

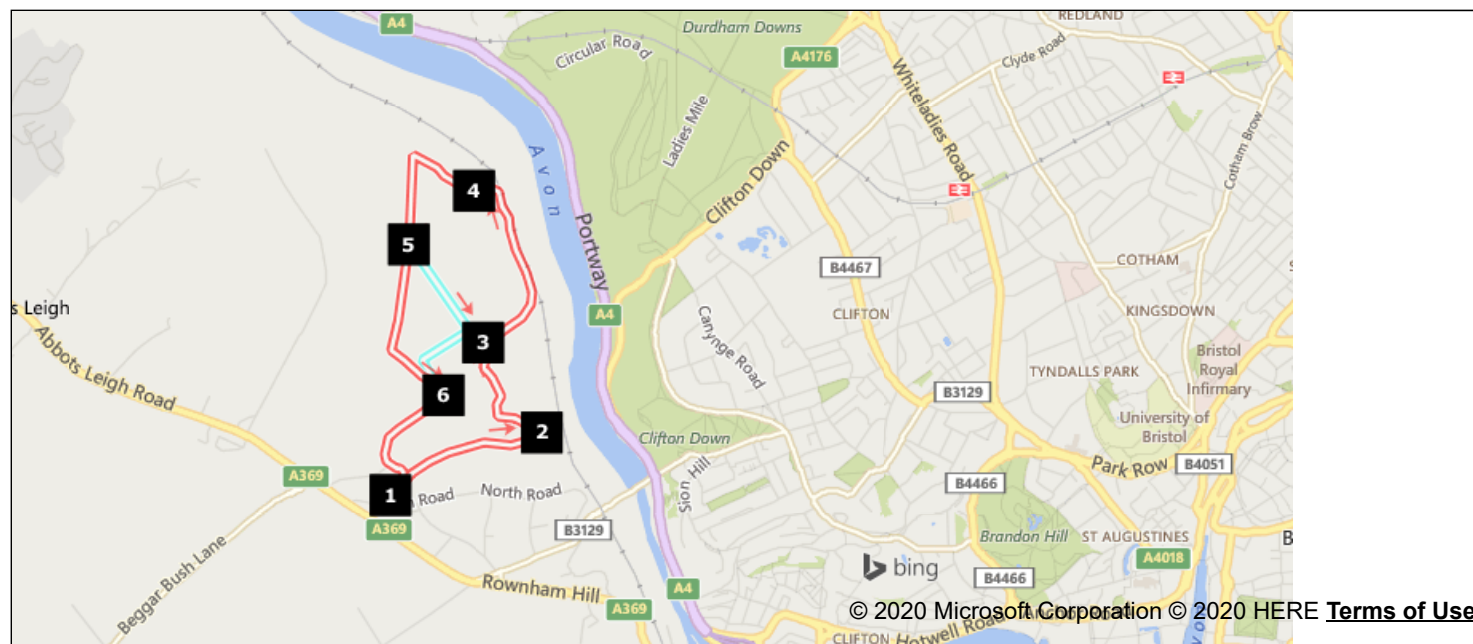
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Bristol: Leigh Woods

1 hour 13 minutes 3.8km / 2.4mi Easy

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Route Summary:

A pleasant easy walk through some lovely woodland and enjoying some impressive views over the Avon Gorge.

Start location:

North Road, Leigh Woods

Getting there:

Car: The start is 100m from the A369 junction (Abbots Leigh Road). There is parking on North Road itself or in a car park at the end of Valley Road.

Bus: The First Bus X2 and X3 run past the end of North Road adjacent to Leigh Woods every 15 minutes on their way to Portishead from Bristol, and back.

Description:

[1] At the North Road Entrance of Leigh Woods you will see three paths. The far right takes you steeply down to the Pill Path along the bottom of the Avon Gorge. Of the other two, take the right hand path (with the wooden fence to your immediate left) and continue up the slight incline into the grassy clearing with a large house on your left. Continue onwards through the clearing in the same direction of travel, then on the other side take the rightmost of the two available paths. Continue through a lesser clearing and the path narrows and becomes rocky. Continue up a small but steep incline. As the path heads over this and widens again you'll continue straight ahead again and then eventually you'll see glimpses of the Clifton Suspension Bridge and the large houses of Sion Hill ahead of you.

You may meet cows in the initial clearing or anywhere in the woods south of the wall.

[2] Continue onward to enjoy this view point across the Avon Gorge. When you're ready, turn around and take the right hand path (you came from the left hand one!). You'll soon see a grassy path merge from the left, here continue on your path around to the right - the Avon Gorge will continue to be on your right hand side here. Shortly, you reach a T-junction. Go right then immediately fork left following the lilac waymarker. Continue along the path through the gated gap in the wall and then turn right and immediately left at the bench, again following the lilac marker. Now continue to a crossroads of paths.

[3] Here turn right following the lilac marker slightly downhill. The path forks left at a marker then you ignore a right turn at the next. The path continues onwards for some time now before the vegetation opens up to the right to afford some more lovely views (there is also a bench here). Continue past this viewpoint and past the next left turning. Here

you'll leave the lilac path and continue onwards. The path will bend sharply to the left, follow it round and you'll soon come to an impressive triad of beech trees (see photo). Here there are several little paths as well as three main paths merging.

[4] Take the right-most path of the other two main ones. This heads uphill for a short way before levelling and passing a stony path on the left opposite a steeply sloping path on the right. Then you see the "Yer Tiz" Mountain Bike Trail on your left (see photo) which soon crosses your path. Your path descends, and there is a wide, rough path up through the trees on your left. If the weather isn't too bad, take this path and continue straight on for some time. You'll see the stony mountain bike trail on your left and then shortly after you'll cross it (be careful!). Continue onwards until you reach a wide solid pedestrian path crossing your way.

Be very careful when making the crossings of the mountain bike trails (they are well marked) as the cyclist go at a very fast pace and are not always aware that pedestrian paths cross theirs.

[5] If it is not too wet, head straight over the solid path and continue on your wide muddy one. With the occasional twist withstanding, this is generally a very straight path, but more peaceful than the alternative route. The path narrows a bit and twists. Ignore a right turn. Cross 'Yer Tiz' again in a muddy patch then bear right. The path ends with another solid pedestrian path crossing your way. Here turn left and again you will be back on the lilac route. Cross 'Yer Tiz' for the last time and continue straight ahead until the lilac waymarkers by a bench tell you to turn right. Follow them and continue ahead. You'll see the wall ahead of you that you passed through much earlier (but elsewhere!).

In case of very wet weather, the path straight ahead of you at Waypoint [5] will be treacherous! Instead, turn left and follow the lilac waymarkers down a long straight solid path and then sharp right (where a lesser path continues straight ahead between two large trees) and a final left turn, until you rejoin our main route at the wall.

[6] Pass through again and turn immediately right. Here you're leaving the lilac route again and instead will walk down the path with the wall on your immediate right. Follow this path now as it continues, then bends to the left and then emerges at the Valley Road Car Park where you'll see the National Trust Huts and picnic tables. To return to the North Road entrance of the woods, bear left past the front of the huts and continue straight ahead down the side of the large house. You'll come out into the same grassy open space where you began. Bear right round the trees to find the path which will then take you directly back to your start point. I hope you enjoyed your walk!

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