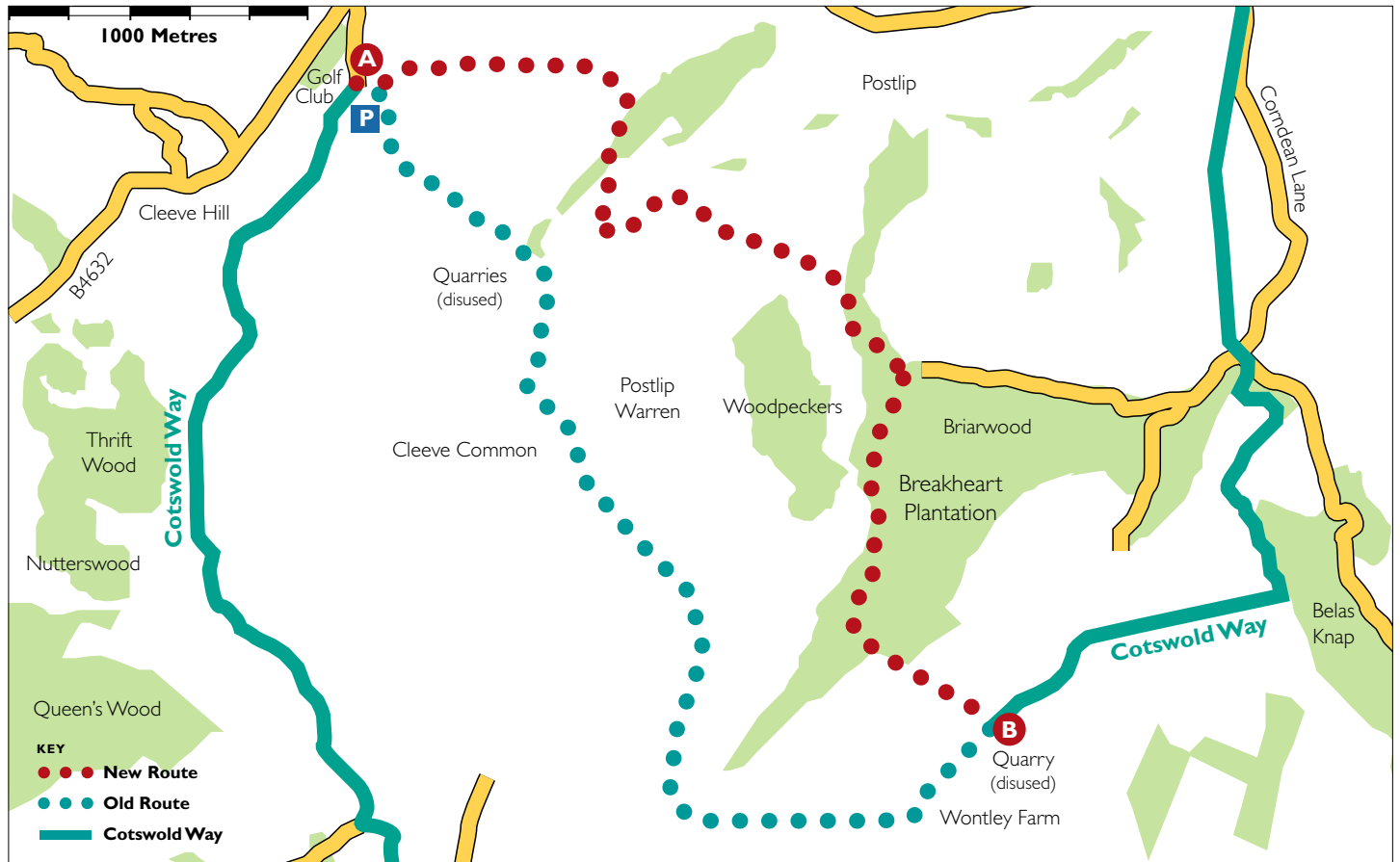


Route Improvement: Hill Barn Farm, Winchcombe to Cleeve Common Golf Club



Directions: (From the South) A to B

1. From the Golf Club at point A walk eastwards past the Cotswold Way fingerpost and follow the restricted byway signs through a field gate leaving the common for a short while, then back onto the common by another field gate.
2. Head southwards across the common towards Postlip Hall, leaving the common again by a bridlegate.
3. Follow the bridleway alongside the boundary wall of the Hall (on your left), passing through a number of gates and heading straight across the next farm access road.
4. Keep following the bridleway through two more gates, still with the high boundary wall on your left, until you meet another farm road.
5. Turn right and pass through the Postlip Hall Farm. Please note that there is a short length of path in the field to the right of the farm yard which provides an alternative route when the track is being used to move farm animals.
6. Follow the Bridleway signs through the field to the south east, down the hill to a footbridge across the stream then up through the woods until you get to a minor road next to Woodpeckers.

7. Turn south and follow the footpath through the woods, carrying straight on through a kissing gate as the main footpath bears off to the right.
8. Carry on up the hill, keeping to the new path until you leave the woodland and cross a field to a kissing gate onto a farm track.
9. Turn left on the original route of the Cotswold Way towards Belas Knap.

Users of guide books detailing the original route:

The original route is still available for use across Cleeve common which is mainly Access Land and the paths are unmarked. You will therefore need to navigate that section using your guidebook.

Factfile for this route change:

Original route: approx 2.7 miles (A to B)

OS Explorer Map Nos: 179 and OL45

New route: Approx 2.81 miles (A to B)

Grid References: A(SO989272), B(SO011250)

Reason for change: To avoid an area of sensitive calcareous grassland within the Cleeve Hill SSSI.