

4. Rollright Stones

Two very short walks on grass round a prehistoric site with wide views. Suitable for all wheels.



Where is it?

The Rollright Stones are four miles north of Chipping Norton. A left turn off the A3400 appears very quickly after the crown of a hill. It is signed to Little Rollright and Little Compton. Take the lane for half a mile and park in either of the lay-bys on the left.

The walk

Two easy routes for all, mostly on grass with one very gentle slope. The stones are among England's finest ancient monuments. The King's Stone and the Whispering Knights date from Neolithic times. The stone circle known as the King's Men is thought to be Bronze Age. There are magnificent views to the north and south.



Directions

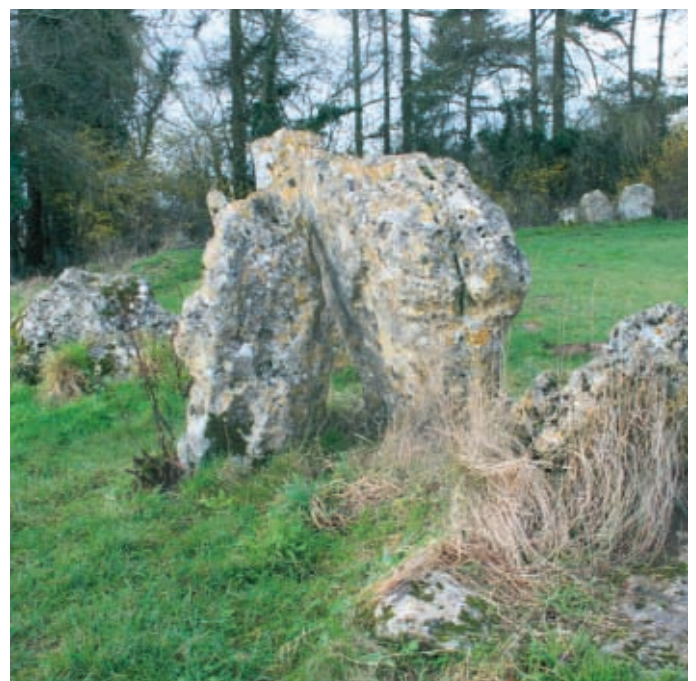
The short route to the King's Stone (180 metres there and back) starts across the road from the main gate. **1** The grass and plastic mesh path skirts the fence on the left to a viewpoint near the King's Stone.

The long route (total 860 metres) leads to the Whispering Knights and the Stone Circle. Enter the site through a medium mobility gate or a larger gate opened by radar key. **2** The short first section is on smooth rolled limestone. At the end **3** turn either left for the Whispering Knights or right if you wish only to see the King's Men circle. The path to the Whispering Knights leads between the hedge and the fence, turning right after 290 metres to descend very gently to an information board. The final approach to the monument is across 30 metres of uneven grass. Return the same way that you came.

The site is open from dawn until dusk, entrance £1. It is manned by volunteers at weekends and on some weekdays, and managed by the Rollright Stones Trust. For information see www.rollrightstones.co.uk

