

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

POINTS OF INTEREST

Henbury Church
The Church of St Mary the Virgin dates back to 1093, with various rebuilding over the years until extensive refurbishment in 1878. Look out for two notable graves; an obelisk memorial to the Egyptologist Amelia Edwards and coloured head and foot stones of 'Scipio Africanus', a negro slave

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Tunnel
Constructed to keep out of site people using the right of way which passes through the vicarage garden.

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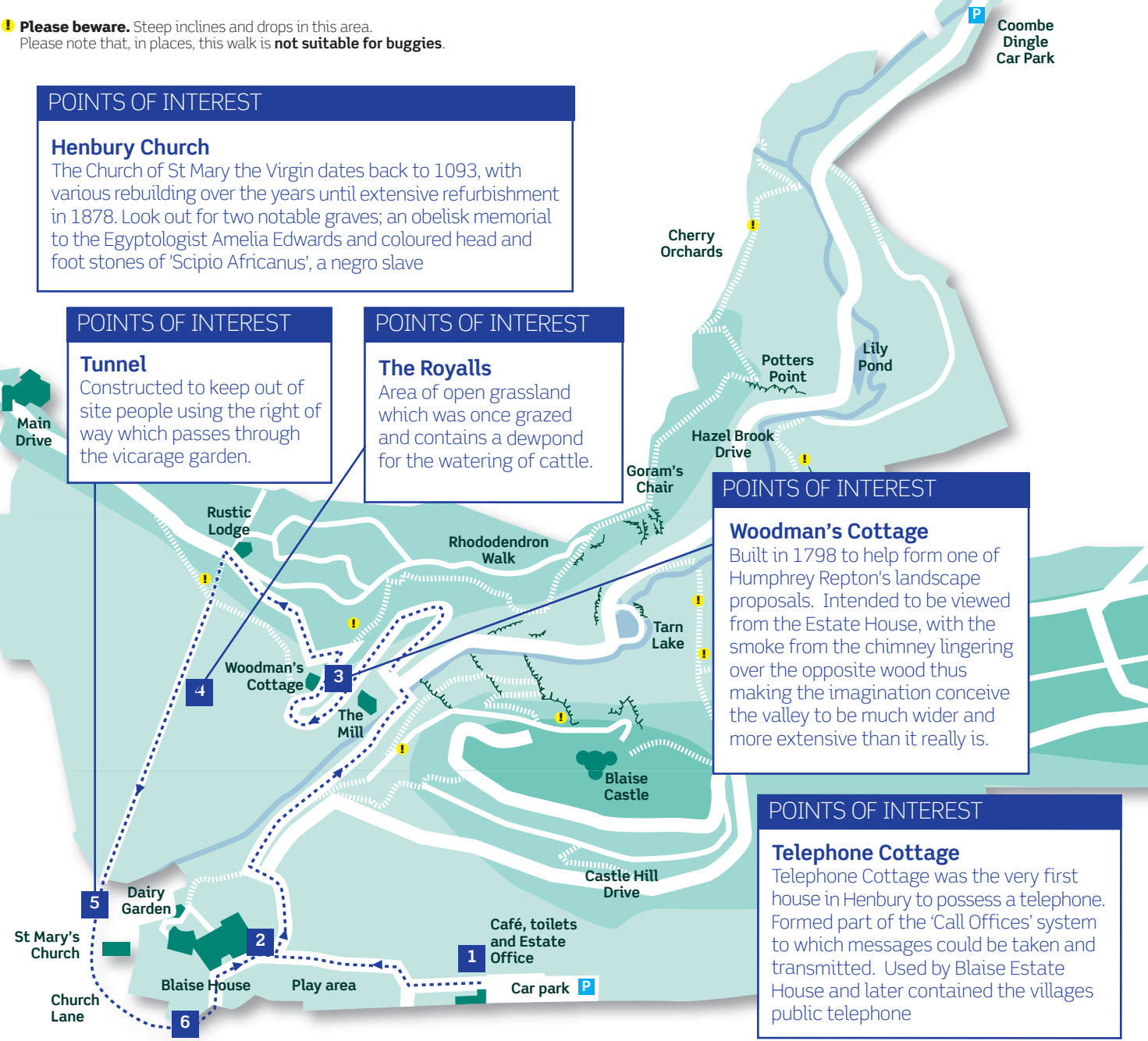
The Royalls
Area of open grassland which was once grazed and contains a dewpond for the watering of cattle.

