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The Whiting Way A Pilgrim Way for the Diocese of Clifton

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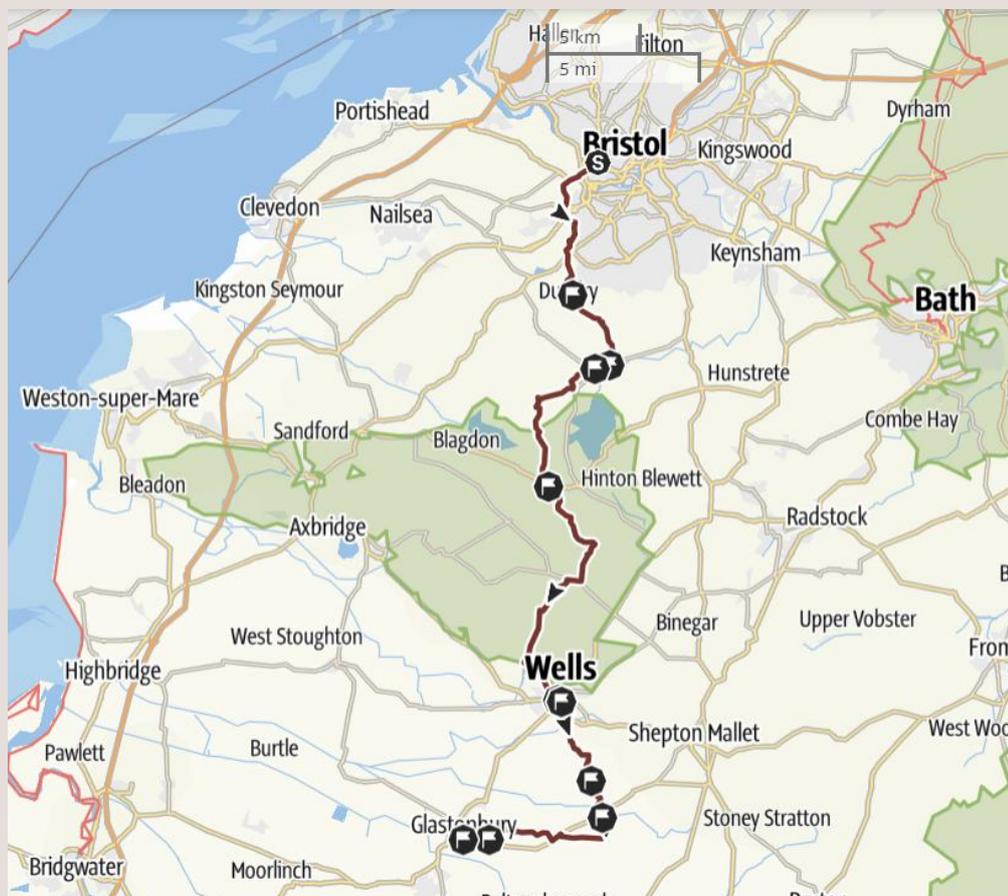
A Pilgrim Way from the Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul in Clifton, Bristol to the Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Glastonbury.

The Way leaves Bristol over the famous Clifton Suspension Bridge, then through parkland and beside the ring road until it climbs to Dundry. The path then descends to Chew Magna, where the Church of the Sacred Heart is visited. The Way passes on over the Mendips to reach the Church of SS Joseph & Teresa at Wells and Wells Cathedral. The route continues, following the Monarch's Way over quiet countryside to reach the site of the martyrdom of the Blessed Richard Whiting, the last Abbot of Glastonbury, at the spectacular Glastonbury Tor. It's a good place to pray for Christian unity.

There is a final descent to reach the ruins of Glastonbury Abbey and the Shrine of Our Lady of Glastonbury in the Church of St Mary.

The Outer Way

Total distance: 37.2 miles, Total walking hours: 18 hours



Total ascent: 3,589 ft, Route: Moderate



Stages: route, food & drink, accommodation and public transport

1. Clifton Cathedral to Dundry: 5.91 miles

Clifton Cathedral can be reached by buses from the city centre or a train to Clifton Down station. The Way leaves the Cathedral, crosses Clifton Down and leaves the city over the historic Suspension Bridge. The route continues through Ashton Court Estate, then along paths parallel to the ring road to reach the A38 where there is a pub. The path then ascends to the village of Dundry, with fine views back to Clifton. There is a pub in Dundry which also provides accommodation, and there are occasional buses to Bristol. A more frequent bus service runs along the A38.

