

13. Up to Lansdown

Strenuous 4km climb, only for Trumper-type scooters and mountain buggies. Wide views.

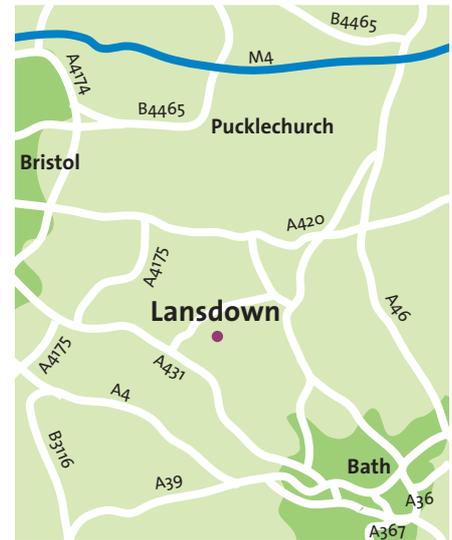


Where is it?

The villages of North Stoke and Upton Cheyney are on minor roads close to (but well above) the A431 halfway between Bristol and Bath. Upton Cheyney can also be reached on minor roads from Wick on the A420. The walk starts at North Stoke and returns by the same route, but those with two cars can leave one at Upton Cheyney and complete the route.

The walk

This walk, with magnificent views from the Cotswolds escarpment over the Severn Estuary and Avon valley to Wales and the Mendips, is feasible **only for Trumper-type scooters and large-wheeled mountain buggies**. It rises 120 metres (395ft) to Lansdown Hill, then after a level section (with an optional extension to the Civil War memorial) it either returns by the same route or (for those with two cars) continues on a 150m (490 ft) descent to Upton Cheyney. The surface varies from tarmac to gravel, uneven grass and rutted stony paths. Sections may be muddy.



Directions

Park near the telephone box in North Stoke. (those with two cars will have left the second car at Upton Cheyney). Go downhill briefly, then turn right uphill through the village, passing a pond and the church on your right. At a wide farmyard **1** take the lane between hedges, following blue bridleway waymarks to the first of four field gates. **2** The climb from here is long, rough and stony. Near the top, the Cotswold Way National Trail joins from your right. **3** After the gate the route is level for 1,500 metres. With Pipley Wood falling away on your left and Lansdown golf course and racecourse on your right, follow the Cotswold Way, keeping an eye on golfers, who usually wait for walkers to pass. The golf course now continues on your left. At a path crossroads turn left, **4** still on the level following the Cotswold Way.

The track continues and bears left to a point where the Cotswold Way veers off to the right. If you are returning to North Stoke you turn around and retrace your uphill route returning to the start point.

If you have a car at Upton Cheyney go straight down through a gate **5** into a field with cattle. You descend first on a steep stony path or uneven grass alongside. A gate leads into a rough level track, **6** which may be muddy, and a lane takes you all the way down to Upton Cheyney.

Refreshments

Inn and farm shop with toilets at Upton Cheyney. Other inns on the A431 at Bitton, Swineford and Kelston. Several disabled toilets in Bath.

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.

13. Up to Lansdown a steep climb



Key to map

-  Smooth hard surface
-  Rough (stone, rock, gravel, unmown grass)
-  Earth paths, generally smooth
-  Gentle slope
-  Steep slope

Key to symbols

-  Gate
-  Telephone
-  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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