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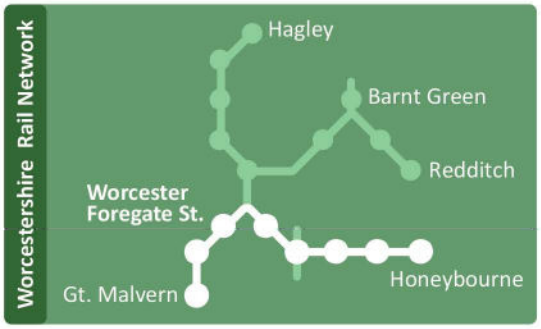
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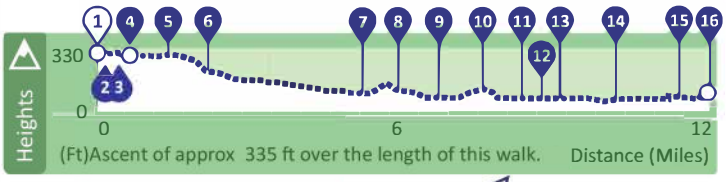
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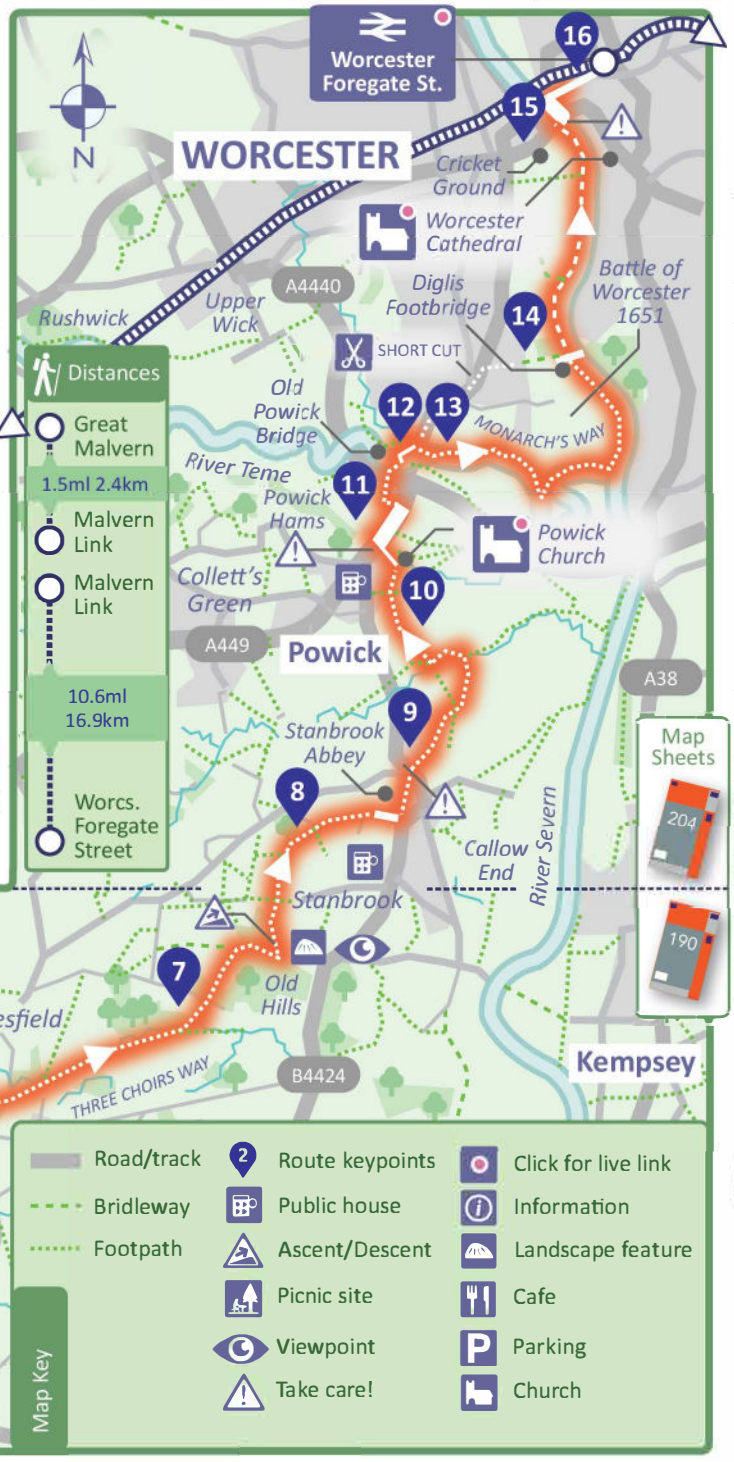
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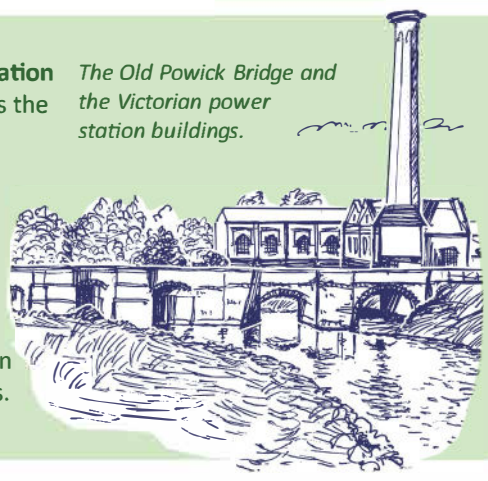
Points of interest

Old Powick Bridge
Situated on the River Teme, the mediaeval old powick bridge also displays 17th century additions. The bridge is famous due to it's association with the English Civil War. Especially so the 'Battle of Powick Bridge' in 1642. Accounts on the memorial plaques at the site talk of a Royalist victory via it's strength of cavalry against the opposing Parliamentarian troops.

