

CIRENCESTER RAMBLERS

WALKS AROUND CIRENCESTER

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AMPHITHEATRE AND CIRENCESTER PARK

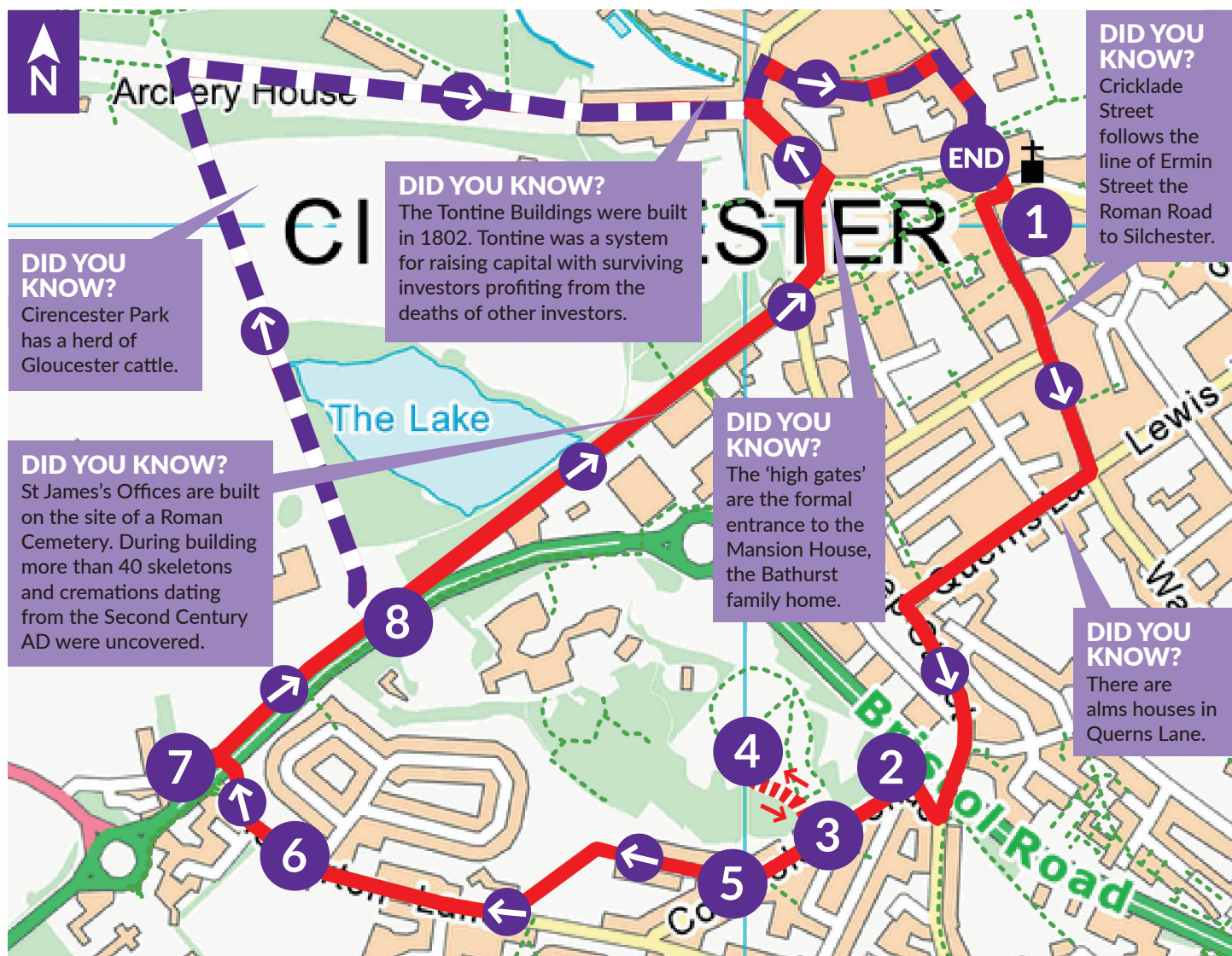
A circular walk from Cirencester Market Place visiting the Amphitheatre and on to Cirencester Park

LENGTH 2½ MILES / 4 KILOMETRES

MAP OS EXPLORER OL45

ADVICE Waterproof clothing is advisable depending on weather conditions. The route is relatively level on surfaced pavements and paths.

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Additional details for people who have mobility problems or use a wheelchair.

Notes include details of dropped curbs, path surface, slopes and steps.

Wheelchair users should note there are slopes of varying length and sections on grass. The grass areas are relatively flat and accessible but may be heavy-going for a wheelchair, depending on recent weather. Similarly, powered wheelchairs/mobility scooters will allow users to follow much of the route in drier weather. Larger mobility scooter (such as Trampers) will be able to access the grass areas without difficulty.

