Cotswold Way

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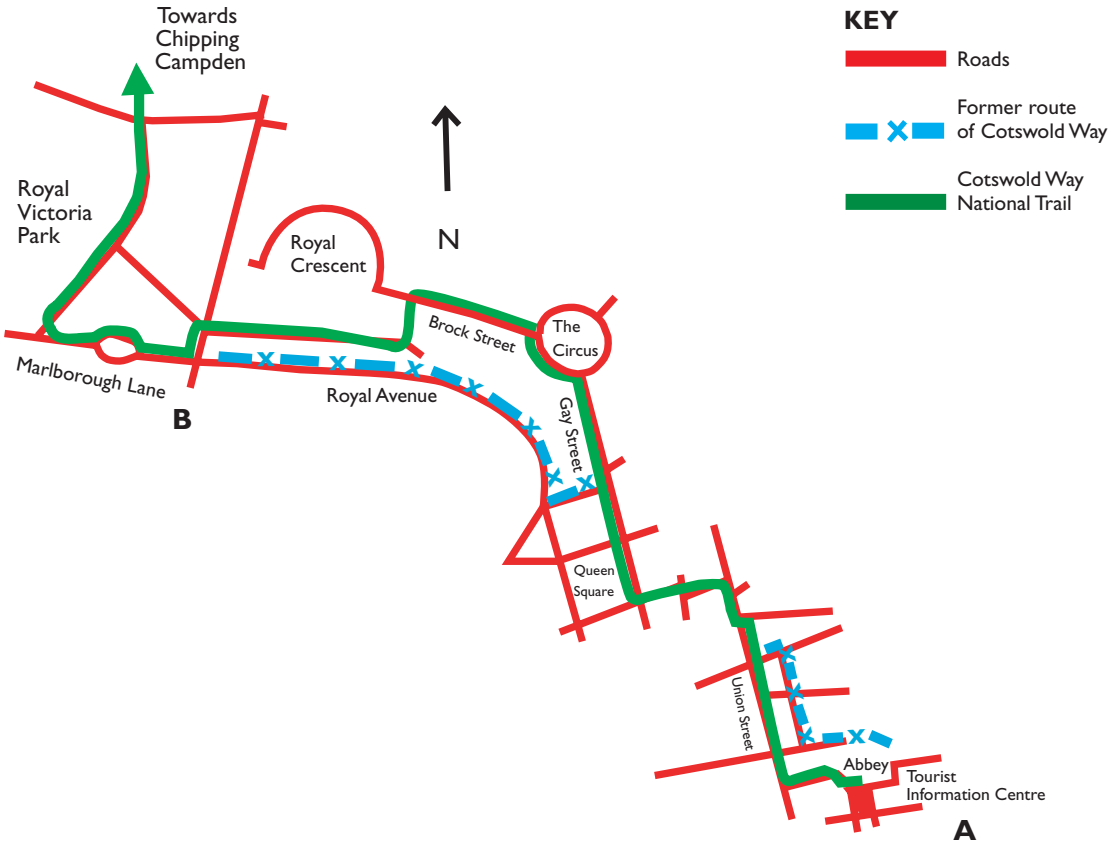
Route Improvement: City of Bath (southern end of trail)



Directions: (From the North) B to A

1. Walk south through Royal Victoria Park, turning left at the junction with Marlborough Lane
2. At the end of Marlborough Lane turn left for a short distance and then right onto Gravel Walk to pass in front of the Royal Crescent.
3. At the end of Gravel Walk turn left up the footpath leading towards Brock Street.
4. Turn right down Brock Street and follow this into The Circus where you bear right and then turn right when you reach Gay Street (first exit).
5. Go straight ahead down Gay Street and into Queens Square.
6. Turn left into Wood Street and follow this straight on into Quiet Street.
7. At the end turn right onto New Bond Street and follow this straight ahead into Burton Street and Union Street.
8. Turn left through the Collonade and head for the Abbey.
9. Turn right into Kingston Parade and finish outside the Abbey.

Users of guide books detailing the original route:

The original route is still available for use on highways or public rights of way but is no longer signposted as the Cotswold Way. You will therefore need to navigate from the book for this section if you prefer to continue to use the old route.

Factfile for this route change:

Original route: approx 0.75 miles (A to B)
New Route: approx 0.85 miles (A to B)
Grid References: A(751647), B(742652)
OS Explorer Map No: 155

Reason for change: The new route allows for a more pleasant and distinctive starting point and takes in more of the main sites of Bath that a visitor would expect to see - namely the Circus and the Royal Crescent.

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