2. Dundry to Chew Magna: 3.41 miles

From Dundry the Way heads south-east through quiet farmland to descend to the charming village of Chew Magna. Here there are several pubs, cafés, restaurants and accommodation. On the outskirts is the modern Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart. There are buses back to Bristol.

3. Chew Magna to Compton Martin: 5.89 miles

The Way veers to the west across farmland to reach the Monarch's Way, where it turns south to reach Compton Martin where there is a pub, accommodation and buses.

4. Compton Martin to Wells: 10.14 miles

The Way climbs to the top of the Mendips and descends to reach Wookey Hole where there is a pub and buses. The Way then crosses more farmland to reach the City of Wells, the Catholic Church of SS Joseph & Teresa and Wells Cathedral. There are pubs, restaurants, accommodation and buses in Wells.

5. Wells to Glastonbury: 11.73 miles

The Way continues to follow the Monarch's Way to exit Wells on the south side to reach the village of North Wooton where there is a pub. After a flat section the route climbs Pennard Hill and turns west to West Pennard where there is a pub. After a section across flat farmland the Way climbs to the top of Glastonbury Tor before descending to Wells to reach the ruins of Glastonbury Abbey and the Shrine of Our Lady of Glastonbury. There are pubs, accommodation and buses in Wells.

Public transport links

Trains: <https://www.nationalrail.co.uk/>

Buses: <https://www.firstbus.co.uk/somerset>
<https://www.mendipcommunitytransport.co.uk/>

The Inner Way

The Clifton Diocesan Pilgrimage to Glastonbury

In 1895 the Diocese of Clifton held a pilgrimage to Glastonbury to celebrate the beatification of Blessed Abbot Richard Whiting and his Companions, on the anniversary of their martyrdom. Thousands of pilgrims from all over the country arrived by train and climbed the Tor where Mass was said. Pilgrimages took place after both World Wars by pilgrims in thanksgiving for their survival. Today the Diocese of Clifton holds an Annual Pilgrimage to Glastonbury, led by the Bishop in July. There is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Shrine church, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Private Healing Prayer are available, followed by a Rosary procession in the Abbey grounds and a pilgrimage Mass.

The Cathedral of Saints Peter & Paul, Clifton

In October 1834 the foundation stone was laid for a large new church in the neo-classical style in what is now Park Place, Clifton. The plan was over ambitious and the site a disaster because of a nearby disused quarry. The unfinished building was abandoned by 1838. Instead, a smaller chapel dedicated to St Augustine was built alongside in 1842, from which the Clifton mission originated. A church to a smaller design, dedicated to the Holy Apostles, was opened in 1848. In 1850, with the restoration of the Catholic hierarchy, this became the provisional cathedral (pro-cathedral) of the Diocese of Clifton.

In 1964 an architect's report concluded that extensive works were needed to stabilise the foundations. In 1965 a major donation allowed for the possibility of building a purpose-built cathedral on a more convenient site in Clifton. Work began in March 1970, and the Cathedral was consecrated in 1973. From the outside it is perhaps an alarming concrete intrusion into genteel Clifton, but inside it is an extraordinary space, airy, plain and light. It was the first cathedral to be conceived and built in England after the Second Vatican Council and 1,000 people can participate in the liturgy and all be close to the high altar. The concrete stations of the cross begin with the Last Supper, take us through the events of Jesus's passion and death as recorded in the scriptures, and end with the risen Christ breaking bread with his disciples.

The Church of the Sacred Heart, Chew Magna

Catholicism survived in the Chew Valley during penal times due to the faithfulness of the local Beaumont and James families and an early chapel was built in 1806. In 1940 Chew Magna Manor House was purchased by the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions, initially as a reception centre for wartime evacuees. The Sisters still own the site of [the current church](#), which was opened in 1964. It is a simple prefabricated structure, but inside there are oak benches from a convent in Henbury, Bristol, and Stations of the Cross from a convent in Wigan, reminders of its links with women religious. The Sacred Heart is one of the most widely practised Catholic devotions, in which the heart of Jesus symbolises God's boundless love for all humanity. There are times in all our lives when we feel abandoned by God, but when in your own life might you have experienced His love, perhaps without being aware of it at the time?

The Church of SS Joseph & Teresa, Wells

This church was built as the chapel for a Carmelite convent which was based in the adjacent house between 1875 and 1972. The design of the west front on to the street is said to be based on that of the Slipper chapel at Walsingham with the crest and motto of the Carmelite Order in the gable. The motto means: 'I am full of zeal for the Lord God of Hosts'. Zeal for the things of this world, like money, power and sex, is easy to understand and recognise in ourselves and others. How would it be to live zealously for the One who is beyond these things?

