



Longer Walk ▶ 3.4 miles

A straightforward walk from the bustling centre of Downend to the outer suburbs of the Chase area, returning through the green, off-road paths of Leap Valley. Few problems underfoot, but avoid the Leap Valley section in icy weather as you need to descend a steep slope. Take care crossing side roads along Westerleigh Road.

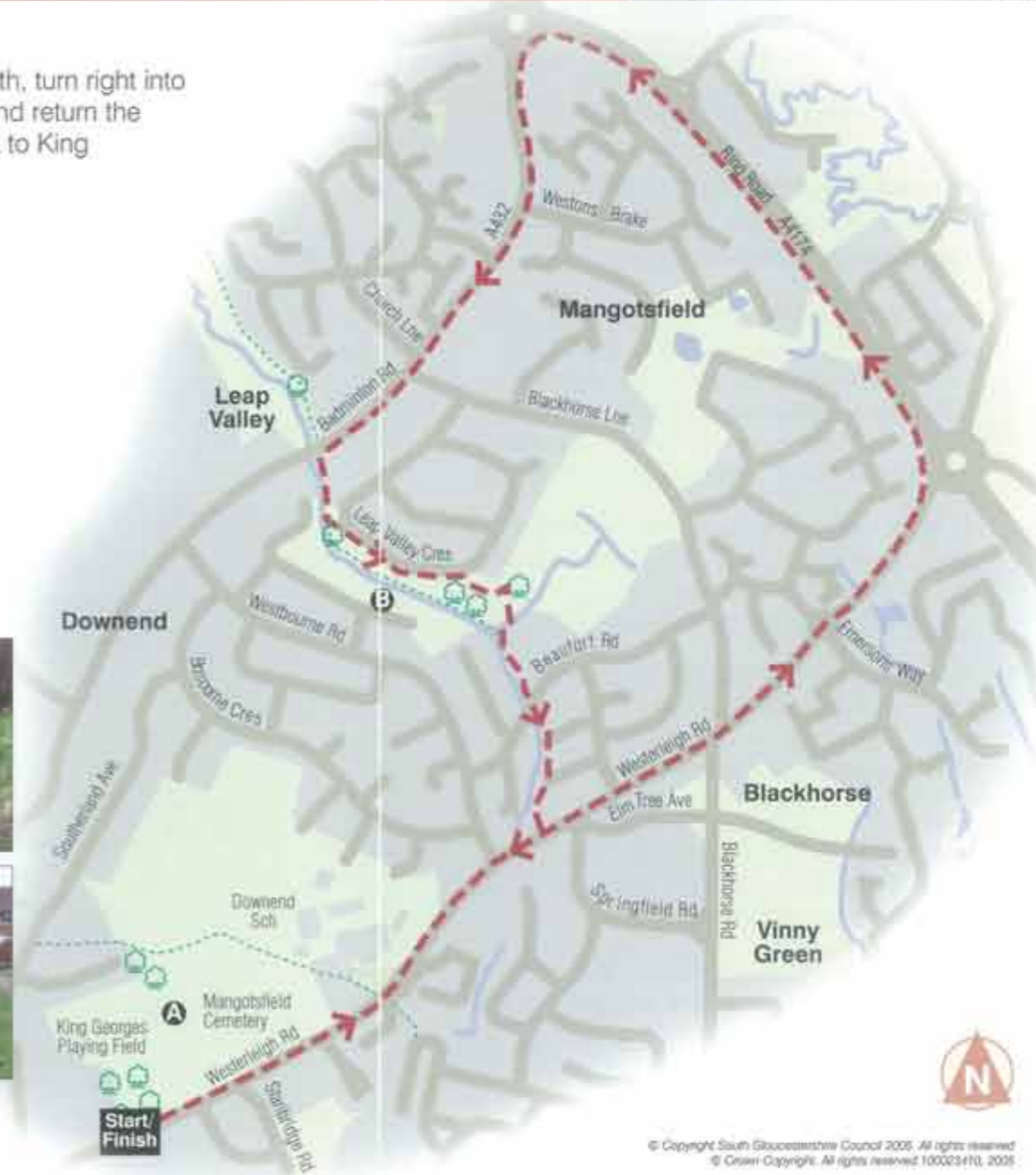
- 1 Turn left out of the car park at **King Georges Field (A)**. Keep going along Westerleigh Road, passing Downend School and crossing Westbourne Road and Dibden Road.
- 2 Use pedestrian crossing opposite Blackhorse Road to cross Westerleigh Road. Turn left and continue along Westerleigh Road, crossing Blackhorse Road and Emersons Way.
- 3 Just past the Shell Garage, cross Westerleigh road at the pedestrian crossing, then turn right.
- 4 Join the Ring Road Cycle Track (*marked by a bollard*). Keep right, facing any oncoming cycle traffic.

