

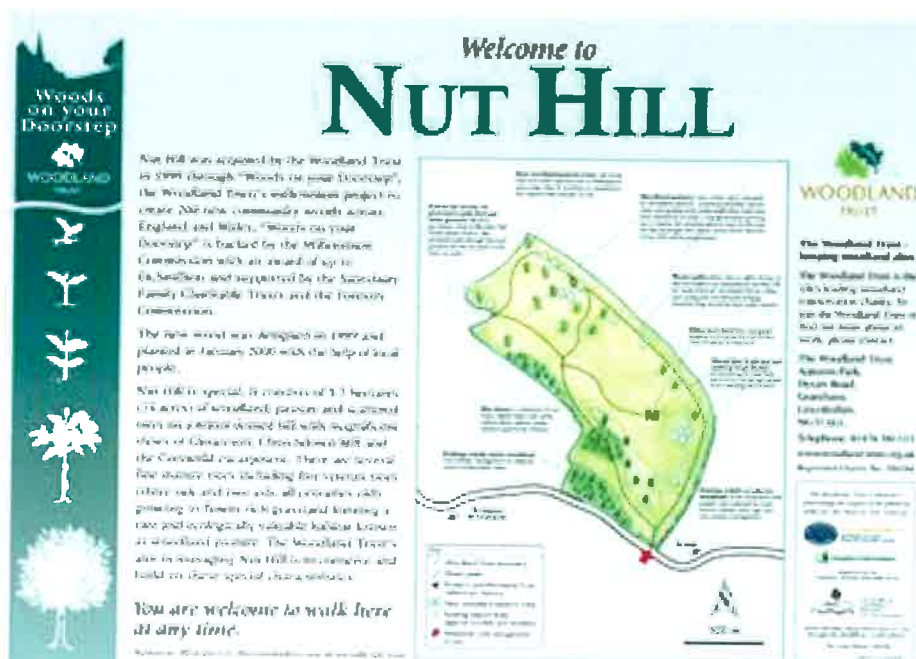
## CIRCULAR WALK COOPERS EDGE ~ NUT HILL

This circular walk is through wonderful countryside behind Coopers Edge and towards Upton St Leonards. The total distance is approximately 2.5 miles which takes about an hour to complete. The walk is easy to moderate with a couple of uphill parts including one short steep ascent. However, this walk is not pushchair/buggy friendly due to the kissing gates, stiles and muddy sections of the walk.

### The Route:

Start at the kissing gate behind Coopers Edge School, take the path to the left and keep to this path for some way, through a metal stile and then up the left hand side of a very big field. You will see a wooden finger post that directs walkers across the field towards Nut Hill on a reasonably well-trodden footpath, as you walk up the slight hill you will see another sign ahead of you, aim for this wooden sign.

