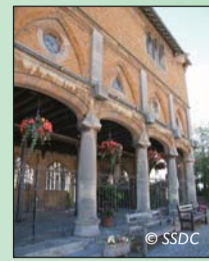


A short walk around Castle Cary & Ansford

Take a stroll around town, and see if you can spot the items shown in our images

Distance: approx 2 miles

Pushchair friendly, with a few steep inclines



Start from the **Market House (1)** built in 1855 on the site of an older market house c.1616. Face the **George Hotel (2)** - one of the oldest buildings in Cary, dating from 1673. Look carefully to see fragments of stone taken from the Norman castle and built into the façade.



Turn left and walk up the **High Street**. Note the buildings with their individual shop fronts and the bank building on the sunny side of the street. **Pither's Yard**, was once the site of Pither & Son, furniture and cabinet makers and a large employer in the town. A steady climb brings you to the **Methodist Chapel (3)** on high ground to the right. The present building dates from 1839, 55 years after the first preaching house was secured and John Wesley made the first of five visits to the town.

Opposite the chapel is **Ochiltree House (4)**, built in the early 1820s. John Boyd lived in the house; the inscription over the cart passage refers to the foundation of his horsehair weaving business in Castle Cary. A plaque commemorates the **Macmillans'** occupation and the start, in 1912, of the first cancer relief charity.



At the top of the hill, turn left (down the hill) on the A371. On your left, you pass a small building - once a **Zion Chapel (5)** - and a little further on, **Cumnock Terrace (6)**: 12 dwellings built by John Boyd for his workers and named after his birthplace.

Walk through the traffic light controlled section of the road to the junction with Ansford Road and on your left is **Ansford House (7)** - built in the late 18th century for the Woodforde family and visited by John Wesley in 1789.



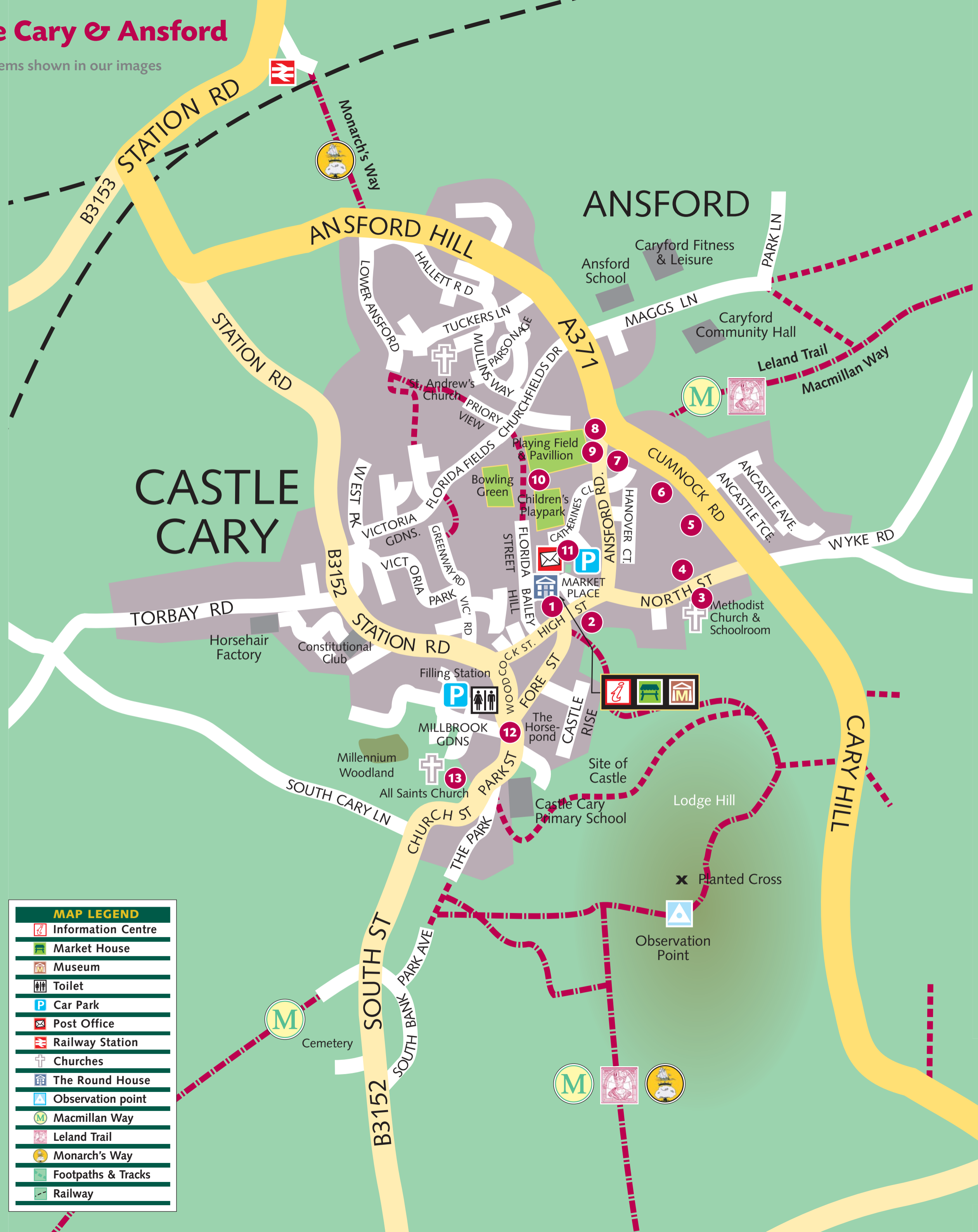
Before turning left down **Ansford Road** note the large building on the corner, the former **Ansford Inn (8)**. Now residential, it dates from the 17th century and was probably the best known inn in Somerset. In his diary, **Parson Woodforde** describes a carnival atmosphere at the Masquerade Ball held here in 1767.