The bridge's association with the civil war continued when in 1651 it was involved with the Battle of Worcester where part of the bridge was blown up by Royalist forces to deter the crossing of the River Teme by the Parliamentarian troops.

Victorian Power Station
behind the bridge is the Victorian power station - the first water and steam-driven facility in England in 1894.

The site remained in use until the 1950's.



The Old Powick Bridge and the Victorian power station buildings.

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Directions

1. R on car park to steps up to tree lined footpath leading to Avenue Rd. Continue on Imperial Rd. Cross main road. Continue L up hill then R on Albert Rd N. R on FP just before Malvern Cube. Continue through gate then obvious FP to drop down to Lane. R under bridge.

2. Follow FP with metal railings. At open field L on FP continuing through wood to new housing. Take path through middle of square, then R onto Pickersleigh Grove and almost immediately L on FP by school. Continue through narrow section between fencing panels to emerge on cul-de-sac.

3. Continue straight on to FP signed to L between housing. Follow to road by railway. Do not cross bridge. Continue over common keeping railway on your L. Cross Worcester Rd then R to gap L to Malvern Link station.

   NB. If continuing to Worcester follow obvious cutting R to Pickersleigh Rd. Then L to FP signed R between housing.

4. R on station car park to gap onto Worcester Rd. Cross then follow path diagonally L across Link Common to Pickersleigh Rd. (At this point we join the Three Choirs Way a signed route that we broadly follow for much, but not all, of the way as far as Powick). FP sign L between fence panels. After crossing second road slight R then L onto Spring Lane. Pass Morgan Motors Visitor Centre.

5. Before junction turn R onto access to Malvern Rugby Club. Continue straight on FP taking next L down wide tree-lined avenue. Where FP crosses continue in same direction. Emerge to cross road then grassed area to B4208. Cross with care. Continue on path through trees to path junction. L on path through Community Woodland. Take first R after FB, through horse paddocks to Lane. Take FP opposite through wood. Keep L in field to access green lane that ends at field. Cross field to L-hand corner to road.

6. Cross road then L on pavement. Take FP R on surfaced lane after private access to Madresfield Court. Where lane heads L continue straight on path that passes under two bridges to emerge where track crosses. Cross large field to L-hand corner (or L then R to use unofficial route along the edge of wood). Continue on FP to end of wood where track crosses. L then R over bridge to wood. R through hedge then L over stile to follow path through wood to a second stile.

7. Cross field to gate in hedge then R and through another gate onto Old Hills. Follow obvious path that heads R and uphill to Trig Point. L from Trig Point along ridge with views to former Powick Asylum. Half way down the hill take FP R through gap in trees. Descend to where track crosses. Take farm gate immediately opposite up alongside horse paddocks to awkward stile before climbing R on FP past isolated house on top of hill.

8. Continue on obvious track ignoring paths to R & L to head downhill on sunken track to surfaced lane. Just before road in Callow End L on FP between former gatehouses to Stanbrook Abbey (now Hotel) Path continues to B4424 junction.

9. Cross road carefully to stile by gate. Follow FP around to L. After stile follow boundary of large open field. Just after house behind hedge on R cross small wooden footbridge on R then L on track between hedges. Continue past sewage works to a bridge over a stream. From here take the FP to L of pylon then through gate and diagonally across the corner of the next field to gate.

10. Continue on obvious path with hedge on R. Cross farm track and gate through metal fence into churchyard. Continue to St Peter's Church. Crossing in front of the church tower continue on obvious path to another metal gate, then (ignoring two FPs down bank to R) follow path through trees which turns into a wider access track to houses and the A449.

11. R on pavement to cross this busy road at the Pelican. R on pavement/cycleway alongside A449 to access the new Hams Way cycle-footbridge. Cross this and drop down to follow the cycleway to Powick Old Bridge and Mill.

12. Immediately after crossing Old Powick Bridge the main route heads R on FPs over floodplains. When flooded, muddy after heavy rain or for a 1 mile 'short cut' route an alternative is to follow the well signed National Cycle Route 46 to re-join the route at Diglis Bridge.

13. For the main route R immediately after the bridge to an information board about The Battle of Worcester 1651 then follow the Monarch's Way alongside the River Teme to its confluence with the River Severn and onwards up to the Diglis cycle-footbridge.

14. From Diglis Bridge follow the well-maintained cycle-footway up the L side of the Severn to the road bridge over the Severn in the city.

15. At the main A44 use two Toucans to cross New Road Bridge on its north side. At the end of the bridge follow the pavement around to the L, down steps to keep next to the river and under the Railway Viaduct. After the viaduct R to join a cycle-footway on the north side of the car park. Cross the main road at a Toucan, then R under the second arch and immediately L with The Hive on your R.

16. We now follow a route adjacent to the arches of the viaduct. Keep straight on at the first road. At the second, cross the road then follow the pavement L under the railway, around a corner and through a narrow alleyway to Foregate Street. The station is R and on the opposite side of the road.

Key L = Turn Left | R = Turn Right | FP = Footpath

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