








Tourist cycle trail

Cheltenham Spa
Centre for the Cotswolds

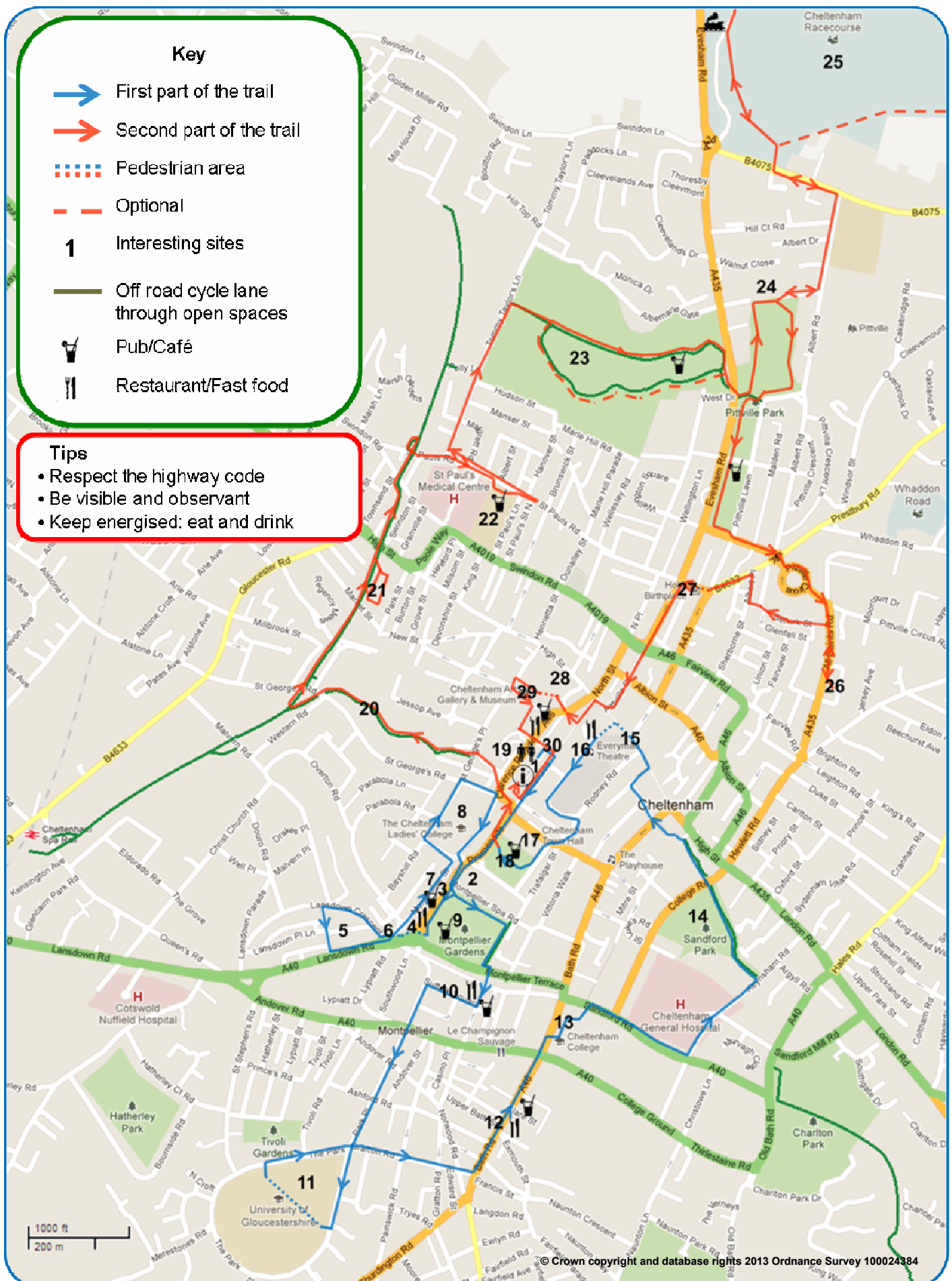


Key

-  First part of the trail
-  Second part of the trail
-  Pedestrian area
-  Optional
- 1** Interesting sites
-  Off road cycle lane through open spaces
-  Pub/Café
-  Restaurant/Fast food

Tips

- Respect the highway code
- Be visible and observant
- Keep energised: eat and drink





