common covers 450 hectares of open access land, with views from the Cotswolds escarpment across the Severn Valley to the Malverns, the Forest of Dean and Wales. The limestone grassland is grazed by hundreds of sheep, and occasionally cattle. Large areas of the common can be further explored by users of large-wheeled scooters and mountain buggies. Take care near the golf course.

Directions

Walk five (600 or 1,400 metres)

From the entrance gate turn right and follow the wall for 300 metres to a low plinth at the highest point of the Cotswolds **1** (330 metres altitude) and return the way you came. The extension to this walk is a circular route (**which wheelchairs and small wheels may find difficult**). Go past **1** gently downhill towards two gates ahead. Turn around in front of the left hand gate and follow the track back uphill keeping the gorse bushes to your left. Go straight ahead to the wood-fenced dew pond and then turn left back to the car park.

Walk six (2,000 or 2,200 metres)

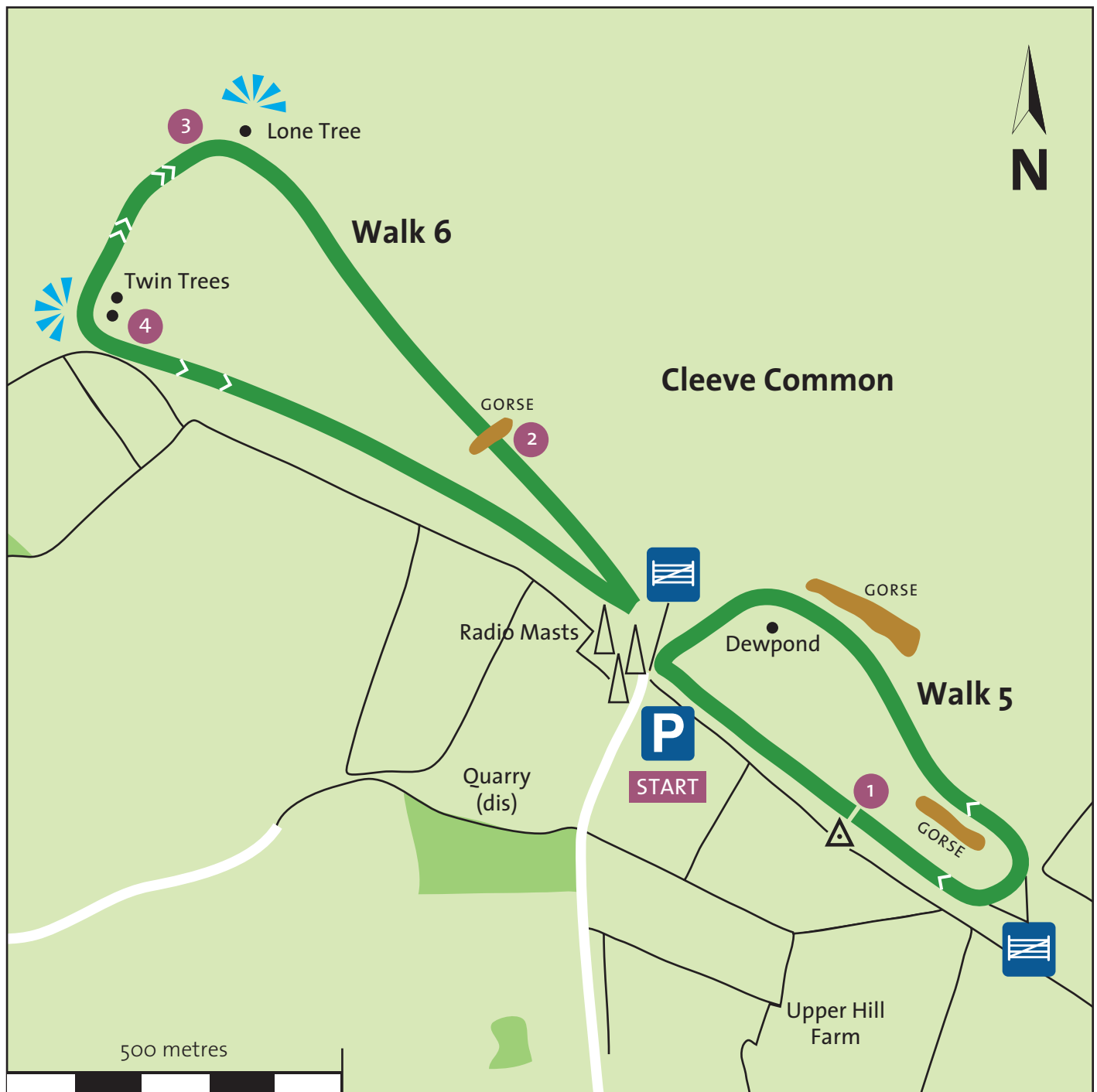
Turn left out of the entrance gate and head obliquely away from the wire fence for 150 metres to three gorse bushes **2** where the Malverns can be seen. Beyond the gorse take either of the grass tracks which lead straight ahead to a lone tree on a prominent knoll about 850 metres away. **3** Enjoy the panoramic views from the Cotswold escarpment and return the way you came. The extension to this route is a circular walk (**not suitable for wheelchairs and small wheels**). Turn left steeply downhill to a small group of trees (Three Sisters) **4** with views over Cheltenham. Here turn left back towards the masts, choosing from two uphill paths. The easier veers away from the boundary wall towards the gorse bushes you passed on the way out.

Refreshments




Pubs at Andoversford, Winchcombe and Cheltenham.

Walks on Wheels was devised by the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens to mark their 40 years of helping to improve access to the Cotswolds and conserve its special landscape.




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Key to map

-  Grass, mown or grazed but may be uneven
-  Gentle slope
-  Steep slope

Key to symbols

-  Parking
-  Gate
-  Viewpoint

Please Note:

Some of these routes may be difficult or impassable in bad weather and after rain. Always wear appropriate clothing and footwear and beware of traffic. The Cotswolds Conservation Board cannot accept responsibility for accidents or difficulties experienced by users of these routes.

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