

Weston under Penyard to Kingstone and Bury Hill 3.4 miles.

An easy 3.4 mile walk through quiet lanes, meadows, and a fruit farm, taking in Weston village, Kingstone and Bury Hill.

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

Grid reference SO 633 231.

Length 3.4 miles. Grade: Easy. 1 stile.

1. Go up the track with the village hall on your left and enter the field on your right through a small wooden gate next to a field gate. Walk towards the church, through a pedestrian gate and then through a wooden kissing gate. Enter the churchyard and keep right through the churchyard and down a slope to join Church Lane. Turn right, down to the A40 and cross to The Streete. Follow The Streete and after about 130m, turn left at the wooden finger post down a narrow footpath .
2. This short section, marked by blue arrows, is a courtesy diversion around the grounds of "Stonewold". On re-joining the normal footpath at a steel field gate, turn left and go straight ahead through the horse paddock (the electric fence can be opened) and over a stile into the fields surrounding the Penyard House Hotel. Go straight ahead again through the field and through a pedestrian gate next to a field gate. The path hugs the fence on the left for about 70m (*note the late 16th century Weston Hall on the left*) and then turns right, across the field to join the road at a pedestrian gate with stone steps down to the road.
3. Turn left down the road for about 100m, and then right, through a field gate, or over the stile and walk to the top of the field where the route of the old Gloucester-Ross railway line can still be seen. Go through a pedestrian gate into Woodfields apple orchard. Go slightly left and then up through the apple trees at the footpath waymarker. At the polytunnels a courtesy "Permissive Footpath" is available to the left. Near the top of the fruit farm, go through a pedestrian gate into a field on the left. Turn immediately right and through a 2-in-1 gate to join the road at Dairy Cottages (*Note the old stone pigeon house at the far end of Dairy Cottages*).
4. Turn right and follow the road for about 500m to the T-junction, with Bollitree Castle in front of you. Go left for about 120m and opposite "Bollitree Cottage" turn right to follow Bury Hill Lane for 0.9km. Just after "The Old Chapel" on your left, where the road bends right, go straight ahead through a wooden kissing gate.

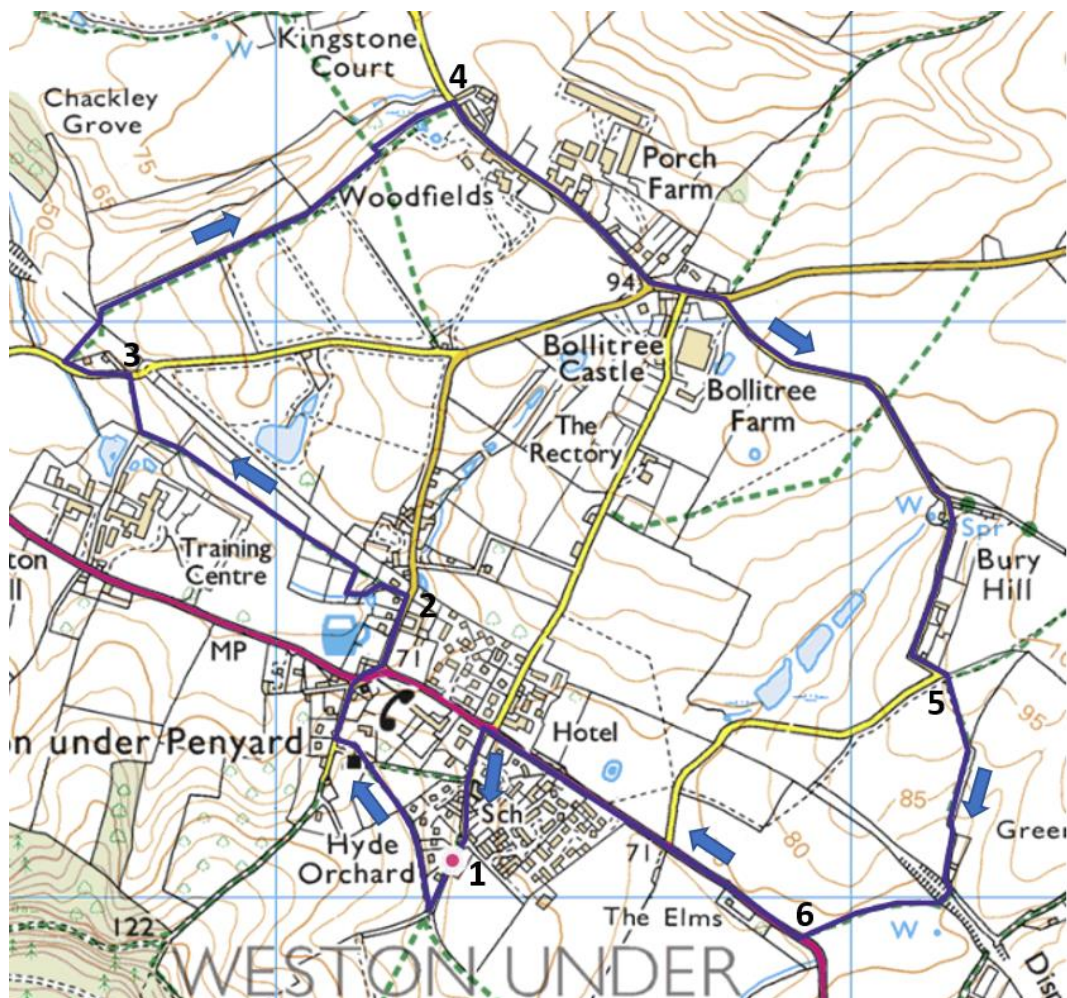


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5. Follow the waymarker to go straight ahead in the field and then right at the hedgerow. Leave the field through a pedestrian gate and then down a grassy lane to the right, passing "Stroud Cottage" on your left and then follow the waymarker signs up the steep embankment of the disused GWR railway. Cross the embankment and down the steps on the other side to enter a field through a pedestrian gate. Go half right and then follow the lower edge of the field to your right towards the A40 road. Go through the field gate to join the road and cross *with great care* to the pavement of the A40.



6. Turn right and follow the A40 for 650m. Turn left into School Lane and walk 200m up to the car park at the village hall.



Note: Comments and defect reports on footpaths are welcomed and should be sent to the Parish Clerk at clerk@westonunderpenyard-pc.gov.uk