Wells Cathedral

In 705 CE an abbey was built in Wells, dedicated to St Andrew. The first bishop of Wells was Athelm (909). Work is thought to have started on the Cathedral in about 1175, but the seat and title of the bishop fluctuated until 1245 when Pope Innocent IV established the title as the 'Bishop of Bath and Wells'. The Cathedral is an early example of the English Gothic style and the west front with its 300 statues is stunning. It survived the Dissolution of the Monasteries relatively well, but during the English Civil War (1642–1651) the stonework was damaged by fighting and the Dean was imprisoned and then murdered by his gaoler. In 2021 a cast iron sculpture of an abstracted human form made by Antony Gormley was unveiled on the west front. It is titled DOUBT and will remain in place until February 2023. Gormley, who was raised a Catholic, said: "I am very aware of the paradox of placing an object called DOUBT on the façade of a building devoted to belief, but it seems to me that doubting, interrogating, questioning, are all part of belief. For me doubt can be a positive force and the imaginative engine of future possibility." What part does doubt play in your own faith journey?

Glastonbury Tor

Glastonbury Tor is a natural sandstone hill although the terraces on the slopes are man-made. It is steeped in legend, especially the stories of King Arthur, and archaeological excavations have found artefacts from the Iron Age to Roman eras. There seems to have been several buildings on the summit during the Saxon and early medieval periods, perhaps an early church and hermitage. The original wooden church was destroyed by an earthquake in 1275, and 14th century stone Church of St Michael was demolished during the Dissolution of the Monasteries in 1539 and only the tower survives.

The Tor is the site of the martyrdom of Richard Whiting, the last Abbot of Glastonbury Abbey, and two of his monks. Whiting assented to Henry VIII's Act of Supremacy in 1534, but in September 1539 Royal Commissioners arrived to bring about the Abbey's closure. They were disappointed by the amount of treasure to loot and the elderly, frail Whiting was arrested. The charge is uncertain, but Thomas Cromwell interrogated him in the Tower of London and recorded: 'Item: The Abbot of Glaston to be tried at Glaston and also executed there with his accomplices.' Whiting was sent back to Wells where a show trial was held. He was convicted of 'robbing Glastonbury church', which was what Cromwell had done on behalf of the Crown. Whiting with two of his monks, John Thorne and Roger James, were fastened upon hurdles and dragged by horses to the top of Glastonbury Tor where they were hanged, disembowelled, beheaded and quartered. Whiting's head was fastened over the west gate of the now deserted abbey and his limbs exposed at Wells, Bath, Ilchester and Bridgwater. The three monks were beatified by Pope Leo XIII in 1895.

Ruins of Glastonbury Abbey

There was a Romano-British church dedicated to Our Lady on the site of Glastonbury Abbey in the 6th Century. During the Saxon period the Abbey flourished but was destroyed by a major fire in 1184. It was rebuilt, and by the 14th century it had become one of the richest and most powerful monasteries in England. The Abbey was suppressed during the Dissolution of the Monasteries and fell into ruin. The site was purchased by Anglican Diocese of Bath & Wells in 1908 and is now in the care of a charitable trust. The Glastonbury area has long been associated with the legends of King Arthur and of Joseph of Arimathea. King Arthur's burial site is claimed to be within the ruins and, a thorn tree in the grounds is said to have originated from Joseph of Arimathea's staff.

Shrine of Our Lady of Glastonbury in St Mary's Church

There is evidence that Our Lady continued to be venerated at Glastonbury during penal times, but in 1925, a small church was built. In 1939 the foundations of a new church were laid, dedicated to Our Lady and across the road from the ruined Abbey. In 1955, a statue of Our Lady was blessed by the Apostolic Delegate, and the Shrine of Our Lady St Mary of Glastonbury was restored. In 1965 the statue was crowned, a mark of the special importance of Our Lady of Glastonbury. Today the shrine is well visited and there is the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage described above.

Clifton Diocesan Prayer

God our father, open the horizons of our minds and hearts so that we can see what hope your call holds for us.

Pour out the overflowing gifts of your Spirit so that we, your Church, may become a people of hope for our world.

We ask you this, through Jesus Christ Our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Amen.

