

Weston under Penyard – Bollitree, Bury Hill and Pontshill 4.4 miles.

An easy 4.4 mile circular walk through quite lanes and meadows, taking in Weston village, Bollitree, Bury Hill and Pontshill.

Start from the Village Hall at School Lane in Weston under Penyard.

Grid reference SO 633 231.

Length 4.3 miles. Grade: Easy. 1 stile.

1. Go up the track with the village hall on your left and through a small wooden gate next to a field gate and into the field on the right. Walk towards the church, through a pedestrian gate and then through a wooden kissing gate. Enter the churchyard and keep right through the steel gates and down a slope to join Church Lane. Turn right, down to the A40 road and cross into The Streete.

2. Follow The Streete and just after the first left-hand bend, turn right into a lane at the waymarker "Ross Round". Turn left at "Rose Cottage" and then right to reach Rectory Lane. Turn left up the road for 500m to the T-junction at Bollitree Castle.

The castellated walls were supposedly added in the 18th Century, in a bid by the owner to woo a Spanish princess. She was not impressed by the house or the English weather and cleared off back to Spain!

Go right for 70m and then right again into Bury Hill Lane, opposite "Bollitree Cottage". Follow the winding lane for nearly 1Km, passing through the area that was once the industrial Roman town of Ariconium. Just after The Old Chapel turn left at the finger post and through the wooden kissing gate into a field.

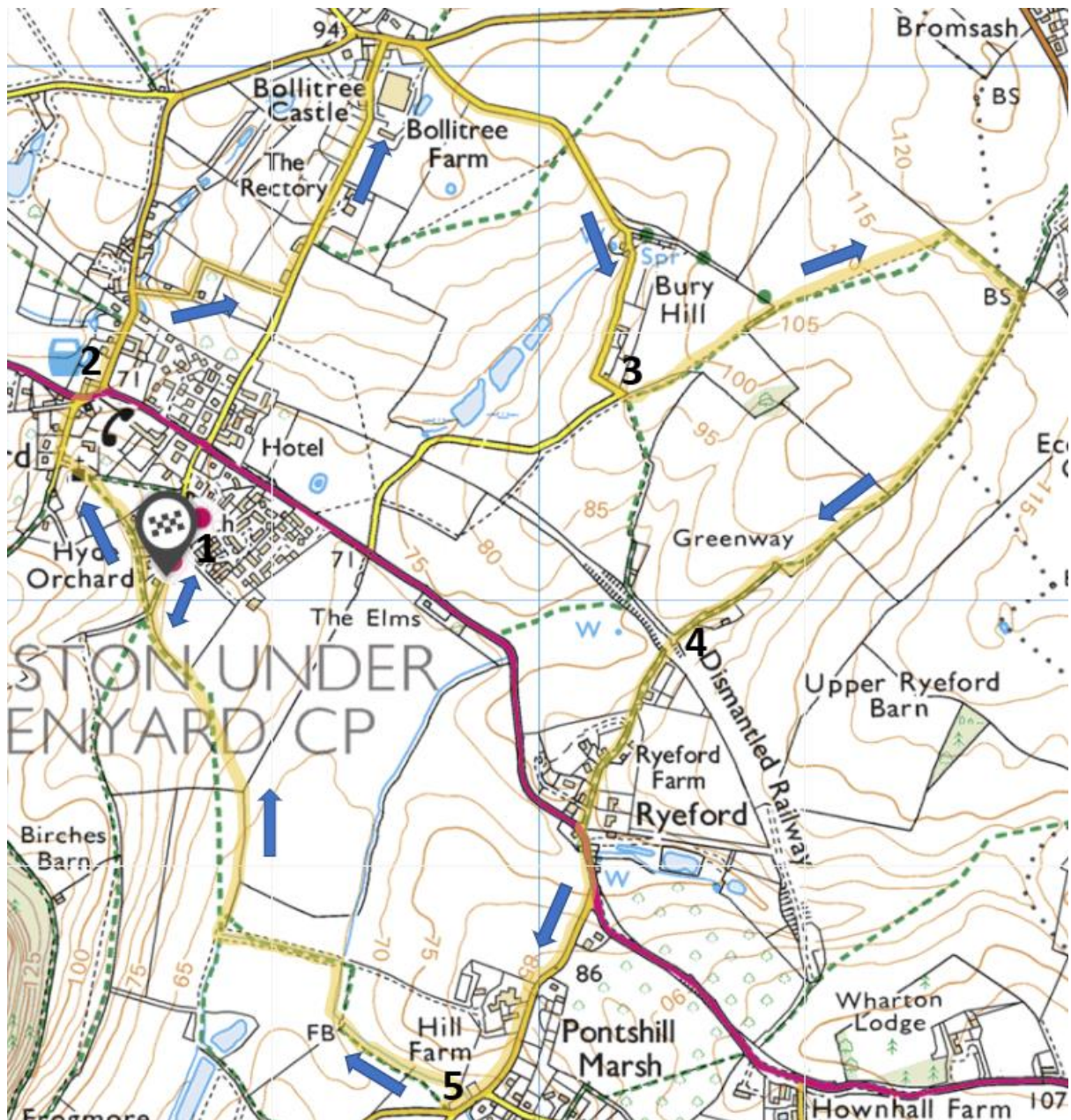


3. Turn left and go up to a pedestrian gate in the fence. Go straight up the next field towards a single oak tree and through a pedestrian gate. Passing the oak tree on your left, go straight up to the top of the field to a waymarker in the hedgerow. Turn right to the corner of the field with a double field gate. Turn right again to follow the left edge of the field, through a pedestrian gate, keeping left along the field edge to find a grassy track going down through a field gate which is normally open. Follow the track to an arch under the old railway line closed in 1964.



4. Go through the arch and follow the track all the way to the A40. Cross the A40 *very carefully* and go left along the A40 and right at the sign Pontshill. Follow the winding road for 500m and after crossing the stream, go right through a steel field gate opposite Bartwood Lane. Cross the field to the wooden fence and turn left with a stream on your right and through a steel field gate.
5. Following the stream and the edge of the field, go right and then left. Leave the field through an open gateway at a solitary tree and go right to cross a wooden stile in the corner. Go half left up the field to a tree in the hedgerow and then continue with the hedgerow on your right, through a pedestrian gate and right, down the track to return to the village hall.

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