

Let's Walk Bishopston

St Andrews Park around Concorde Way and back

A 'lollipop' route from St Andrews Park to Concorde Way (by the Ashley Vale allotments) and back to St Andrews Park. All on surfaced paths and pavements and with good views to the east of the city; it has an extremely steep section which may be difficult for some.

Distance: 1.4 miles / 2.3 km

Allow: About 40 minutes

Suitability: Leisurely for walkers who can cope with steep slopes and want some exercise; not advised for pushchairs, wheelchairs or mobility scooter users.

1. START: The gate at the top corner of St Andrews Park by the junction of Maurice Road and Sommerville Roads. Cross Sommerville Road at the zebra crossing, turn left and then immediately right into Derby Road. Walk along the right hand pavement, following the road as it bends left and continue as far as Happy Lane.

2. Turn right into Happy Lane and go down it to the far end, towards the end keeping to the left of a low wall where it becomes a narrower path and finally bending right to reach Ashley Down Road.

3. Turn right along the pavement on for about 40 metres until opposite a lane. Cross Ashley Down Road and continue ahead down Stoney Lane, which in a short while becomes a pedestrianised path and goes very steeply downhill.

4. Turn left onto Concorde Way, the cycle and pedestrian path, following the signposts to 'UWE, Abbey Wood, Lockleaze' and continue along this path until it forks.

5. Turn left, following the signpost direction to 'Gloucester Road shops, Gloucestershire Cricket Ground' and follow the pedestrian route until it ends on Station Road. Cross the road and turn right to walk up the incline on Station Road to its junction with Ashley Down Road.

6. Turn right to cross the mouth of Station Road, then cross Ashley Down Road at the pelican crossing and turn left to walk up the right hand pavement, passing a Cooperative store and the college entrance road to reach Sefton Park Road.

7. Cross Sefton Park Road, and continue along Ashley Down Road for about 50 metres more. Turn right into Happy Lane, and walk along it to its end at Derby Road. Turn left to reach Sommerville Road, and use the zebra crossing to reach the gate into St Andrews Park.

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