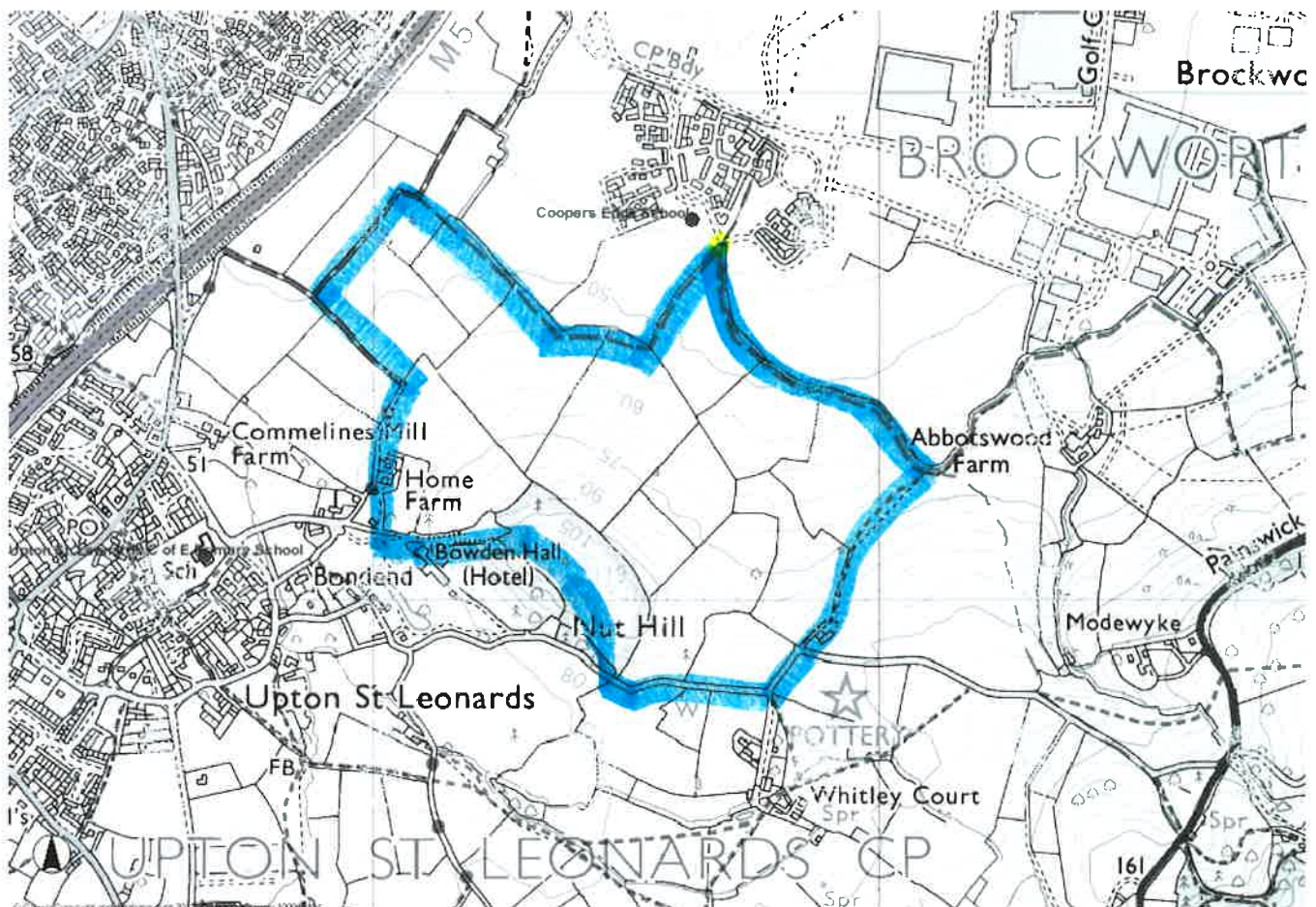
From that sign, follow the very edge of the field continuing uphill until you come to another metal stile next to some houses. Go over the stile, past the houses and you are on the road to Upton St Leonards, follow this road to the right around the back of Nut Hill, be very careful as there is no pavement and the traffic can be quite fast. You will come to a big wooden gate with a sign about the Woodland Trust:



Through the gate and follow the track uphill. The track is fairly short but steep, and opens out at the top. In the spring/summer time there are often some cattle but they are friendly and a bit inquisitive. To the right of the open space is an old army Pill Box. On a good sunny day there are views all across the valley to Malvern, Cleeve Hill, and of more local things like Churchdown Hill, Gloucester Cathedral, Coopers Edge, etc

You can return by the same route or continue on the circular route, the distance is the same either way. The route back can be muddy in places.

To continue on the circular route: head across the top of the hill in the direction of Gloucester City, gradually go down the hill until you see a kissing gate on the left that leads into a dark wooden path. Follow the path down and you come out at the back of Bowden Hall. Walk down their entrance path on the right, through the gate and turn hard right towards Coopers Edge. Follow the road for a short while, past the barn conversion house and farm/stables on the right. The road then turns into a well-used bridleway with hedges either side, so unless it's been very dry this path will be muddy. After a short walk, the bridleway forks at a wooden fingerpost, take the turning to the right and head towards Coopers Edge. Go through a gate and across the open field, and follow the path that goes round the back of the school and eventually you come out back at the kissing gate next to the school.



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- Fasten all gates
- Take your litter home with you
- Keep to public footpaths
- Avoid damaging fences, hedges or wall.
- Keep dogs under proper control
- Guard against starting fires
- Protect wildlife, plants and trees