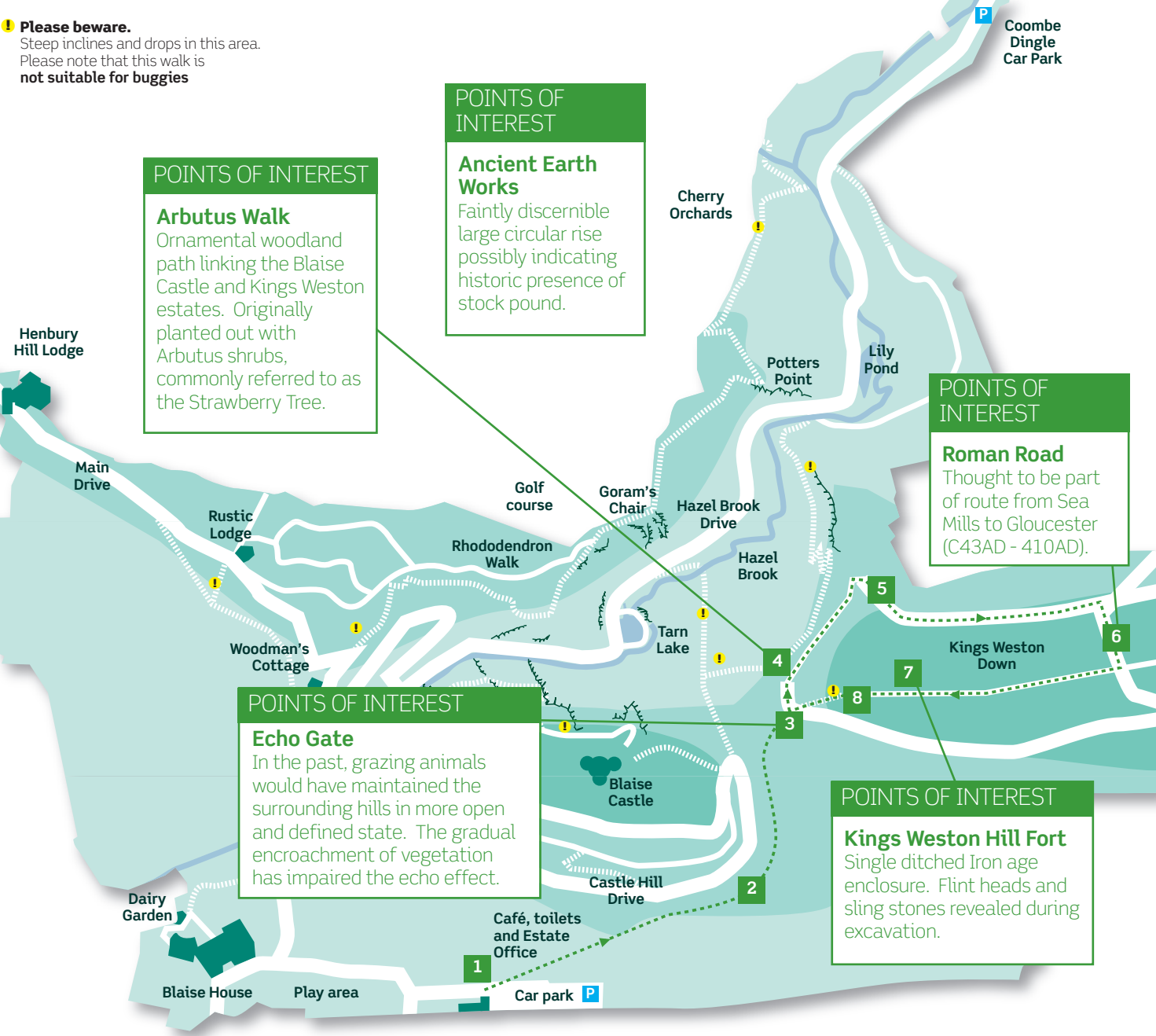


Please beware.
Steep inclines and drops in this area.
Please note that this walk is
not suitable for buggies



POINTS OF INTEREST
Arbutus Walk
Ornamental woodland path linking the Blaise Castle and Kings Weston estates. Originally planted out with Arbutus shrubs, commonly referred to as the Strawberry Tree.

POINTS OF INTEREST
Ancient Earth Works
Faintly discernible large circular rise possibly indicating historic presence of stock pound.

POINTS OF INTEREST
Roman Road
Thought to be part of route from Sea Mills to Gloucester (C43AD - 410AD).