Our Lady, Woman of Hope, pray for us

St Peter, Rock of Hope, pray for us

St Paul, Apostle of Hope, pray for us"

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Key

Dundry	Place name in bold	DUNDRY	Signs in capitals
L	Left	R	Right
TL	Turn left	TR	Turn right
LHS	Left hand side	RHS	Right hand side
X-roads	Cross-roads	FPS	Public Foot Path sign

Stage 1: Clifton Cathedral to Dundry

NB Walkers do so at their own risk. Every effort has been made to make the directions accurate. Please let the Project Lead know of any changes. Please read and follow the [Countryside Code](#), preparation tips from the [Long Distance Walkers' Association](#) and the [Ramblers' Association safety advice](#). Check public transport timetables and opening times before setting off.

MOST IMPORTANTLY TAKE GREAT CARE WHEN CROSSING ROADS AND FIELDS WITH CATTLE.

Distance from start	Direction
0	Leave the Cathedral by the west door and follow Worcester Terrace with the garden on the RHS. With Clifton High School in front TL, cross the road by a pedestrian crossing and TR. With Christchurch on LHS take a path leading diagonally across Clifton Down to another pedestrian crossing. Go ahead to cross this and TR. Ignore roads to L and R and keep ahead to reach Clifton Suspension Bridge .
0.59	Cross the Bridge and keep ahead as the road curves R passing a NORTH SOMERSET sign on the LHS. At a T junction cross the main road by the traffic lights and keep ahead to enter Ashton Court Estate through the gatehouse. Keep ahead along an avenue of trees. Ignore a R turn and as the road veers L keep forward at X-roads.
1.56	Where the main track veers R opposite a group of pine trees take a L fork on a rough path between two large oak trees to head downhill to pass through woodland. Emerge from the woodland, then veer R to reach a main track beside a solitary oak tree. Continue R along this track ignoring paths to L&R.

2.28	Exit Ashton Court Estate through another gatehouse and TL for 100m to reach a road crossing. Cross the main road with care and TR and then veer L with LONG ASHTON sign on LHS. Just past a pub on LHS TL down Church Lane and after 100m enter the churchyard. Go straight ahead with the wall on RHS ignoring a footpath on RHS to reach a gate in the far wall of the churchyard. Go through this and TL with a farm track now on RHS.
2.75	Cross a bridge over the A370 and TR onto a tarmacked footpath with a farm track on LHS. Where this veers R to join the ring road TL through a gate with a yellow footpath sign to cross Ashton Brook and into a field. TR but after a few yards veer L across the field to a metal kissing gate, pass through this and continue in the same direction with hedge on LHS to cross a stream and through another metal kissing gate to TR onto a bus and cycle route.
3.35	Just before reaching the ring road TL to cross an access road at traffic lights and follow a tarmacked path passing under a railway line. A few metres after this TL through a metal gate and along a gravel path with a stream on LHS. Ignore paths to L. Continue with the stream on LHS under the ring road. After about 50m at waymark TL along a narrow woodland path. <i>NB This permissive path is not shown on the latest OS map.</i> Follow green community forest signs, crossing the brook after 200m, then TR to keep the brook on RHS.
4.04	Path emerges from the wood with the ring road on the LHS. After about 200 yards veer R down the embankment to a metal gate into a field. Cross this to reach a gate on the far side. Cross a farm track and continue ahead with a hedge on LHS. In the far corner of the field pass through a gap in the hedge to find a gate, then TL towards the main A38 .
4.46	Emerge on to the A38 by a bus stop. TR and at the end of the bus stop cross the road with care. On the far side TR then almost immediately TL before the pub car park onto a track. Follow this uphill as the field narrows. Where this track enters a larger field continue ahead with the hedge now on the LHS. Pass a cattle trough on LHS and 25 yds later veer R across the corner of the field to reach a stile in the hedge. Cross this and head slightly L across the next field towards a gap in the hedge with a large tree on RHS. Pass through this and head straight across the next field to a wooden stile. Cross this and walk uphill passing a solitary oak tree on LHS to reach a metal gate. Pass through this with the house on the RHS.
5.18	Emerge onto to a lane, TR and keep ahead uphill. Where a road joins from L with post box on LHS continue ahead uphill. After a bungalow on LHS, TL onto a footpath which crosses a stile to enter a field. TR up the field with hedge on RHS to reach scrubby woodland. Pass through a kissing gate and continue uphill with wire fence and metal stakes on RHS. Just before another stile into woodland TL to skirt the wood on the RHS. Pass through a gap in the hedge to reach a small paddock. Exit this through a metal gate on the far side and TR to follow the lane uphill to a T junction below Dundry churchyard. TR and then L to follow the road round the churchyard wall.
5.91	Arrive at Dundry pub and church. From the churchyard there are fine views back to Bristol . The Anglican Church of St Michael the Archangel has a tower which was built in 1484, with the rest dated 1861.

