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Hazards

Road crossings. Some exposed cliff edges. Deep water close to the path without barriers. Some paths are shared with cyclists.

Accessibility

No stiles. There are flights of steps and some paths have restrictions less than one metre wide. Sections of rough ground with large ruts and stones in Leigh Woods.

Navigation

Mostly following obvious paths and roads. Some attention required to navigate through Leigh Woods.

Terrain

Mostly flat, pavements and roads. Gorge path may be muddy after rain, woodland paths are uneven, steep in places and may be muddy.



Facilities

Toilets on route, many of the attractions also have toilets open to the public. Lots of food and drink options in the harbour and city.



Lots of seats in the harbour, parks and city, some in the woods, none along Avon Gorge.



Not wheelchair accessible



Touch free route



Not pushchair accessible



Stile free

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 for the weather and shoes that are comfortable for walking, 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.

In case of emergency:

- Contact 999 and use OS Maps or what3words to help pinpoint your location.

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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Avon Gorge and Clifton Suspension Bridge walk



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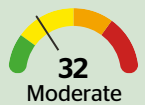
City, river and woodland walk

A great walk through Bristol's docks, along the Avon Gorge, through a woodland nature reserve, under and over the Clifton Suspension Bridge and back through city streets and parks.

Distance: 8.2 miles (13.2km)

Ascent: 200m (656ft)

