

summary:route2

This is a hilly route that takes in varied scenery, with the option of visiting the historic market town of Winchcombe, Sudeley Castle, Belas Knap and several unspoilt Cotswold villages as well as a number of other places of interest.

Starting at Guiting Power, the main route takes an anticlockwise circuit.

- Guiting Power
- Sudeley Castle
- Winchcombe
- Belas Knap
- Charlton Abbots
- Brockhampton
- Sevenhampton
- Hazleton
- Turkdean
- Notgrove
- Aylworth



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1 Starting opposite Guiting Power Post Office, head gently uphill along the main village street towards the north. After a mile or so, you drop down a valley to a crossroads.

***Straight on for alternative route to Winchcombe - See route notes for 2a**

2 Turn left towards Roel Gate. About 1.6 miles from the crossroads turn left to continue along the main route. **3**

***Straight on for alternative route 2b - See route notes 2a**

After another 0.5 miles the road forks, take the right fork signposted Brockhampton / Andoversford. The road drops down steeply offering beautiful landscape views. Ignore the 1st turning to the right and carry straight on. At the next T-junction turn left. **4**

***Turn right for alternative route to the village of Brockhampton - route 2c**

Ignore the next turning left to Guiting Power and cycle on. At the cross roads with the A436 cross over and continue straight on over the disused railway line. Eventually you will follow the wall that surrounds Salperton Park. Route 2a rejoins the main route from the right. **5**

Very shortly you'll pass a minor lane on the left to Salperton Park and church. Keep going and take the next turning on the left towards Hazleton. The next left turn takes you into the village itself. **6**

After turning right at the Church, you'll drop into a valley and up the other side and arrive at a T-junction. Turn left and almost immediately bear right, ignoring the lane straight ahead (signed unsuitable for motors). This undulating lane, which includes a steepish climb midway, brings you to a T-junction. Turn left towards Turkdean, dropping steeply to Lower Dean, a small hamlet. The road turns sharply to the right at the valley bottom. **7**

At the next junction turn abruptly to the left. The road rises quite steeply up a wooded bank, all the way up to the village of Turkdean. Continue climbing through the village and carry on for 1.5 miles across comparatively flat high ground until you pass the lodge and gates of Notgrove Manor on your right. **8**

Slightly after the lodge turn right into Notgrove village. As you approach the village, turn left passing by the stone pillars either side of the lane. After cycling through Notgrove, take the next right, then left (signposted Bourton-on-the-Water) until you reach the A436. Cross over the A436 and carry on straight, ignoring the right turn towards the ford at Lower Harford. You'll drop steeply down to the hamlet of Aylworth and climb equally steeply up the other side to pass the golf course at Naunton Downs. Cross over the B4068 and drop down into the Windrush valley. After 0.3 mile you rapidly approach a road junction - Turn right . Take the first left and very shortly you arrive at your starting point in Guiting Power.

*ALTERNATIVE ROUTES

2a) Alternative Route to Winchcombe (12.5 miles)