Stage 2: Dundry to Chew Magna

5.91	Continue ahead with church on LHS. Where this meets a T junction go straight ahead on a wide track. Keep ahead through a metal gate with farm buildings on RHS to follow the track with hedge on LHS. Where the track veers to R keep ahead with FP sign on LHS, through 2 small metal gates to follow a narrow path with a phone tower on LHS. Emerge into a field, with hedge on RHS at first, then cut off a corner of the field to reach another hedge. TR through a metal gate, then L with the hedge now on LHS. After a few yards pass through a metal gate into an enclosed track with views of Chew Valley Lake on RHS.
6.79	Emerge onto a lane, with a house drive on RHS. TR on the lane for about 100 yds to a point with visibility in both directions and cross the road with great care. Go through a metal gate on the far side to follow a track with a wire fence, then a hedge on LHS. This continues in the same direction, passing through more metal gates to reach an open field through a gap in the hedge. Cross this to a road and TR. Follow the road as it turns to the L downhill.
7.4	Opposite the first house on LHS, TR over a stile and then TL to follow the hedge on LHS downhill. Follow this until halfway down the field TL to cross a footbridge and TR to follow the hedge on RHS downhill. Where this bends R, continue straight on towards the bottom of the field. Pass through a metal gate and continue up through the next field, hedge on RHS, to another gate and continue in the same direction with hedge on LHS at first, then cross a big field. Reach a line of high trees and pass through a gate and take steps steeply down.
8.1	In the next field veer L downhill to a metal gate in the corner. Bear slightly R in the next field towards two solitary trees. In the corner of the next field pass through a wooden gate with a house on the LHS and continue ahead through more wooden gates. Reach a lane and TR to follow the lane to a junction with North Chew Terrace and TR. Follow the lane to the L and then R with the stream on LHS. Cross a bridge and go ahead to reach the churchyard, enter this and veer R to the Church. The Anglican Church of St Andrew dates from the 12th century with a large 15th-century pinnacled sandstone tower, a Norman font and a rood screen that is the full width of the church. It is next to Chew Court which was originally a palace for Gisa the Bishop of Bath and Wells. Gisa was from Lorraine and came to England as a chaplain to King Edward the Confessor. He travelled to Rome rather than be consecrated as Bishop by the Anglo-Saxon Archbishop of Canterbury. On leaving the Church TR to emerge into Chew Magna. Turn R past the pubs, shops and bus stops, and continue along the main road.
9.32	Reach the Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart on the RHS.

Stage 3: Chew Magna to Compton Martin

9.32	Facing away from the Church TR to follow the main road, following a sign to BRISTOL AIRPORT, ignore turns to R & L. Cross the road at a byway sign to follow Chilly Hill Lane . Continue ahead where this becomes a track, between Chilly Hill Farm buildings and on to reach a T junction with a road. TL for a few yards, then cross the road to take a footpath on RHS. Veer slightly L to pass under telephone wires to a gate in the corner of the field. Through this keep ahead with hedge on RHS. Pass Pagans Hill Farm on RHS and keep ahead across a field to a gap in the hedge and a kissing gate. Keep straight across the next field following a faint track towards a white building. Just before the hedge TR into a gully and walk down this.
10.36	<p>Emerge onto a lane and TL downhill to reach the outskirts of Chew Stoke. Ignore a L turn but shortly afterwards TR onto Church Lane. Pass a green hall on TLS and the church on RHS to pass through a metal gate and TR on a track.</p> <p>The Anglican Church of St Andrew partly dates from the 15th century. The interior is largely Victorian and includes 156 angels in wood and stone. In the churchyard there is the base of a 14th-century cross.</p> <p>After a short distance, with a wooden gate marked PRIVATE in front, TL on a wide track which becomes a tree lined avenue. After 0.2 m at a gate marked PRIVATE TR to follow a narrow footpath parallel to the track. Continue along this enclosed path with kissing gates, passing a noticeboard on LHS about the Strode Waterfall project. Soon after this the path veers L into woodland to visit the waterfall. Keeping the stream on LHS climb to a gate and emerge into an open field. Veer L to a gate. The path continues through several more fields in the same direction. After a metal gate and dilapidated wooden stile with a large holly tree on RHS, veer L down the field towards the stream. Do not ford the stream but TR to reach a metal gate. Pass through this veer to R to follow a low bank to reach a hedge on LHS. Follow this through 2 gates, garage on RHS.</p>
11.84	Emerge onto a lane. You have now joined the Monarch's Way with yellow way marks. TL to pass Lower Strode Farm on LHS. Just here, where a track joins from the RHS, go straight ahead through a metal gate, and veer slightly R uphill through the field heading for the top R corner. Go through a gap in the hedge. In the next field keep on, heading for a point about 20 yds to L of a large tree between telegraph poles to find a metal kissing gate onto a lane.
12.19	TL on the lane, pass a farm track on RHS. Shortly afterwards TR at a FP sign to cross metal bars and head straight down the field, keeping ahead where the path is joined by a hedge on RHS. Where the path reaches a metal gate go through this, ford a stream and TL with the stream and hedge on LHS. Where the hedge veers R towards a pylon, go straight ahead to cross the stream by a footbridge. In the next field veer R uphill between pylons and in the top R field corner reach a metal gate. Pass through this into woodland, on uphill, crossing and recrossing a stream (NB slippery footbridges) to reach a paddock. Cross this to pass a pebbledash building on RHS and TR, and a few yds later TL on a drive for 100 yds.