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Woodman's Cottage
Built in 1798 to help form one of Humphrey Repton's landscape proposals. Intended to be viewed from the Estate House, with the smoke from the chimney lingering over the opposite wood thus making the imagination conceive the valley to be much wider and more extensive than it really is.

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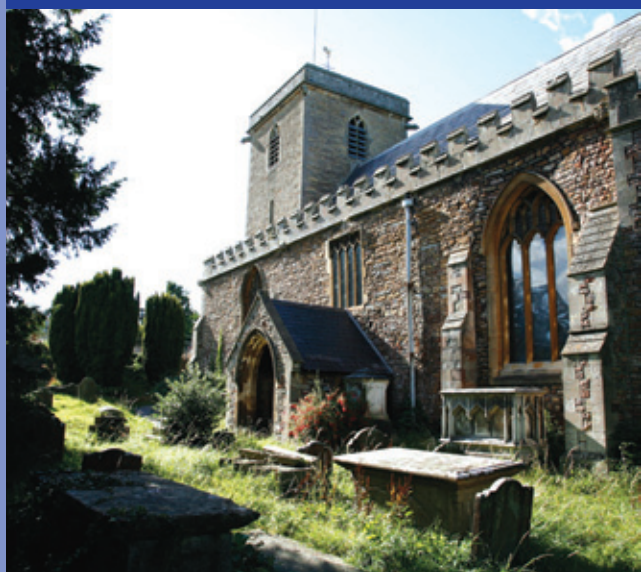
Telephone Cottage
Telephone Cottage was the very first house in Henbury to possess a telephone. Formed part of the 'Call Offices' system to which messages could be taken and transmitted. Used by Blaise Estate House and later contained the villages public telephone



purple walk

Blaise Castle Estate

The Royalls and St Mary's Church walk



route/distance

Approx. 1¼ miles/50 minutes.
Incorporates The Royalls and St Mary's Church Yard

route difficulty

Easy. This walk follows woodland trails, grass paths and surfaced paths. The Main Drive is suitable for buggies.

points of interest

The Mill, Woodman's Lodge, Rustic Lodge, The Royalls, St Mary's Church Yard.

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

green walk Kings Weston
Approx. 1½ miles/35 mins. Easy walk

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

orange walk Castle Walk
Approx. 1¼ miles/40 mins. Easy 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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1 Start at Blaise Cafe. Walk towards the Blaise House, along surfaced path with play area on left hand side.



Blaise House

2 At path junction near Blaise House bear right onto path leading slightly down hill. Continue on surfaced path leading down into the gorge with iron railings on left hand side.



Woodmand's Cottage

3 Cross over Mill Bridge at bottom of the hill, and take the upper of the two paths to pass Woodman's Cottage.

4 Opposite the timber clad building (known as Rustic Lodge) turn left down stone steps. Upon emerging from woodland, follow informal grass path straight ahead through the Royalls, leading to the far left hand corner.



The Royalls

5 Descend steps, cross bridge and continue through tunnel leading up to St Mary's church yard.



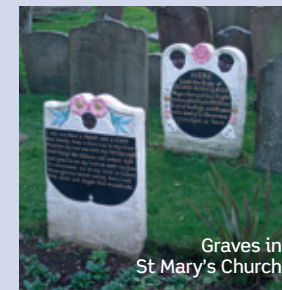
Tunnel

6 Bear left around the church and leave by main gates into Church Close. Turn left up Church Lane, passing Telephone Cottage, to enter the estate through a large set of wooden gates. Drive continues up to front of Blaise House.

7 Follow the surfaced path back to Cafe.



St Mary's Church yard



Graves in St Mary's Church



Telephone Cottage

A map of these directions is printed over leaf.