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Information sheet

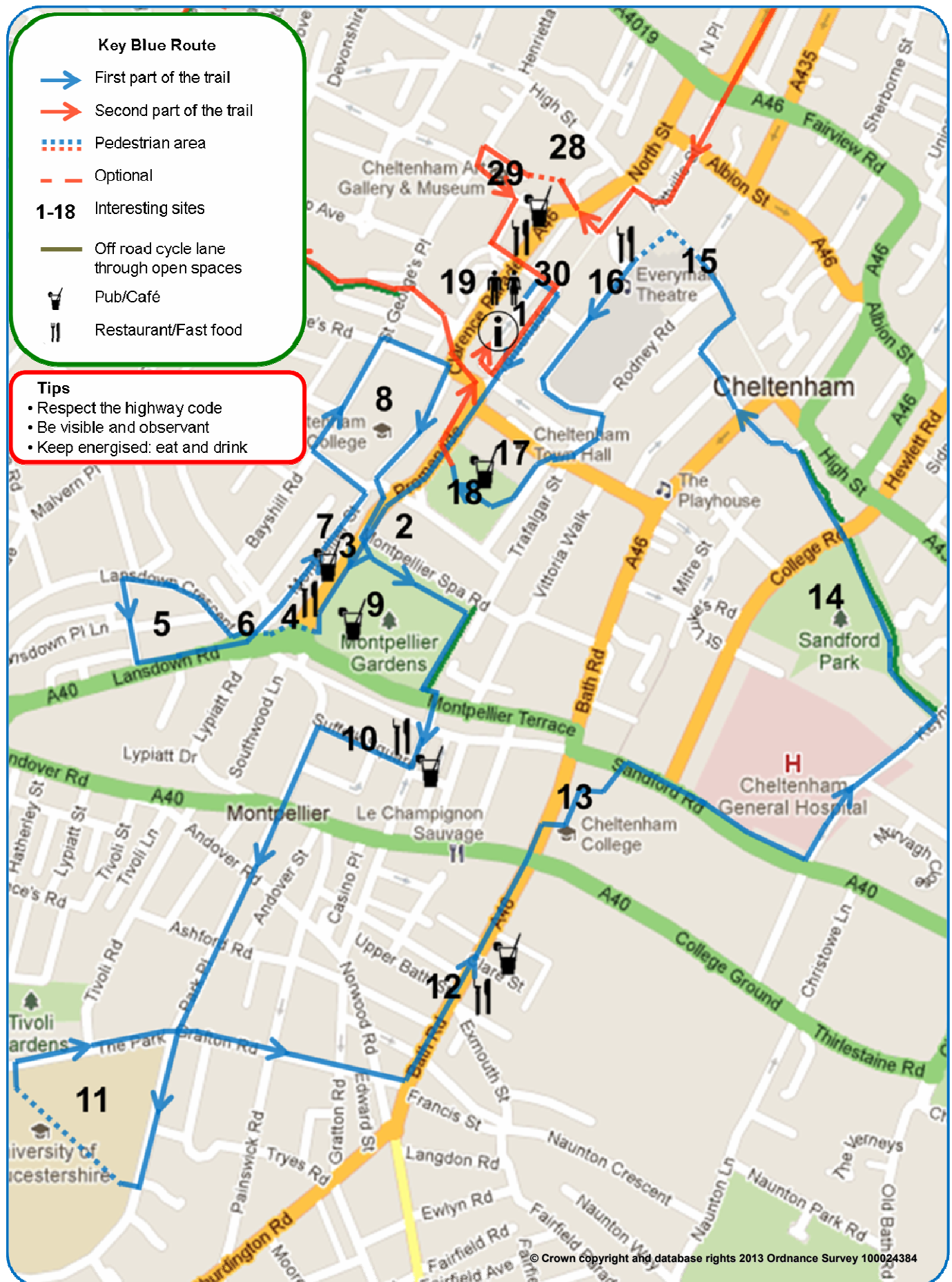
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- 1. Long Gardens (Municipal Offices)**
A long, pretty garden outside the Municipal Offices on the Promenade, the centre of which is the War Memorial. A statue of Edward Wilson, Cheltenham born Arctic explorer, stands at the end near Neptune's Fountain.
- 2. Cheltenham Ladies College**
This famous school, started in 1873, was built over the site of the original Royal Well and takes in students from all over the world. It boasts many styles of architecture, from French Gothic to the Arts and Crafts Movement and has a distinctive copper-domed observatory.
- 3. Montpellier Walk**
Renowned for its' parade of 1840s shops, with cornices supported by 32 armless ladies – the Caryatids are loosely based on classical models from the Acropolis in Athens. With new bars and restaurants added, it is a popular area for alfresco dining.
- 4. Montpellier Spa**
Dating from 1817, this was the most popular spa of the period. It has been a bank since 1882 but take a look inside at the stunning 1826 rotunda ceiling (during opening hours).
- 5. Lansdown Estate**
Explore the magnificent sweeping Regency terraces of this elegant area of Cheltenham, including Lansdown Terrace, Crescent, Parade and Place.
- 6. Gordon Lamp**
Discover this special lamp on a base of red and grey Scottish granite, with decorative ironwork, commemorating General Charles Gordon, hero of the 1884/5 siege of Khartoum.
- 7. The Courtyard (Montpellier)**
Situated in Montpellier Street, this is an innovatory 1985 development around a sunken piazza, for which Sir Hugh Casson RIBA was a consultant architect.
- 8. The Queen's Hotel**
As Cheltenham's historically foremost hotel, completed in 1838, it has received royalty and many notable celebrities of the times. The ornamental railed flowerbed in front stands on one of an original pair of plinths, which supported canons captured at Sebastopol during the Crimean War.
- 9. Montpellier Gardens**
Dating from 1809, this is one of Cheltenham's fine, green open spaces, with a tree-lined broadwalk surrounded by majestic lime trees. Visit the Gardens Gallery in the Proscenium Building for exhibitions by local artists and art-related activities. Free entry.
- 10. Suffolk Square**
The area around here is known as 'The Suffolks', with smaller, distinctive shops, including antiques, homewares and clothes boutiques. Try an afternoon tea at The Daffodil Restaurant, a fascinating converted art deco cinema.
- 11. The Park**
A delightful green space for students, locals and visitors alike to enjoy and houses the Park Campus for the University of Gloucestershire.
- 12. Bath Road**
Local shopping area, packed with independent shops. Pubs and restaurants add to this lively community.
- 13. Cheltenham College**
This is the home of England's oldest cricket festival, with the stunning backdrop of this historical boys' college.
- 14. Sandford Park**
A park with many ornamental features and fountains. Garden twinning areas include the Annecy Garden, a French courtyard with a formal structure and romantic planting and the Italian Garden, where Irish yews are trimmed back to re-instate the original design.
- 15. High Street**
You will find all the main retail chains on Cheltenham High Street and more.
- 16. Everyman Theatre**
Designed by Frank Matcham, the Everyman Theatre has just undergone a major refurbishment to coincide with the theatre's 120th anniversary.