- 5 Continue along the Cycle Track until you reach the next roundabout of the Ring Road. Bear left, passing the Willy Wicket pub. Cross Westerns Brake, Britannia Close and Blackhorse Lane.
- 6 Walk to the left of the grassy area and just after turn left into a lane marked with a footpath sign with a bollard at the entrance. You are now in the **Leap Valley (B)**.
- 7 After about 50 metres, bear left up a wooded path.
- 8 Emerge onto Leap Valley Crescent and keep going in the same direction.
- 9 Turn right at the sign 'Leap Valley Crescent Odd Nos 51-55'.
- 10 Go straight on down the path at the end of the Crescent and at the bottom turn right and cross the stream (*stream on left*). Turn left and continue. At the end cross over Beaufort Road and follow the path. The stream should now be on your right.
- 11 At the end of the path, turn right into Westerleigh Road and return the way you came back to King Georges Field.



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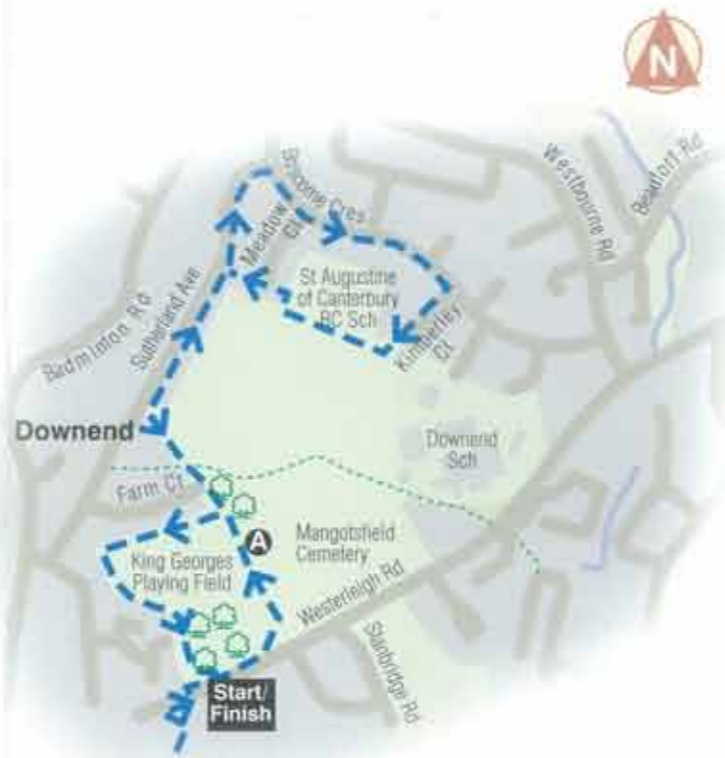




Shorter Walk ▶ 1.5 miles

This walk combines off-road paths, quiet residential streets and the green space of King George's Field.

- 1 From the Car Park take the right hand path around **King George's Field (A)**. At the second corner go straight on and following a curving path adjacent to a play area on your right. The path curves to the left and then to the right to reach a motorcycle proof barrier.
- 2 Emerge onto Sutherland Avenue and turn right. Keep going to the end of Sutherland Avenue. Turn right onto Boscombe Crescent. Keep going straight past the church on your right.
- 3 Turn right down Kimberley close shortly after the church. At the end of the Close, turn right down a lane, which starts as tarmac and then becomes grassy underfoot.
- 4 Emerge onto Sutherland Avenue and turn left. Turn left again after about 100 metres, back down the path to reach the barrier and back into King Georges Field.
- 5 Turn right onto the tarmac path that runs round the field, and follow it back to the entrance.



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Points of Interest

A King George's Field	An open space with good views of the surrounding architecture including an interesting building on Cleve Lodge Close.
B Leap Valley	This quiet valley is home to badgers and many species of birds. The Friends of Leap Valley is a small conservation group set up in 1993 to protect this special area.
C Downend	Downend started life as a hamlet within the parish of Mangotsfield and the ancient Kingswood Chase. Much of it was common land until an Act for its enclosure was passed in 1788/89. At this time Downend was home to wealthy business people and landowners such as the Cave family who owned a great deal of the area around Cleeve Hill.



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WALKS

START/FINISH POINT

At **King George's Field car park** off Westerleigh Road, Downend.

BUSES

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PARKING

In **St George's Field car park**

REFRESHMENTS

In cafes and pubs in **Downend shopping centre**.

TOILETS

Turn right out of the car park, cross Cleeve Road and turn right again by the bus stop.

