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Hazards

Some walking on the pavement alongside the busy Wellesbourne Road. Deep and unfenced water close to the route. There may be livestock on the path near the Obelisk.

Accessibility

There are no stiles on the route. There are steps and gates and paths less than one metre wide. Most of the route is flat roads and pavements. The paths near Welcombe Hills Country park are steep in places with rough grassy terrain and a wooded area. Buses run between Wellesbourne Road and Stratford-upon-Avon, check times before leaving.

Facilities

Toilets and many food and drink options in Stratford-upon-Avon. Non-residents welcome at The Welcombe Hotel for a drinks or food. Shop selling food, pub and restaurants in Tiddington.

Before you go:

- Check the local weather forecast and whether there is enough daylight to complete the walk (metoffice.gov.uk).
- Ensure you are wearing suitable clothing and footwear for the route and weather, and that you take the right kit – learn more at yha.org.uk/walk-skills.
- Download the OS Maps and what3words apps to your phone.
- To be able to contact emergency services by text visit relayuk.bt.com/emercencysms or text 'register' to 999.
- For more information on staying safe in the outdoors visit adventuresmart.uk.
- Complete a route notification card (yha.org.uk/route-card) to provide essential information for the Emergency Services if you do not return when expected.
- Check all members of the group have the fitness and skills to complete the route.

In case of emergency:

- Contact 999 and use OS Maps or what3words to help pinpoint your location.
- To attract attention shout or give six blasts on a whistle at regular intervals. In low light flash a torch six times at regular intervals.
- If you can send someone for help, they need to know your location, number of people in the group and the nature of the emergency.

For more walks or information on route grading and timings go to yha.org.uk/map-guidance

If you encounter problems with this route contact walking@yha.org.uk

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Welcombe Hills walk



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YHA Stratford-upon-Avon

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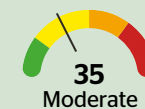
Countryside, town and canal walk

A walk to and through historic Stratford-upon-Avon on to the Welcombe Hills Country Park and Obelisk, providing great views across Warwickshire.

Distance: 7.2 miles (11.6km)

Ascent: 87m (285ft)

Time: Allow 3h 15m to 5h 15m



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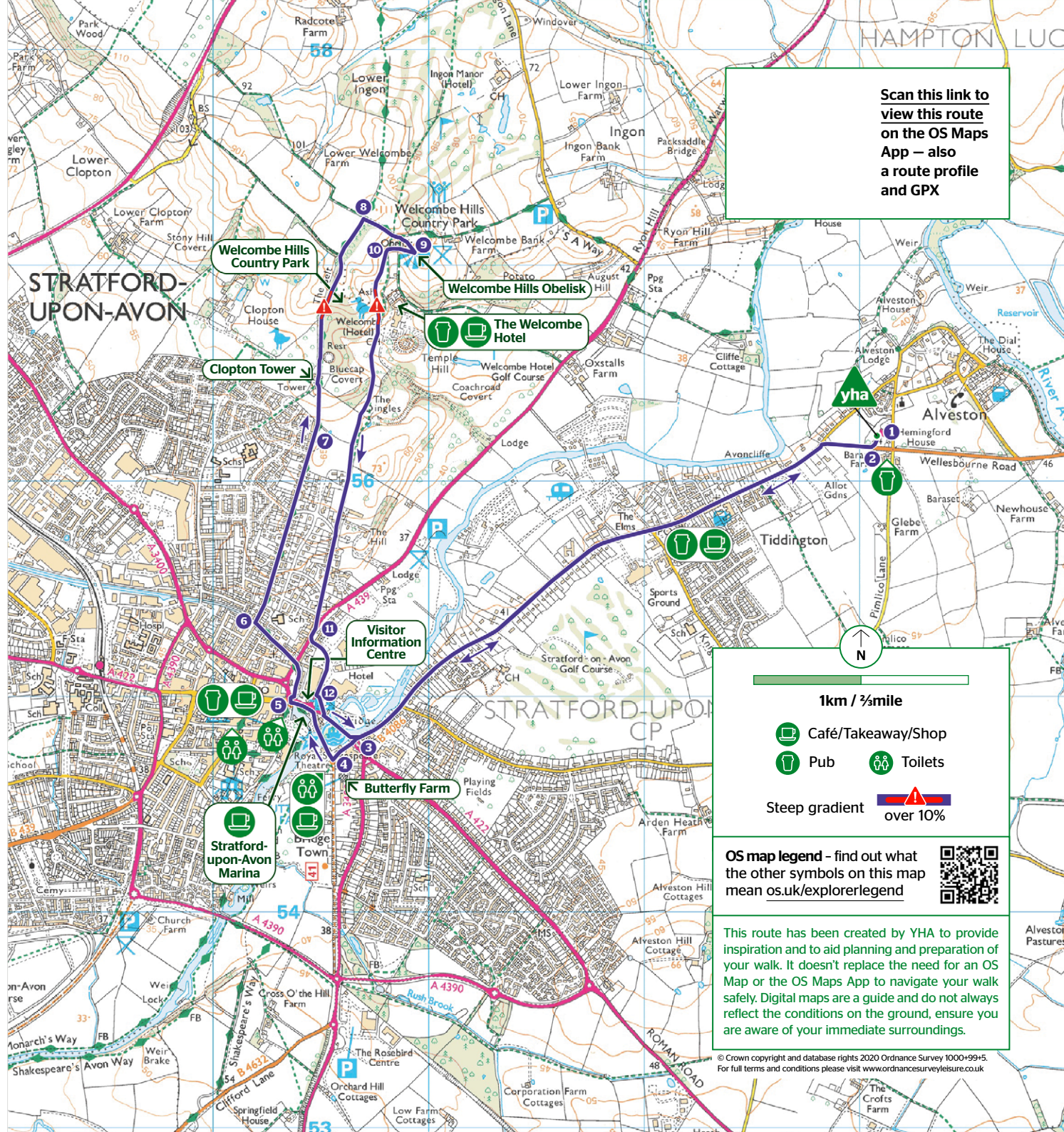
Route directions

Map: OS Explorer 1:25k (205) Stratford-upon-Avon & Evesham

Start/Finish: Grid ref SP 230 562

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- 1 From the hostel's front door head to the main road (Wellesbourne Road).
- 2 Turn right, pass through Tiddington and follow Tiddington Road towards Stratford.
- 3 Cross Banbury Road ahead onto Swan's Nest.
- 4 Pass the Swans Nest Lane car park and immediately turn right, cross the footbridge over the River Avon then continue ahead onto Bridge Foot.
- 5 Cross the road at the second set of traffic lights and head down the steps to the canal and follow the towpath away from the marina.
- 6 Leave the canal at Maidenhead Bridge, number 67, and turn right onto Maidenhead Road.
- 7 At the end of the road continue ahead onto the footpath (do not cross the stile) and follow it past Clopton Tower.
- 8 At the track turn right and head to the Obelisk.
- 9 At the Obelisk turn sharp right and head downhill.
- 10 Turn left to pass alongside the Welcombe Hotel and continue on the footpath to Welcombe Road. Then follow the road ahead and towards the town.
- 11 At Warwick Road turn right, then left onto Bridgeway.
- 12 At the Stratford Marina car park entrance bear left briefly, then head diagonally left across the park. At the road turn left, cross Clopton Bridge and retrace the route to the hostel.



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1km / 3/4 mile

☕ Café/Takeaway/Shop

🍷 Pub 🚻 Toilets

Steep gradient over 10%

OS map legend - find out what the other symbols on this map mean [os.uk/explorerlegend](https://www.os.uk/explorerlegend)



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