

# 7. Crickley Hill

Short family walk for all wheels in a country park.

Tarmac and earth paths.

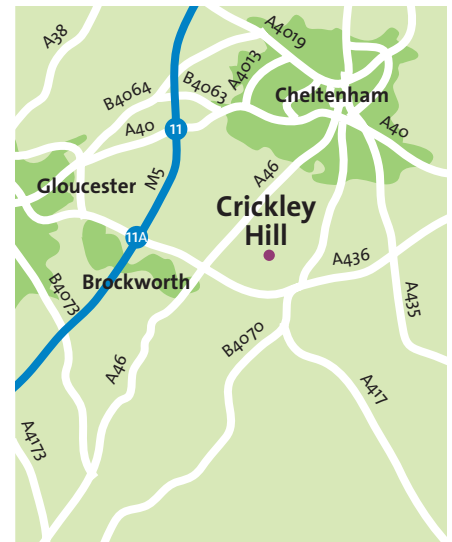


## Where is it?

High on the Cotswolds above Gloucester, at the junction of the A417 and A436 (Air Balloon pub) take the A436 towards Andoversford. Almost immediately turn left towards Cheltenham. After 100 metres turn left into Crickley Hill Country Park and follow the tarmac drive to the visitor centre. Disabled parking is on the left past the visitor centre, other parking is on the right before the visitor centre.

## The walk

A pleasant walk of 700 metres suitable for all in a country park, with views from the escarpment over the Severn Vale and then through woodland. The surface is tarmac, crushed stone, short grass and earth.



## Directions

You follow the orange arrows on The Family Trail. Leaflets are available at the visitor centre and a large wall map shows the route.

From the disabled parking at the visitor centre, turn left and follow the orange arrows to the topograph, **1** with views over the Severn Vale to Wales and Shropshire. Carry on to arrow no 2, **2** where if you can manage the short moderate climb on a hard surface you will reach the top of the Iron Age hill fort, **3** and you then turn back to arrow 2 **2** and turn right picking up the trail of orange arrows.

Those who have not taken the slope will turn left **2** and everyone goes across short but bumpy grass for 30 metres to a gate with an orange arrow. Go through the gate and turn left to cross a short bridge into the woods. Follow the earth path past orange arrow no 4, **4** to arrow 5, **5** At this point the waymarked

path bears right, but your route bears left and follows an earth path which will lead in 100 metres to a gate on the entrance road. Go through the gate and turn left **6** along the footway back to the visitor centre.

## Refreshments and toilets

Disabled toilets accessible at the visitor centre. Refreshments at the Air Balloon inn.







**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

-  Smooth hard surface
-  Earth paths, generally smooth
-  Grass, mown or grazed but may be uneven
-  Gentle slope

### Key to symbols

-  Parking
-  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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