13.07	Reach a T junction with a house on LHS. TR on the lane and almost immediately TL at a (broken) FP sign. After 20 yds climb some steps to a wooden kissing gate. Go through this to follow a path with a fence on LHS and a bank on RHS. Reach a kissing gate and go through this into a large field, go ahead with hedge on LHS. On reaching a metal gate do NOT go through this but TR along the field edge. On reaching a second metal gate onto a farm track with farm buildings to R, TL on a level track with a hedge on LHS. On reaching a gate into an open field with a cattle trough on RHS head straight down hill heading for a gate in the bottom hedge with a single large tree on RHS. Go through the gate and in the next field head for the far R corner. In the corner there are 2 gates. Take the LH gate and in the next field keep ahead, keeping a concrete trough on LHS. In the corner of the field cross a footbridge and through a metal gate and continue ahead. In the corner of the next field go through a kissing gate, pass through a hedge and emerge onto a lane.
13.95	Cross a lane and go ahead. The track becomes Villice Lane . Cross Undertown Lane and go straight ahead to reach the main road. Cross this and TL to follow the footpath. The pub is on RHS. After passing this and opposite the post office veer R.
15.15	Reach the Church of St Michael , with the Compton Martin village pond and bus stops below. The impressive Anglican Church of St Michael the Archangel was built in the 12th Century in a Norman style. The tower was added in 1441. Norman vaulting can be seen in the chancel. There is Jacobean work in choir stalls and organ screen.

Stage 4: Compton Martin to Wells

15.15	TR outside the church and descend to cross the road to the bus stop and TR. Continue along the main road, ignoring turns to R then L. Then TR into Highfield Lane . Follow this uphill as it bends L. Just after it bends R climb steps on LHS to a metal gate. Go through this and a few steps afterwards TR uphill to another gate. After this TL keeping the hedge on LHS until the path veers R to join a lane. On this TL briefly downhill, then TR onto a track, then immediately TR again up steps to go steeply up a field. Head for the LHS of the brick farm building on RHS. Go through a gate following a FPS. Veer L across the farmyard and cross a lane to reach a metal gate. Through this walk and veer L across the field. Reach a stone stile to R of the top left corner.
15.96	Cross this to reach a lane and TL and almost immediately TR onto another footpath. Climb stone and wooden stiles and some stony steps. On reaching a field go straight ahead and then TL keeping the hedge on LHS. Cross a broad, grassy track and keep on diagonally across the field to its edge. Cross a broad stone stile and continue ahead through trees, then TR with hedge on LHS up to a FP sign. Emerge onto a short grassy path leading to a lane and TR uphill. Continue along Western Lane for about 0.8m ignoring roads on R&L to reach Garrow Bottom where the road crosses a stream.
16.88	Just after the woodland ends TR through a metal gate and go steeply uphill to the top RH corner of the field. Go through two kissing gates and in the next field to head uphill, hedge on LHS and a clump of 3 trees on R. Pass through another kissing gate