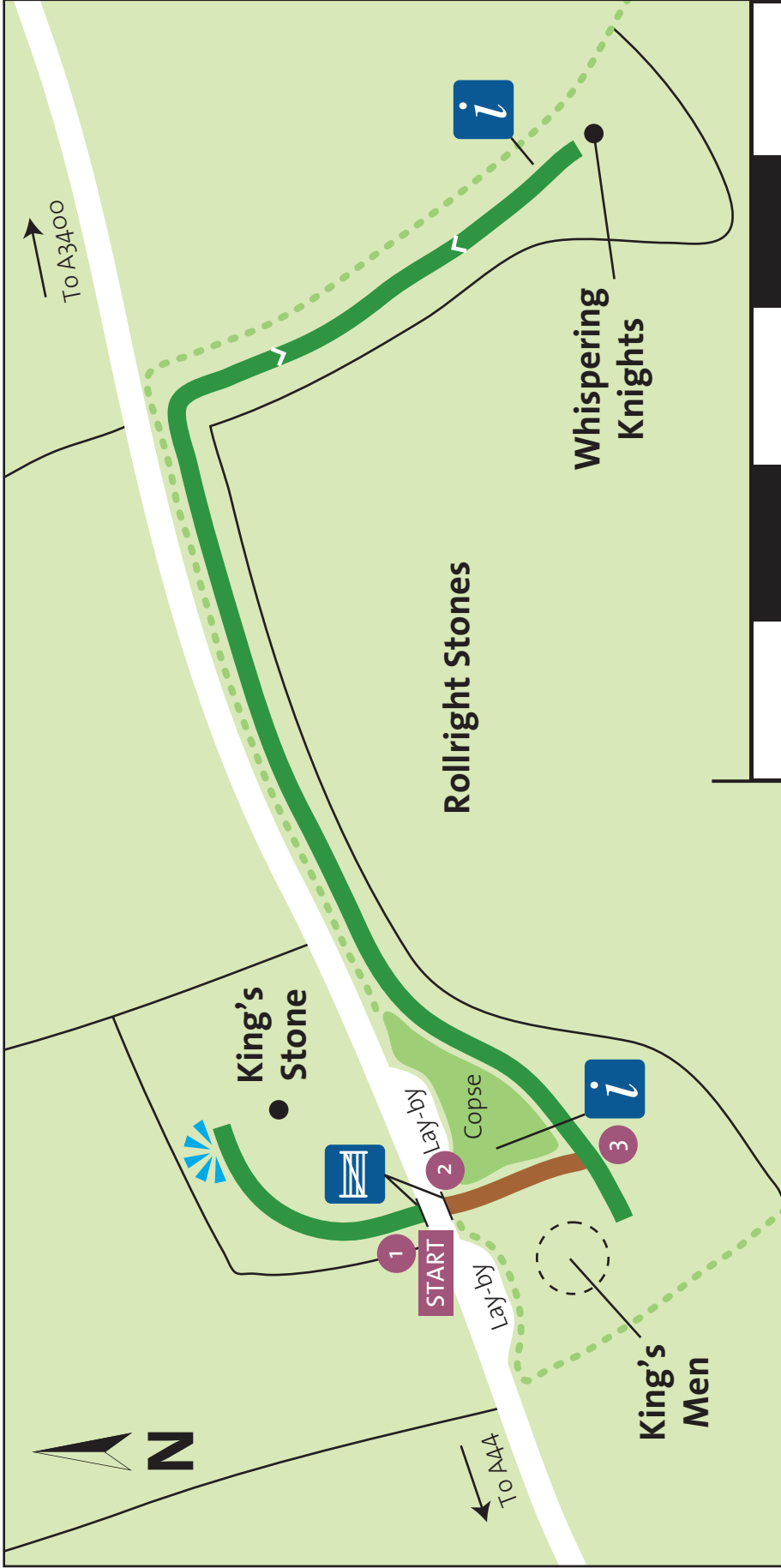
Refreshments and toilets

Tearoom and disabled toilets at Wyatt's Farm Shop and Nursery, a mile away across the A3400. For opening times **Tel: 01608 684835**. Disabled public toilets in Chipping Norton, at the Worcester Road car park.







Walks on Wheels was devised by the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens to mark their 40 years of helping to improve access to the Cotswolds and conserve its special landscape.


4. Rollright Stones and views



Key to map

-  Grass, mown or grazed but may be uneven
-  Earth paths, generally smooth
-  Gentle slope
-  Hedge

Key to symbols

-  Information
-  Gate
-  Viewpoint

Please Note:

Some of these routes may be difficult or impassable in bad weather and after rain. Always wear appropriate clothing and footwear and beware of traffic. The Cotswolds Conservation Board cannot accept responsibility for accidents or difficulties experienced by users of these routes.