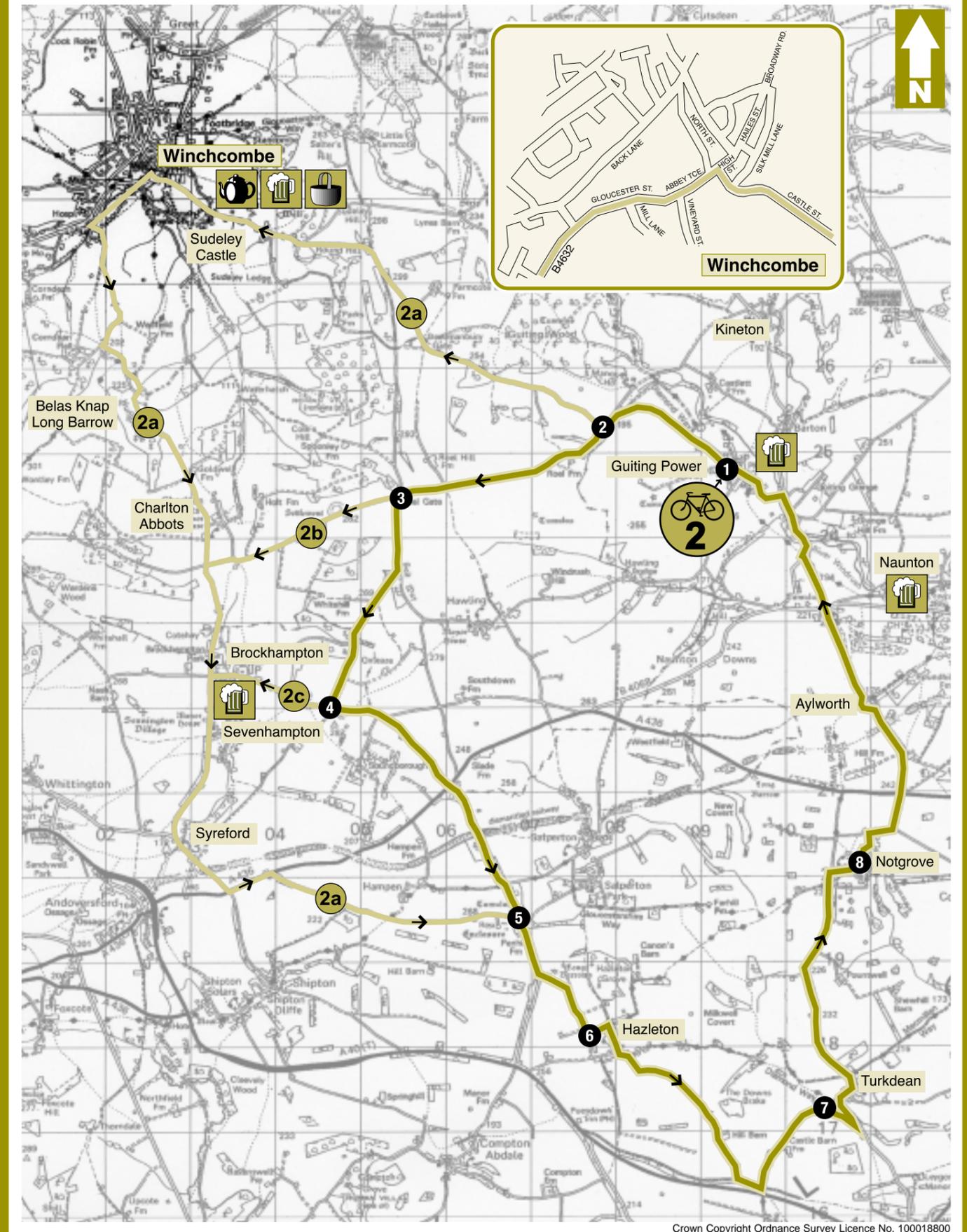
Go straight over and wind your way up the hill. Before long, you'll skirt the edge of Guiting Wood. After passing through the woodland, a road joins from the left and two lanes to Ford and Cutsdean peel off to the right. Ignore these and drop down a steep hill into Winchcombe. This hill is very steep in places, particularly near the top. Near the bottom of the hill, on the left is a gatehouse to Sudeley Castle. Keep going over a bridge until you rise to join the main street through the ancient town of Winchcombe. Turn left through the town along the B4632. Although traffic is generally slow moving through the town, because of all the parked cars, it can be quite busy. (Public entrance to Sudeley is left down Vineyard Street). As you leave the built up area, (opposite the entrance to the hospital) turn left to Andoversford. After a very short distance turn sharp left into Comdean Lane. You are about to climb a monstrous, mile long hill towards Belas Knap, a magnificently restored long barrow. In places the hill nudges 20% so be prepared for a tough ride! It is worth the slog though as, after reaching the top, views from the road open up across the high wolds. Keep going straight along the roller coaster road, past Brockhampton and Sevenhampton. Eventually you'll reach a T-junction. Turn left. After a short distance, go straight ahead at the minor junction and pass over an old railway bridge. When you reach the cross roads with the A436, turn left . Unfortunately it is necessary to cycle about 1/3 mile along the A436 before taking the first turning on the right, signposted Hampen. This lane climbs steadily for about 2 miles and passes the lane to the farming hamlet of Hampen on the left hand side after about a mile. At the T-junction turn right. **5**

2b) Alternative Route to Winchcombe via Belas Knap / Brockhampton (1.5 miles)

Continue straight on from Roel Gate. Ignore first turning to the left. At the cross roads, you can either turn right for Winchcombe via Charlton Abbots and Belas Knap or turn left for Brockhampton and continue using Alternative Route 2 (a) notes.

2c) Alternative Route to Winchcombe via Belas Knap / Brockhampton (1 mile)

From turning right from the main route, **4** straight ahead at the first crossroads. Continue through the village past the pub on the left. Just as you leave the village, turn right for Winchcombe or turn left for Syreford and continue along the main circular route using the 2 (a) route notes.



Starting point

Orientation point

Main route

Alternative routes

Take extra care!

Directional arrows

Teashop

Public House

Shops

Parking

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