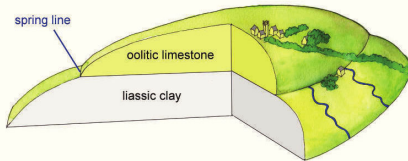


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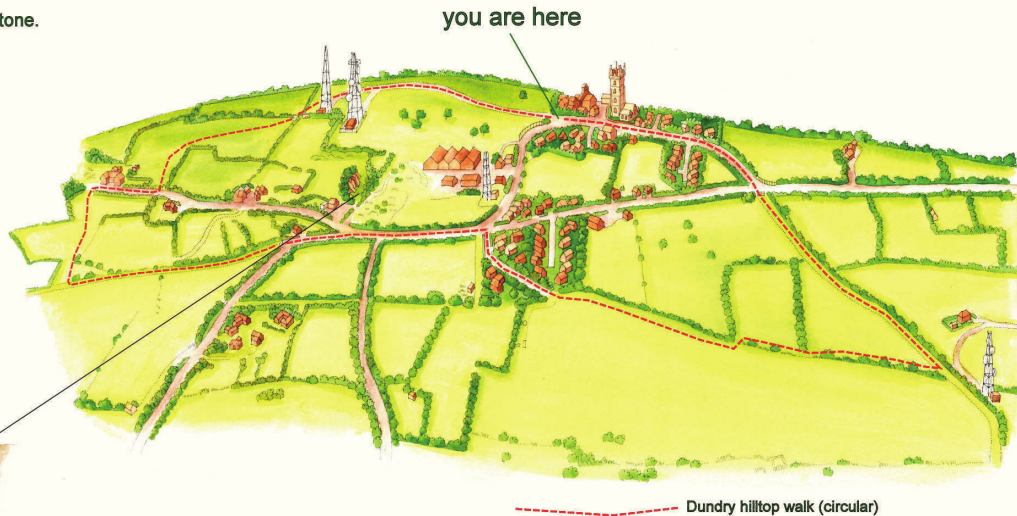
Dundry

Dundry Hill is capped by limestone, formed during the Jurassic period. It's the same rock that the Cotswolds are made of, and has protected the underlying clays from erosion.

An important layer is the Dundry Freestone, which has been quarried since Roman times. It was used in the building of Bristol's St Mary Redcliffe church, and shipped far and wide; Cardiff Castle and Dublin Cathedral both used Dundry stone.

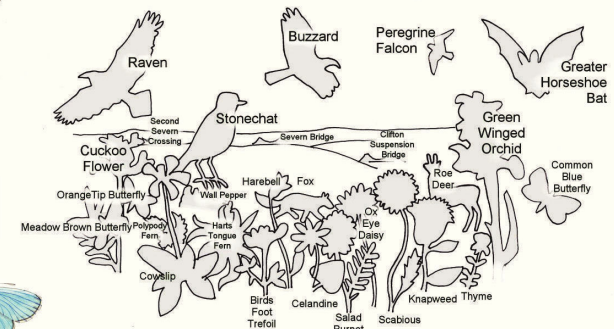
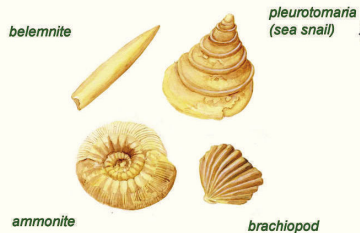


The last quarrying took place in the 1920s. The former quarries now provide a habitat for wildlife, including horseshoe bats.



The tower of St Michael's church was built in 1482 by Bristol's Society of Merchant Venturers. It's a prominent landmark. In the churchyard is the Dole Stone, which may have originally been used to demonstrate what the local stone is like.

Dundry Freestone is rich in fossils, particularly ammonites.



Watch out for upland birds like ravens, buzzards and stonechats. There are orchids in the meadows. Look for the small yellow flowers of wall pepper in the summer.

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Dundry Hilltop Walk

- 1 Starting at the village car park go through the field gate and follow the track across Dundry Down towards the telecom masts, then take the path to the right of the three masts
- 2 You will see three stiles. Take the middle one and walk to the right, following the hedge downhill until you reach a gate into Castle Farm farmyard, with a sign marked 'Monarch's Way'
- 3 Turn left and follow the fence, keeping left of Castle Farm towards a gate and a wooden stile up on the left
- 4 Once over the stile turn right down the lane. The first gate on the left is marked "Monarch's Way". Go through the gate, walk diagonally across the field until you see Chew Valley Lake with Bristol Airport on the right in the distance
- 5 Leave the field through the gate ahead, onto a green lane. Turn left and follow the wall on your left until you come to another gate
- 6 Go through the gate into Elwell Lane and follow the path through a second gate. You will quickly come to a gate out onto a tarmac road by Wansdyke Bungalow. You are now in Winford Lane
- 7 Walk left along the green lane, passing Littleton Lane on your right, and on to an old stone stile and a cattle grid. Turn right down the driveway next to the cattlegrid, which is signed as a public footpath
- 8 The track passes several houses and garages to a metal gate into an open field. Keeping the boundary hedge to your left, walk in the direction of the single mast directly ahead
- 9 At a dog-leg in the boundary, walk through the gate and continue towards the mast with the hedge now on your right
- 10 When you reach the mast, turn to your left, ignoring the stile on your right and keeping the church in view. Carry on until you reach the road
- 11 Ignore the left turn and follow Church Road ahead towards the church
- 12 Walk through the village with the church of St Michael on your right and the Dundry Inn on your left. Straight ahead is the road back to the car park

Walk Information

Getting there: By car, take A38 south from Bristol, turn left into Dundry Lane, about 2 miles from the city boundary. Turn right at the junction by the church to the village car park. There is an infrequent bus service from Bristol.

