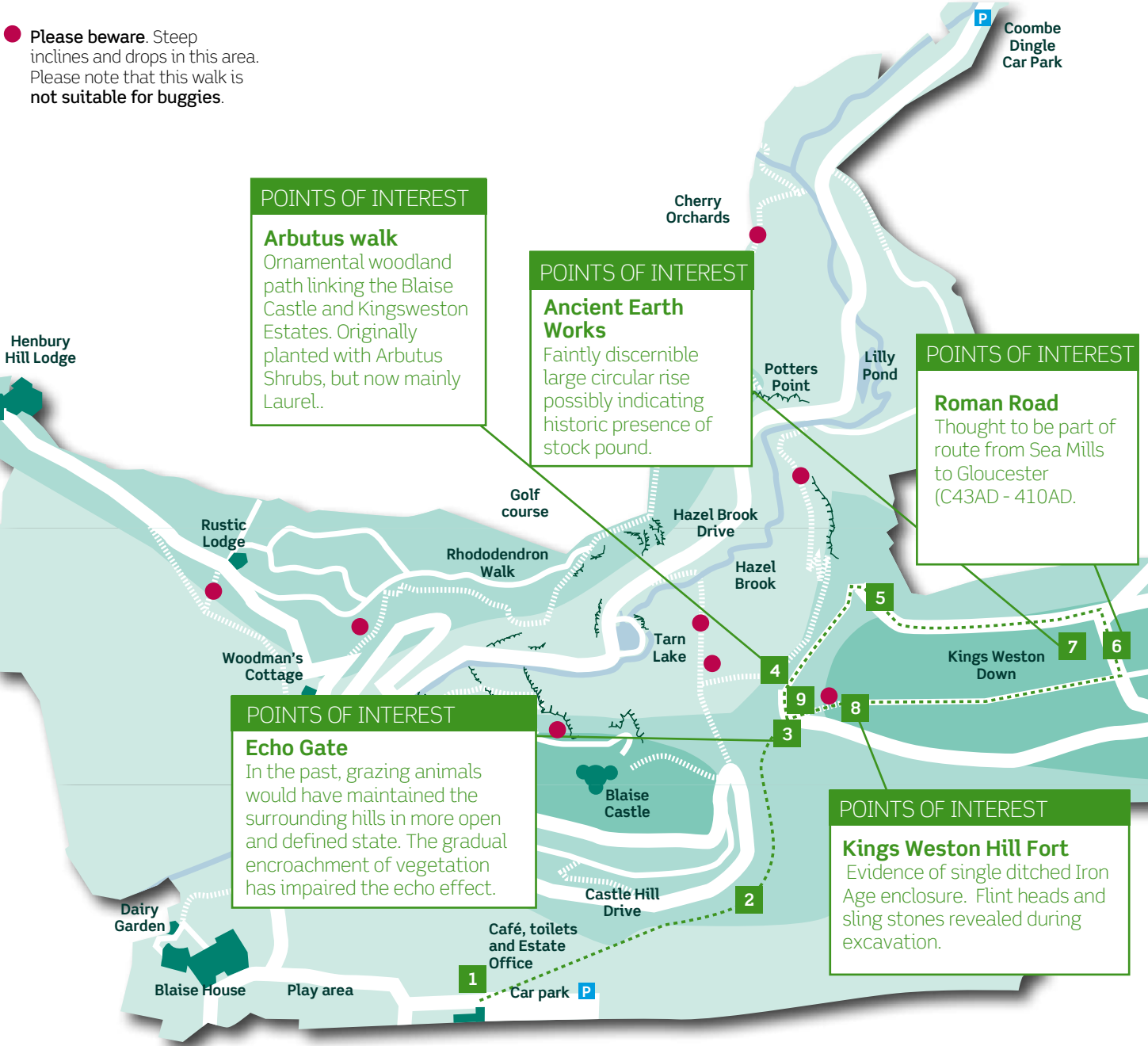


● Please beware. Steep inclines and drops in this area. Please note that this walk is not suitable for buggies.



**POINTS OF INTEREST**  
**Arbutus walk**  
 Ornamental woodland path linking the Blaise Castle and Kingsweston Estates. Originally planted with Arbutus Shrubs, but now mainly Laurel.

**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**  
 Evidence of 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.

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

**purple walk** Approx. 1¼ miles/50 mins. Easy walk  
**Royals Walk**

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

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



# 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 a project to restore this historic landscape and public park – an investment of approx £6.5 million. Visitor facilities including a café, play area and performance space have been introduced whilst the historic nature of the site has been 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.



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- 1** Start at Blaise Cafe. With your back to the cafe, bearing slightly to your right walk across open green to the tree line.
- 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 turn to your right, proceed up the path entering the woods, passing a 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 and turn right at the sharp bend. Follow the woodland path until you reach the junction with the route of the old Roman Road.
- 6** At this point, turn right up hill onto Kingsweston Down.
- 7** Continue into centre of Down and turn right toward Hill Fort, crossing remains of ancient circular earthworks.
- 8** From the Hill Fort go through gateway located in the far left corner between the information board and bench.
- 9** Follow the steps down arriving back at Echo Gate.
- 10** Follow the tree line back to the Cafe.



Tree line



Steps leading down to Echo Gate



Echo Gate

A map of these directions is printed over