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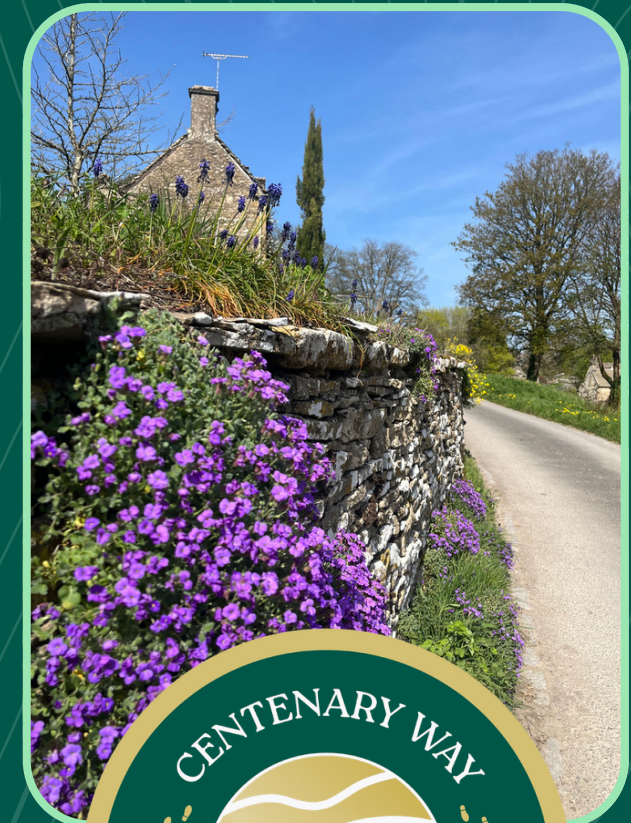
ROUTE MAP

Route summary

A celebratory circular walk through Gloucestershire's High Blue Hills with views of the Cotswold villages of Notgrove, Salperton and Hazleton.

Distance: ~5 miles/8km • Ascent: ~180m • Time: ~2½ hrs • Start & end: Just outside the village of Notgrove, by the entrance to 'The Lodge' (w3w: clarifies.recitals.destroyer)

Centenary Way



High Blue Hill ROUTE GUIDE

Championing our countryside

Since 1926, the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) has championed and protected our countryside.

From green belts and National Landscapes to hedgerows and the planning system, we've worked to safeguard the countryside that shapes our lives.

We have created the High Blue Hill Route to celebrate CPRE's centenary in 2026.

Here in Gloucestershire we face growing pressures; climate change, inappropriate development and the loss of nature.

Our route is a reminder that protecting our countryside matters now more than ever.

In the coming years, new routes will be created in the Vale and the Forest, inspired by F. W. Harvey's 'Song of Gloucestershire', which includes the line: "Forest and Vale and High Blue Hill."

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

ONE: 850m

Our route begins at our information post at the crossroads with an impressive gateway to 'The Lodge' behind you.

Follow the track past a large garage and barn on your right-hand side.

Walk through two lots of gates, keeping to the left of the fence line and down into the valley.

Continue until you reach a gate on your right.

TWO: 150m

Walk through the gate and continue until you see another gate in the fence line on your left.

THREE: 650m

Walk straight ahead through the middle of the field.

You will pass 'Farhill Farm' on your right-hand side.

FOUR: 140m

Carry on along the track with trees to your right and open fields to your left until you see a cattle grid just ahead of you.

BONUS STEP

Continue over the cattle grid for ~100m, turning right at a black gate - here you can visit All Saints Church and view its Saxon wall painting.

FIVE: 1500m

Turn left through the first of two gates before the cattle grid.

Follow the stone-walled path and proceed through a gate at the end.

Go along the bridleway through two fields and up through a small gate.

Walk with Hazleton Grove on your left. To your right you will be able to see one of our planted hedgerows in the middle distance.

Continue along, going through the small gate and join the track leading down to Hazleton village.

BONUS STEP

For a brief detour, visit St Andrew's Norman church in the village.

SIX: 850m

Turn sharp left at the bus stop and walk along the road out of the village.

Follow the track, crossing a cattle grid...

...At the second cattle grid take a right, coming off the track and towards a small gate.

SEVEN: 350m

Walk through the gate and continue down the valley with woodland on your right.

EIGHT: 800m

Turn sharp left and climb up a steep (sometimes slippery) slope following the fence line on your left.

At the top of the slope, go through a metal gate and turn half-right, following the bridleway across a large field.

Pass another metal bridleway sign in the middle of the field pointing to Notgrove.

NINE: 500m

At the far-side of the field, turn right with 'Raspberry Brake' and its low-stone boundary to your left.

Go through a small gate and veer left, follow the path to the bottom of the valley.

TEN: 1000m

Go through the small gate back to the start of the walk (1) and our information post.