	and go across the middle of next field towards another gate in the middle of the far fence. Pass through 2 more gates to reach a farm drive. TL for a few yds to a lane and TR. Continue along this lane for 0.3m. Just before a sign for NETTWOOD FARM on LHS TL at a FPS onto a tarmac road. At the Nettwood Farm campsite gates on RHS continue on along a wide track with the campsite on RHS. On entering a field continue ahead with high beeches on RHS and then a hedge. The path veers to the L to reach a kissing gate. Pass through this veer L to pass standing stones. In the next field veer to R with hedge on LHS.
18.25	Emerge onto Greendown Batch and TR. Where it forks take the L fork into a field and follow this as it skirts a plantation of evergreen trees on LHS. On reaching a wide gravel track TR passing a barn on RHS. On reaching a confluence of paths keep ahead with a stone wall on LHS. Keep on along a wide track to meet a lane. TR passing Red Quarr Farm on RHS. On the main road TR and keep ahead for about 0.4m. NB Busy, fast road.
20.07	Cross the road, pass a wooden gate and keep straight on along a wide path. Do not attempt to follow the OS map at this point, but instead keep ahead and TR following a Monarch's Way sign. Where another path joins from RHS, keep L to a confluence of paths. Here keep ahead on a path which bends to L round a spruce plantation to meet a road. Cross this and keep ahead on a narrow but clear gravel path. At a X-roads by a large beech tree and a pond on LHS, keep ahead and slightly R with a ditch on LHS and stone wall 20 yds away on RHS. The path gets closer to the wall and then crosses it to emerge on a lane with a junk yard on RHS. TL to reach a road after a few yards.
21.41	TR on the road, and just after a cottage on RHS, TL to cross the road, climb the bank to a metal gate and go up the field edge with woodland on RHS. Keep straight on along this track to reach Dursdon Drove track. On this TR and almost immediately TL to cross metal bars into a field and continue with a stone wall on RHS. Arrive at a gate with a Pink Floyd lyric carved into it and continue straight on downhill with a stone wall on RHS and gorse on LHS. Reach two more stiles and continue straight on. On reaching woodland continue downhill on a fainter path between trees. At the bottom of the woodland go through a kissing gate onto an enclosed path which veers R to reach a drive. Take the R fork to reach Wookey Hole .
23.35	Do not take the road, but instead TL on an enclosed path, then a track along the bottom of fields to reach a lane on which TL uphill. Ignore 2 drives on RHS, about 50 yds after the second pass through a gap in the fence, over a stile, and veer left down through the next field heading for a gate on the LH corner. Go through this briefly uphill then take the R hand fork downhill with woodland and wire fence on RHS. Reach a metal kissing gate, go through this and cross a stream and keep on with woodlands on RHS. Aim for a gate halfway along the stone wall at the top of the next field. Go through this and veer L, heading for the far corner. Go through a gate to join a track on which go ahead, ignoring L&R turns with Underwood Quarry on RHS.
24.49	At a confluence of paths, veer R and with a house on LHS enter an enclosed path downhill. Cross a residential road and TL for a few yds before TR to continue downhill. Continue between school buildings to reach a bridge over the A39. After a skate park

	on RHS, TR to pass a supermarket on LHS. TL at the traffic lights onto Whiting Way and then L again at the roundabout onto Chamberlain St.
25.35	Cross the road at a pedestrian crossing and TL to arrive at the Church of St Teresa & St Joseph, Wells.

Stage 5: Wells to Glastonbury

23.35	Outside the Church TR to continue along Chamberlain St. TR at the junction into Sadler St and cross the road to TL into the grounds of Wells Cathedral. After visiting the Cathedral exit the grounds to the L through the Beggars Gate into Market Square. TL and after a few yds TL into the grounds of the Bishop's Palace. Here TR to follow the moat on LHS. Where the moat bends L keep straight on following the Monarch's Way sign. Go through two metal gates, and where the track forks take the R fork straight ahead. Keep ahead where a track crosses keep ahead veering L on a less distinct path to a gate into woodland. Follows this path as it meanders uphill, ignoring minor turns R&L. Where it reaches a metal gate on LHS, TR and the path becomes flat. The path bends L to cross a disused railway line and then over the A371 by a bridge.
26.33	After the bridge TR along an enclosed path which joins a concrete track to veer R. At a T junction TL with the field edge on LHS. Pass between farm buildings to reach a drive and go ahead uphill to a X-roads and continue ahead uphill. After passing Wellesley Farm on LHS, TL at the lane junction following a cycle path sign. TR over a stile beside the second field gate on RHS, and walk uphill towards a barn with a hedge on RHS. Before the paddock and barn veer L with a wire fence on RHS. Go through a kissing gate and head uphill in the middle of a lightly wooded valley. Continue along this narrow path to reach another kissing gate at the top of the field. TR and follow the field edge on RHS. Where this bends R continue straight across the field. Cross a stile and ditch and in the next field veer R, heading for the next stile between two large trees.
27.87	TL in the next field keeping with the hedge on LHS. On reaching a corner of a wood cross a ditch and enter it. There is no clear path but try to keep to the L upper edge of the wood with a fence on LHS and avoid descending. Where the path emerges into a field keep ahead with the wood on RHS. Watch out for an easily missed stile on RHS after a dip. Cross this and descend through woods on an indistinct path which veers to the L, eventually following a gully with yurts on RHS. At a wall at the bottom of the woods cross a stream and dilapidated stile into a field. Walk downhill with the stream on LHS. Do not cross it to take a FP veering L but keep on to the corner of the field. Climb a stile to an enclosed path. After 50 yds TL on another enclosed path until you emerge onto a lane.
28.65	Cross the lane and climb a stile into a field and TR to cross another stile. Go straight ahead and on reaching houses TL along the field edge. In the field corner cross into an orchard and veer R to reach a lane on the edge of North Wootton. TR to walk to another lane, cross this and TL. The pub is on the RHS. The route continues along Pilton Hill over a X-roads. After a large