Walk distance: about 2 miles

Difficulty: easy/medium, mostly level, but paths can be very muddy

Accessibility: a number of stiles. Not suitable for wheelchairs or buggies.

Duration: two hours, or more to enjoy the views. Picnic places en route.

Refreshment: Dundry Inn at start/finish, open all day

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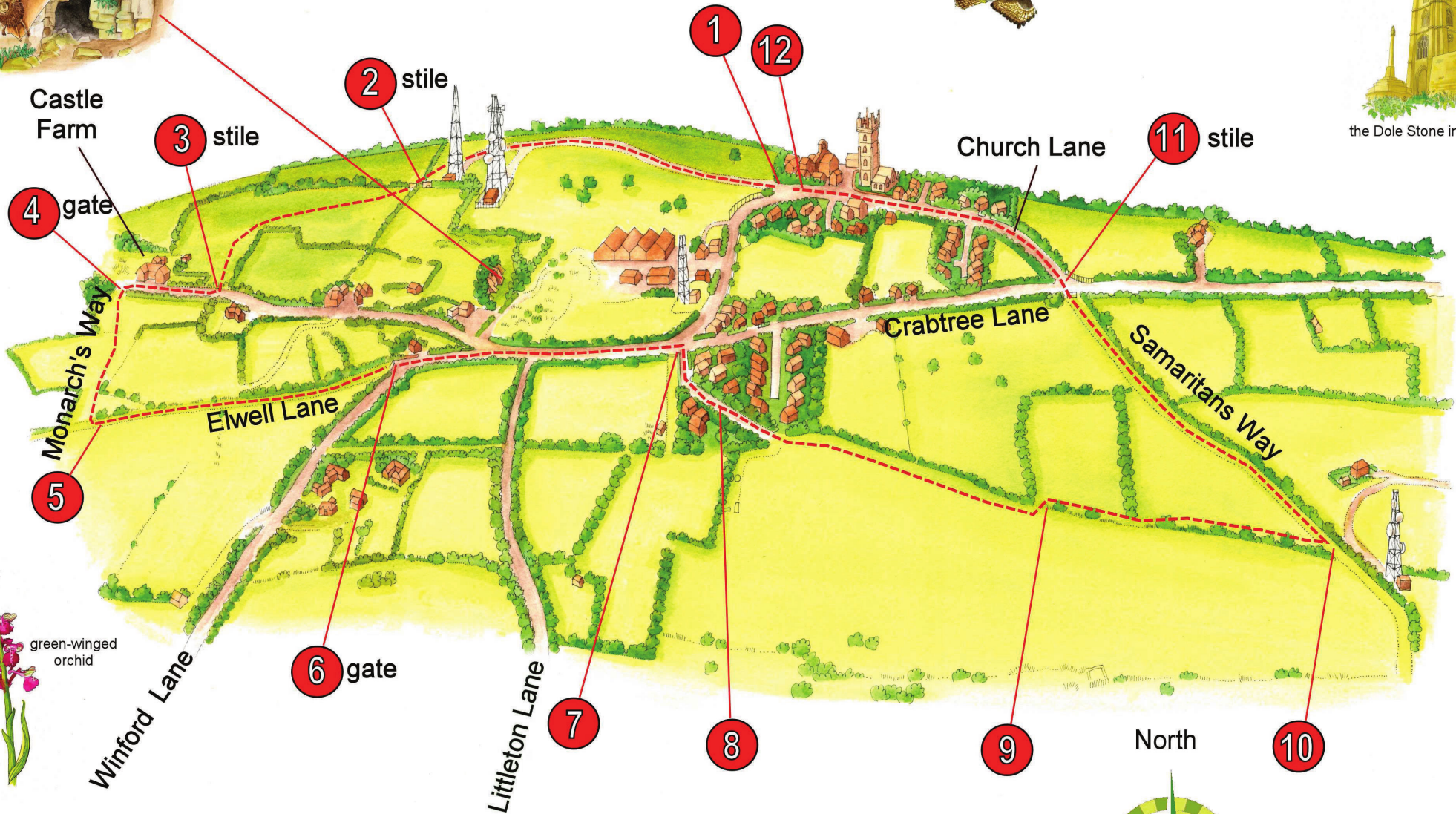
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buzzard



the Dole Stone in the churchyard



green-winged orchid

some Dundry fossils



ammonite



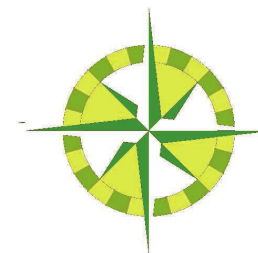
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North



raven
the diamond-shaped tail distinguishes it from the crow