POINTS OF INTEREST
Echo Gate
In the past, grazing animals would have maintained the surrounding hills in more open and defined state. The gradual encroachment of vegetation has impaired the echo effect.

POINTS OF INTEREST
Kings Weston Hill Fort
Single ditched Iron age enclosure. Flint heads and sling stones revealed during excavation.

Blaise Castle Estate

Kings Weston Down Walk



route/distance

Approx. 1½ miles/35 minutes.
Through woodland and up to the Iron age hill fort.

route difficulty

Easy. The walk follows defined woodland paths and grassland.

points of interest

Iron age hill fort, Echo Gate, Arbutus Walk, Kingsweston Down and wildflower meadows.

We hope you enjoy your walk!
Why not try these other walks through Blaise Castle Estate? Pick up a leaflet at the Estate Office or download at www.bristol.gov.uk/blaisecastleestate

pink walk Approx. 3 miles/1¼ hr. Hard walk
Rhododendron Walk

purple walk Approx. 1¼ miles/50 mins. Easy walk
Royalls Walk

blue walk Approx. 1½ miles/50 mins. Hard walk
Gorge Walk

orange walk Approx. 1¼ miles/40 mins. Easy walk
Castle Walk

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Welcome to Blaise Castle Estate

Blaise Estate is a Grade II listed historic landscape with recorded human activity dating back 2,000 years. It became a 'pleasure park' to a variety of wealthy private owners and has been influenced through the landscape designer Humphrey Repton. It was purchased by the Corporation of Bristol in 1926 for £20,175.

The Heritage Lottery funded project to restore the historic landscape and public park began in 2000, with an investment of approx. £6.5 million. Modern visitor facilities such as a cafe, play area and performance space were introduced whilst the historic culture of the site was conserved.

These circular guided walks have been developed to provide reassurance and information for those who wish to experience all the estate offers. This includes spectacular views, the castle folly, lakes, scheduled ancient monuments, the 18th Century mansion, unique rock formations and designed landscape features.

Varying in length, all walks will contain relatively steep ascents/descents. Care should be taken on cliff edges and steep slopes.

Any feedback is always appreciated. Enjoy!

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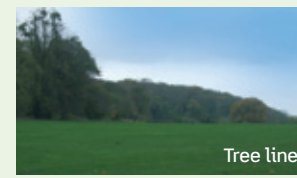


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Tree line



Echo Gate

- 1 Start at Blaise Cafe. Facing in the same direction as the dog statue, bear slightly to the right and walk across open mown grass to the tree line.



Arbutus Walk

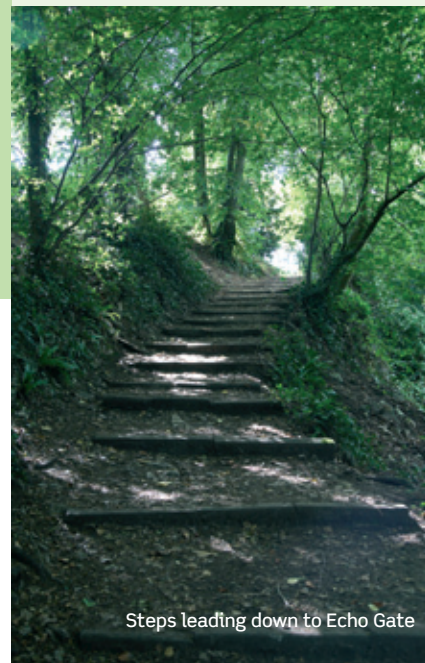
- 2 Keeping the woods on your left, continue over a small rise, and follow the field round, heading towards the wooden bench in the distance.

- 3 At the bench bear slightly to the right, entering woods by the metal gate post. This is the remains of Echo Gate

- 4 At path junction bear left along a straight stony path known as Arbutus Walk.

- 5 Continue along this path bearing right at sharp bend. Follow the woodland path until reaching a junction with route of old Roman Road.

- 6 At this point turn right, up hill, onto Kingsweston Down.



Steps leading down to Echo Gate

- 7 Continue into centre of Down and turn right towards Hill Fort, crossing remains of ancient earthworks.

- 8 From the Hill Fort go through gateway located in the far left corner between information board and bench.

- 9 Follow the steps down arriving back at Echo Gate

- 10 Follow the tree line back to the Cafe



Roman Road route

A map of these directions is printed over leaf.