There are three short paths off the main route to access the Obelisk, Toposcope and Amphitheatre. These short paths include steps and slopes.

1 Leave the main (south) porch of the Church and cross the **Market Place** diagonally to **Cricklade Street**. Look for a golden bell on wall on right at entrance to the street.

Follow **Cricklade Street** to the traffic lights and turn right along **Querns Lane**, continue to the Zebra Crossing and cross the street. Turn right and follow the pavement around to the left onto **Sheep Street**. Shortly after joining Sheep Street cross the street at a **dropped curb**. Turn left and follow the pavement up the hill and across the bridge over the dual carriageway. Immediately after the bridge turn right into **Cotswold Avenue**. Continue along the pavement and follow around the corner until you reach a wide farm gate.

2 OBELISK
At this point you can follow the short path through the car park to the **Obelisk**, if you wish to view this there are five steps up to the base and information board.

Return to the gate.

From the farm gate turn right and follow **Cotswold Avenue** up to the **Amphitheatre**

entrance gate on the right and go through the gate – **gate width 40" (1m)**.

3 TOPOSCOPE
If you wish to see the **Toposcope**, which incorporates a map of Roman Britain, there are eight steps up to the platform which includes a seating area and view over the **Amphitheatre**.

Return to the entrance gate.

4 AMPHITHEATRE
From the gate follow the path down a slope, incorporating four separated steps, for about 150m, to the **Amphitheatre**. Where the path flattens out the surfaced path will change to grass.

At the entrance to the **Amphitheatre** there is an information board mounted on a large stone.

From this point you can explore the Roman amphitheatre. The site is grassed and there are no surfaced paths. The centre of the **Amphitheatre** is level and at the far end is a further information board.

Retrace your route back up the slope to the entrance gate.

5 At the entrance gate turn right following **Cotswold Avenue** up the slope. Follow the pavement and turn right into **Cotswold Close**. At the end of the Close, cross the parking area, go up a kerb (**no dropped kerb**) and through the gap into **Four Acre Playing Field** (**gap is greater than 1m**). Cross the **Playing Field** on the grass surface, diagonally to a black metal gate in the far left hand corner, **gate width 38" (96cm)**, This has no latch and incorporates a self closing mechanism.

6 Turn right at the road and follow the pavement past the **Cemetery**. Continue straight on crossing **Chesterton Park** via the **dropped curb**. Continue straight on to the underpass, follow the slope down, through the underpass, turn left and follow the slope up.

7 Turn sharp right following a high dry stone wall on the left and busy main road on right. **Through a gap in the wall you can access the Roots and Seeds Café** (see **Cirencester Park**). Go through the gap and down the slope. Turn right and follow the road down to the **Old Kennels**. Return to the gap in the wall. →

8 Continue following the wall down the hill. Pass the **Leisure Centre** and follow the wall around to the left. At the high gates cross the road and continue in the same direction. Be aware traffic in both directions. Turn right into **Coxwell Street**. The pavements are very narrow and uneven and as there is restricted traffic the best route is to use the road. At the end turn right and immediately cross **Gosditch Street** at the dropped curb. Turn right and follow the pavement to the church. Go around the church on your left and return to the front porch.

Alternative route passing through Cirencester Park – admission charges apply.

the park and follow the wide path (**Windsor Walk**) to the crossroads with **Main Drive**. Turn right and follow the surfaced path to the main gates and out onto **Cecily Hill**. Pass the parked cars and then take the pavement on the left. At the end of Cecily Hill turn left and cross **Thomas Street** by the **dropped curb**. Turn left and then right into **Coxwell Street**. The pavements are very narrow and uneven and as there is restricted traffic the best route is to use the road. At the end turn right and immediately cross **Gosditch Street** at the **dropped curb**. Turn right and follow the pavement to the church. Go around the church, on your left, and return to the front porch. ●

From the **Old Kennels** enter

DID YOU KNOW?

Roman Amphitheatre: Dating from the early 2nd century this held 8,000 spectators on tiered wooden seats and demonstrates the importance of Corinium in Roman Britain.

DID YOU KNOW?

Cirencester Park: The landscape design of the Park was partly drawn up by the poet Alexander Pope.

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Cecily Hill: The Tontine Buildings were built as a group investment called a Tontine.

DID YOU KNOW?

Cecily Hill: The Old Dolphin was a pub.

CIRENCESTER PARK

is open from 10am–5pm by kind permission of the Bathurst Family. To enter Cirencester Park you require a **Community Pass**, **Annual Pass** or **Day Pass**. Please see website for further information www.bathurstestate.co.uk

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