	<p>stone house take a grassy path through a wooden gate veering R with a stone wall on RHS to the corner of the paddock. Continue through another gate, now with a hedge on RHS, to reach a kissing gate. Enter a neglected orchard and veer L through trees and then downhill through scrub to enter more trees. Here veer L as the track becomes indistinct but keep a wire fence on RHS to reach a metal kissing gate. Continue along the bottom of two more fields. Reach a stile in the corner and TR onto a drive which passes through a gate to reach a lane.</p>
29.75	<p>On the lane TL and follow the lane as it bends L to reach junction with a lane on LHS and a disused farm track on RHS. TR and immediately TL to enter a field and follow a footpath towards a single tree. Cross a footbridge and veer R heading for the R field corner. Here briefly follow a hedge on RHS to the far corner. Here pass through a metal gate into the next field and TL to continue in the same direction with a ditch and fence on LHS and on through another gate. In a larger field continue in the same direction heading for the top R corner. Here TR onto a farm track and after a few yds TL on a track towards the main road. Arrive at a drive with large house on LHS and TL towards the pub.</p>
30.93	<p>Outside the pub cross the busy road with care and take a wide track with a FP sign and hedge on LHS. Continue in this direction passing a break in the hedge. Just before the top LH corner field corner TL over a stile and footbridge and veer R to meet a lane. TL on the lane to a T junction and TR onto Castle Lane. Follow this uphill with Manor Farm on LHS as it becomes a track and then doglegs. At the hilltop just past the first metal gate on RHS, TR at a X-roads of footpaths. Pass through a tree plantation and then cross a large field with a solitary tree on RHS to reach a gap in the far hedge with a hut on LHS. Pass through the gap and continue with a tree on LHS. Keep on straight ahead to cross a lane and continue ahead. A track joins from the LHS but continue in the same direction as the track becomes a lane with spectacular views to the RHS. At the bottom with West Pennard Farm ahead and on LHS, TR to the main road.</p>
33.29	<p>Cross the busy A361 with care and TR to pass the pub and keep on. Take the second lane on RHS, marked EAST STREET and carry on along this lane as it bends L. Where it forks (telegraph pole ahead) take LH fork. Pass through a farmyard and carry on. It may be possible to cut off a corner of the next field, if not take the track. Where the track bends L, go through a metal gate and veer to L across the field. In the far L corner cross a stile in the hedge and veer R in the next field. In the corner reach a muddy track. TL and almost immediately TR to cross a footbridge into a plantation. Where the path divides take the R fork, keeping the trees on LHS (picnic tables on LHS). Pass through a metal gate to reach an enclosed track and keep straight on. At a farmyard with rubble on LHS and Norwood Park Farm ahead veer R through a metal gate and continue along the concrete track. Where the track veers towards the house, TR into a paddock and keep L with wooden fence on LHS. Pass through a kissing gate with hut on RHS and another kissing gate.</p>
35.08	<p>Emerge onto a lane and TL. After a few yds TR at a bridleway sign. Follow this lane uphill ignoring paths to R&L until you reach a junction with a corner of another lane. There is a road sign for GLASTONBURY. TR and reach the grounds of Glastonbury</p>

	Tor. TL into the grounds and follow the path to the top of the Tor . After admiring the view leave the remains of the church behind you and descend on the other concrete path to reach an enclosed track, leading to a lane. TL and almost immediately TR on the main road. At a junction with a main road marked TAUNTON, TL. Ignore a road joining from LHS and at a X road TR keeping ahead at the next junction.
37.2	Reach the Church of St Mary, Glastonbury on LHS. The Abbey ruins and information centre are a few steps further on RHS. The bus stop is almost opposite on LHS.