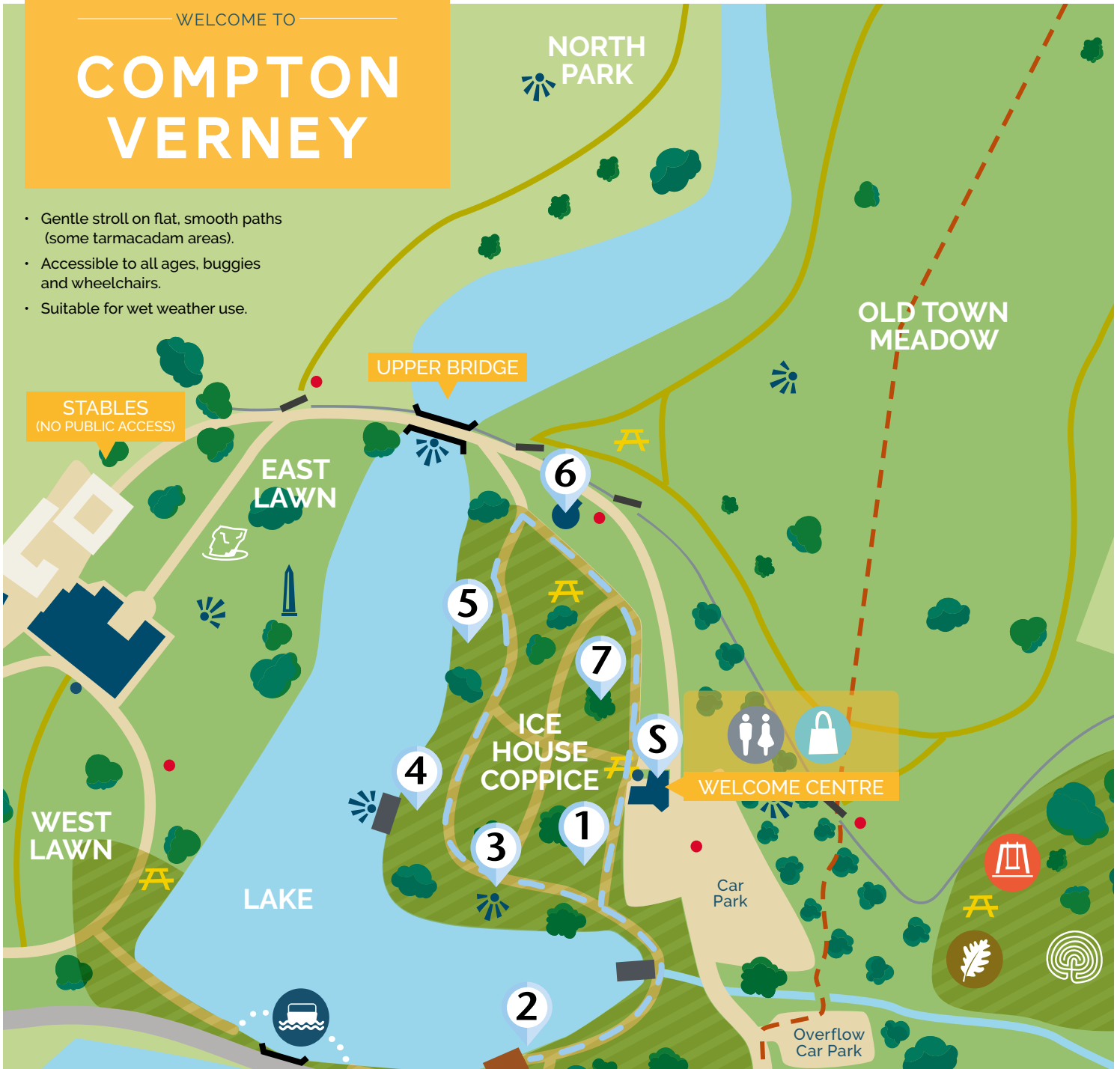


WELCOME TO

COMPTON VERNEY

- Gentle stroll on flat, smooth paths (some tarmac areas).
- Accessible to all ages, buggies and wheelchairs.
- Suitable for wet weather use.



Ice House Coppice Circular Trail

♥ **Approx. 700 kilometres** ⌚ **Approx. 20 mins.** (gentle stroll – easy)

Key



Ice House Coppice Circular Trail

S **START:** Welcome Centre

1 Leave the Welcome Centre through the exit doors. Take the path on your left.

2 Follow the path around until you can see the Pond Dipping Platform and pause to look at the interpretation and identification board. Retrace your steps then walk along the board walk to the Bird Hide. After leaving the Bird Hide, retrace your steps to walk along the boardwalk, passing the large forked London plane tree on your left; look up and you will see the bat boxes.

3 Continue on the path and look to your left, across to the road bridge (believed to have been built by 'Capability' Brown in c.1772) and the modern ferry. The road bridge was originally designed for carriages, and beyond the bridge the water drops rapidly and enters the lower pool, eventually making its way into the River Avon at Charlecote Park.

4 Continue on the path, which smoothly curves to the right; the Gallery comes into view on the left across the water. Before you reach the junction in the path, you will see an orienteering post (numbered 53V) to your right, immediately behind this an English yew tree (with metal tag and description label), which could date back to the early 18th century formal garden or earlier. Its many stems and evergreen foliage acted as a screening and shade-giving plant for this woodland garden area.

5 Continue on the path moving straight ahead. The twists and turns of the path are not historic, they were added during the restoration of the path network in order to navigate around a large and protected badger sett. As you continue along the path you may notice to your right more ornamental planting, which act as a 'nectar bank' for wildlife. The ornamental planting exhibits a range of plants typically found in gardens of the late 18th century.

6 When you emerge from the wooded area, and the parkland comes into view, take the path immediately to your right, passing the Ice House to your left and Willow Tunnels to your right.

7 Continue straight on to return to the Welcome Centre. To your left the impressive wellingtonia trees of c.1880 come into view, and to your right the hollow oak tree shows signs of a significant lightning strike many years ago.