- 17. Town Hall**
An extensive entertainment and events programme can be enjoyed in this Edwardian Baroque Town Hall of 1903.
- 18. Imperial Gardens**
A beautiful formal garden, originally planted in 1818 for the exclusive use of subscribers to the Sherborne Spa. Spot Cheltenham's twinning finger sign post with information on its twin and friendship towns.
- 19. Royal Well Bus Station**
The main hub for National Express coaches and local buses.
- 20. Off road cycle route Honeybourne Line**
A pleasant cycle route through a green, leafy area and short cut to the Railway Station.
- 21. Winston Churchill Memorial Gardens**
Once a cemetery, this is now a small urban park just over one hectare in size, comprising a yew lined path towards the original chapel, now St. Mary's Mission and a Grade II listed building.
- 22. FCH Campus**
University of Gloucestershire's Francis Close Hall Campus.
- 23. Pittville Park**
Dating from 1825, this is the largest ornamental park in Cheltenham, providing a suitably impressive parkland setting for the town's architectural showpiece, the Pittville Pump Room.
- 24. Pittville Pump Room**
Built in the austere Greek Revival style of 1825-30, the Pump Room is Grade I listed and is the centrepiece of the estate of villas, terraces and lawns which Pitt developed. The spa waters may still be tasted here today (Open all year Wed – Sun 10am – 4pm events permitting).
- 25. Racecourse**
Cheltenham Racecourse is one of the most well-known racecourses in the UK, hosting the Festival in March each year among its other horse racing fixtures, culminating in the famous Cheltenham Gold Cup. The train station stop for Gloucestershire Warwickshire Steam Railway is at the back of the racecourse – see website www.gwsr.com
- 26. All Saints Church**
Dating from 1865-8, the polished granite arcade, elaborate carving, statuary in canopied niches, ironwork screen and font cover make the interior of this church breathtaking. Add to this the magnificent organ cases (Holst's father was organist here) and the stained glass window by Burne-Jones and it becomes the finest example of High Church in the town.
- 27. Holst Birthplace Museum**
The composer Gustav Holst was born in this small Regency house in Clarence Road on 21 September 1874. This is now a museum dedicated to Holst's life and work.
- 28. St. Mary's Church**
Standing in the town centre, the parish church dates architecturally back to the 12th century with arches under its central tower, and has something to show of each succeeding century. In the churchyard, you can see the remains of the town's medieval cross, along with examples of the 'dragon and onion' lamp standards.
- 29. Art Gallery and Museum**
The Art Gallery & Museum was established in 1899 when Baron de Ferrieres donated his collection of 43 Old Master paintings to the town, plus £1000 towards the building of a gallery in which to display them. The Art Gallery & Museum was opened by HRH The Princess Royal in September 1989 and a major redevelopment is now taking place, with the new building due to open in Spring 2013.
- 30. Promenade**
Cheltenham's most famous thoroughfare had its origins in the 1790s, when a row of shops known as the Colonnade, was built on the south side of the High Street, where that street now joins 'the Prom', as it is so often called. With fine terraces and private villas, it soon became the heart of fashionable Cheltenham and the Minotaur and Hare statue sits on the pedestrianised area.

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