Time: Allow 3h 30m to 5h 45m



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Route directions

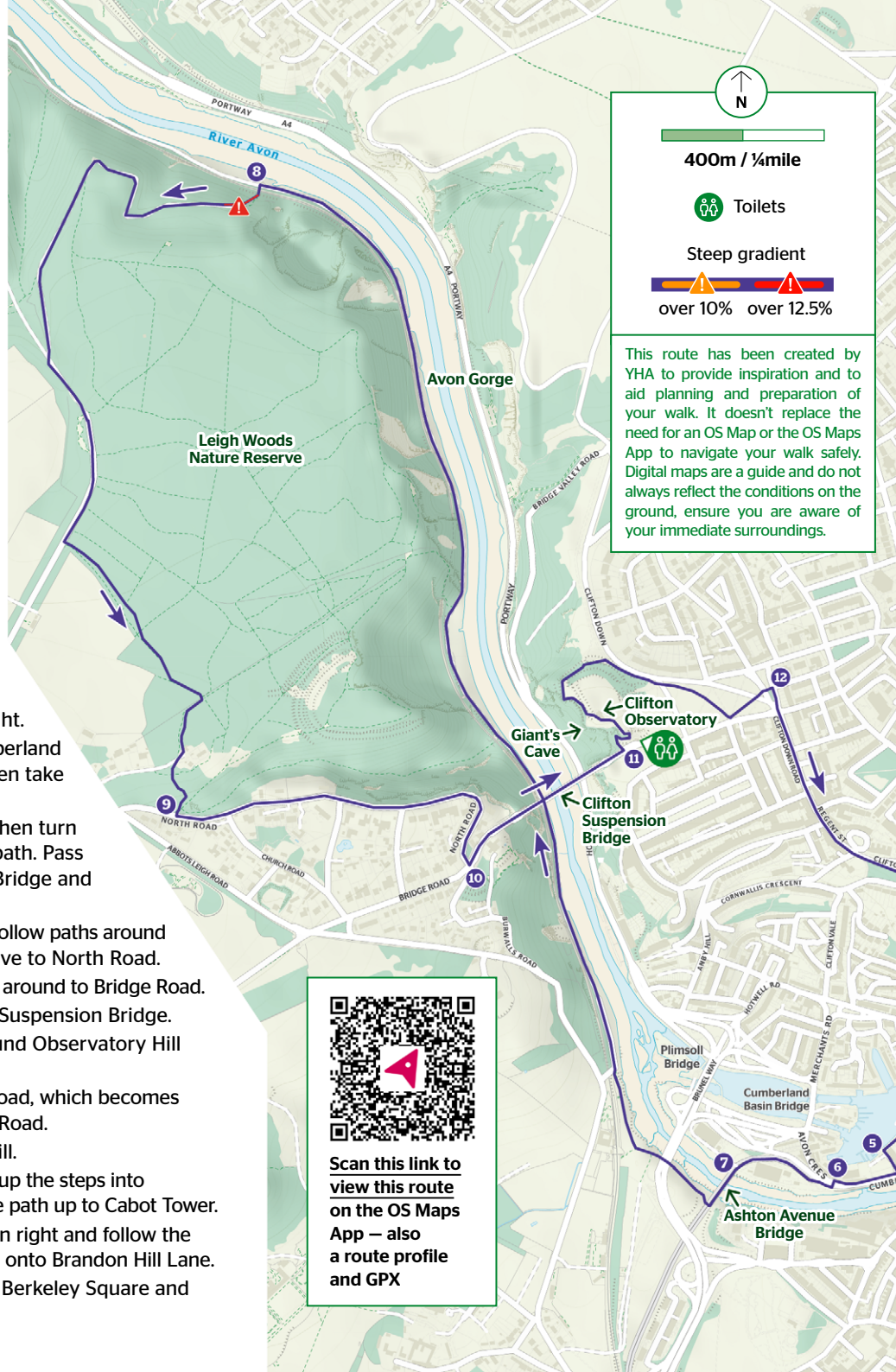
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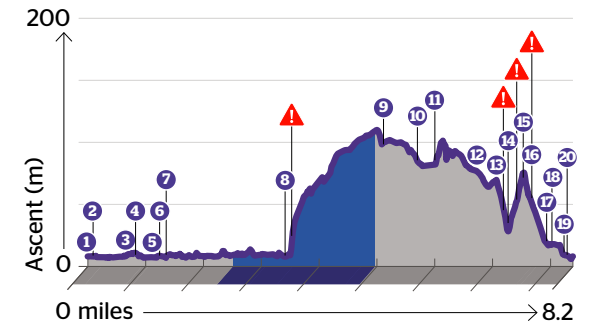
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- 1 From the hostel turn left and follow the path around to Prince Street.
- 2 Cross the bridge, turn right onto Princes Wharf and follow the waterside path.
- 3 Turn left before the Great Western Dockyard onto Gas Ferry Road and take the cut through on the right to Hanover Place.
- 4 Turn right to Bristol Marina, turn left and follow around the marina to continue along the waterside.
- 5 Turn left at The Cottage Inn to Cumberland Road and turn right.
- 6 Cross Avon Crescent and Cumberland Road, pass the traffic lights, then take the small road on the left.
- 7 Cross Ashton Avenue Bridge, then turn right and follow the riverside path. Pass under the Clifton Suspension Bridge and along the Avon Gorge.
- 8 Turn left under the bridge and follow paths around the Leigh Woods Nature Reserve to North Road.
- 9 Turn left and follow North Road around to Bridge Road.
- 10 Turn left and cross the Clifton Suspension Bridge.
- 11 Turn left and follow paths around Observatory Hill to Clifton Down Road.
- 12 Turn right onto Clifton Down Road, which becomes Regent Street and then Clifton Road.
- 13 Turn right onto Constitution Hill.
- 14 Cross Jacob's Wells Road, head up the steps into Brandon Hill Park and follow the path up to Cabot Tower.
- 15 Continue past Cabot Tower, turn right and follow the path downhill to leave the park onto Brandon Hill Lane.
- 16 Continue downhill, then along Berkeley Square and turn right onto Park Street.



● Paved ● Unpaved/uneven



- 17 Turn right and follow the path to the left of the ponds that are in front of the curved City Hall.
- 18 By the fountain turn left and follow alongside Bristol Cathedral, then turn right onto Trinity Street and pass behind the Cathedral.
- 19 Head down the steps and cross Anchor Road at the traffic lights.
- 20 Turn left in front of We The Curious, continue to the waterside and cross Pero's bridge to the hostel.



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