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# CHELTENHAM RACECOURSE - 1.6 MILES FAIR

Step out our door and find yourself overlooking the world-famous Cheltenham Racecourse. Cheltenham is the home of jump racing and plays host to the world famous "Festival" in March each year. Ellenborough Park has a long-standing relationship with The Jockey Club and treasures the private track connecting us both.

- $\cdot$  From the front of the hotel head straight ahead, past the wire horse statue
- · Cross the drive to the five bar gate and follow the track until you reach a second gate
  - · Simply head through and follow the Land Rover tracks around our lake
  - · Proceed through the final gates and you will find yourself on part of the racecourse estate
  - · Continue to follow the tracks and you will eventually come to the fence line of the actual racecourse
    - Cross the field to the other side, follow the tree line back up to the gates
       Take the Land Rover tracks back to the hotel



### TO THE SUMMIT OF CLEEVE HILL - 3.5 MILES MODERATE

At 330 metres above sea level, Cleeve Hill is the highest point in Gloucestershire and is also the highest peak of the Cotswold Hills. Countless foot paths cross its 1,000 acres, including The Cotswold Way National Trail. You'll find breath-taking views across Cheltenham, stretching over the Malvern Hills and, on a clear day you will also see the Black Mountains of Wales.

- · Turn left from the main hotel entrance, crossing the road and entering the field
- · Rather than using the steep and muddy path, follow the left border in the field
- · Jump the stile at the top wooded area, turn right and continue ascending the hill
- · Once on the common you will see two square boulders where a path runs at an angle from right to left
  - · Follow the path to the right and head up to hill to the two windswept trees
- · Continue to walk along the edge of the escarpment, keeping the view to your left
- · After a while you will see a lone tree, from here proceed down the westerly path way to the summit where you will find a topograph
  - · Head downhill and you will join a large Cotswold stone pathway
- · Follow the path in a easterly direction and after some walking the path will loop back to the front part of the hill
  - · Once on the front, the two windswept trees will be clearly visible
- · Make your way back down the path through Queens Wood and back to the hotel



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## QUEEN'S WOOD & PRESTBURY CIRCULAR - 2.2 MILES FAIR

Combining our two favourite spots, this walk gives you to opportunity to explore a small section of Cleeve Hill before finding yourself at the edge of Cheltenham's famous course. Depending on the time of year, you'll be be joined on Cleeve Hill by the friendly Ellenborough sheep or local polo ponies.

- · Turn left from the main hotel entrance, crossing the road and entering the field
  - $\cdot$  Use the stile and follow the path diagonally across the field to Queen's Wood
- · Follow the path to a small stile and cross the lane before coming to another stile into the next field
- · Follow the defined path across this field to a stile and field to cross into the lane and turn right
- · At the junction with Gravel Pit Lane turn right again and cross the main road to enter Shaw Green Lane
  - Pass through the gate and field, crossing a bridge to the kissing gate
     Follow the lane to Mill Street
- · At the next junction turn left onto Park Lane and cross the stile to the racecourse
- $\cdot$  Turning right, follow the pathway crossing the gate and bridge into the next field
- $\cdot$  Meet the double lined track, through the wooden gates and back up to the hotel



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# TO THE ROYAL OAK - 0.9 MILES FAIR

Just a short walk across the fields is our favourite local, in the neighbouring village of Prestbury. The Royal Oak is the closest pub to Cheltenham Racecourse. Log fires, a dog-friendly bar and excellent real ale awaits you.

- $\cdot$  Leave the hotel from the main front reception
- · Walk directly in front of the hotel through the gates to the field
  - Turn left following the well-trodden path along the boundry
- · Cross the bridge into the next field follwed by three kissing gates and another small bridge
  - · Follow the path two the end, proceeding through the houses, arriving on to Shaw Green Lane
    - · Turn right and then left onto Bowbridge Lane
- The Royal Oak Inn will be located approx. 300 metres down the road on your right hand side

To return to Ellenborough Park, simply retrace your steps.



### TO WINCHCOMBE - 5 MILES **MODERATE**

Winchcombe has a wonderfully timeless quality about it, Cotswold stone cottages enhanced by black and white half-timbered buildings, narrow side streets and charming houses make up the centre of this fabulous town, now famous as being a centre for walkers. Set above the River Isbourne, Winchcombe is one of the many hidden jewels in the Cotswold crown.

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  - · Rather than using the step and muddy path, follow the left hand in the field
  - · Jump the stile at the top wooded area, turn right, continue ascending the hill
    - · Once on the common you will see a path that at an angle from right to left
    - · Follow the path to the right and head up to hill to the two windswept trees
  - · Directly behind the trees you will see a path heading in a northerly direction, follow the path until you reach a large Cotswold stone walk way; this is the Winchcombe Way
  - · Turn right and follow this for approx. 1.5 miles until you reach Belas Knapp
- · Cross the stile and follow the long downhill woodland walk until you reach a field
  - · Follow the well-trodden path until you another stile crossing
- · Follow the tarmac path, past the cricket club, eventually you will come to a road · Veer left onto the road and in approx. 0.5 miles you will reach Winchcombe



If you have arrived without your walking gear, please ask at reception to take a look in our boot room. You are more than welcome to help yourselves to a pair of Dubarry of Ireland boots or Hunter Wellingtons. You will also find warm jackets in a variety of sizes to borrow for your countryside exploration.

#### THINGS TO DO IN CHELTENHAM

Should you find yourselves in the beautiful regency town of Cheltenham, we've put together a list of our favourite things to do:

- Explore the wonderful array of independent shops and cafes in Montpellier and the Suffolks
- · Wander around Pittville Park on a sunny day and discover the historic pump room
  - · Visit the Wilson Art Gallery and Museum
  - · Step back in time at the Holst Birthplace Museum
    - · Relax in the Imperial Gardens
    - · See a show at the Everyman Theatre



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