Going down Ansford Road, look out for an odd shaped building on your right, the old **Turnpike Toll House (9)**. Look closely and you will make out four blocked windows facing up and down the hill.

Turn right at the first junction into Catherine's Close. Follow the path round and before entering **Donald Pither Memorial Field (10)** look up and see the **Living Cross** on the hillside (Lodge Hill), which overlooks the town. As you enter the playing field follow the footpath across the ground, with the children's playground on your left. The large Cary stone building in front of you was originally a silk factory and later used for horse hair weaving. The imposing building behind is Florida House - built by John Stephens Donne (a rope, twine and webbing manufacturer) in 1887 and, at one time, a convent.

At the end of the footpath, turn left and go along Florida Street with its pretty cottages to the top of Bailey Hill. See the **Roundhouse** lock-up in front of you and the **Post Office (11)** - a fine Georgian building dating back to 1767. Walk down on

the right-hand pavement and turn right into **Woodcock Street**. After 50 metres turn left into **Lower Woodcock Street**. Use the right hand pavement and you will see a shop called **Studio 13**. Look carefully at this shop front for evidence that this was once a public convenience!



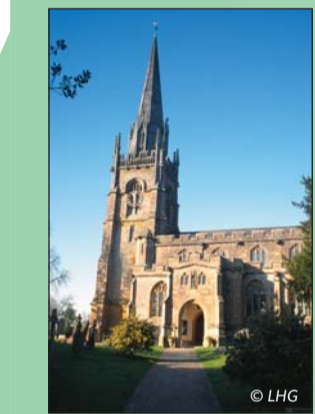
MAP LEGEND	
	Information Centre
	Market House
	Museum
	Toilet
	Car Park
	Post Office
	Railway Station
	Churches
	The Round House
	Observation point
	Macmillan Way
	Leland Trail
	Monarch's Way
	Footpaths & Tracks
	Railway

Hints and tips for dog owners

We welcome dogs to our town, but ask owners to:

- Clear up any dog poo - there are bins around the town.
- Keep your dog on a lead if you cannot guarantee its obedience.
- Take care that your dog does not go near livestock, or wander where it may disturb ground-nesting birds.
- Follow the Countryside Code:
 - ✓ Be safe, plan ahead and follow any signs
 - ✓ Leave gates and property as you find them
 - ✓ Protect plants and animals and take your litter home
 - ✓ Keep dogs under control
 - ✓ Consider other people

Looking ahead, see the **Horse Pond** and **War Memorial**. This area is known as **The Triangle (12)**. Walk along the right-hand pavement and looking across after the Horse Pond on your left, see a small building with red doors - this is the old Fire Station.

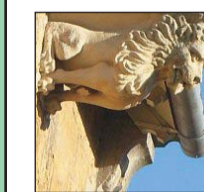


Follow the footpath up to **All Saints Church (13)**. Enter the churchyard through the iron gates and follow the path to the **Millennium Wood**. Walking around the wood you will find a group of three stones which represent The Father, The Son and Holy Ghost. The larger standing stone has Cary Stone around its perimeter and shale in the centre (look carefully and you can see fossil shells).



Retrace your steps through the wood and churchyard back onto the pavement. Cross the road in front of **Castle Cary Primary School** - see the old entrances for girls and boys. Follow the pavement past the Horse Pond and up through **Fore Street** with its many shops back to the Market House.

Can you find these unusual and sometimes historic items on your walk around Castle Cary and Ansford? You'll need to look high and low, and study walks and doorways to find them. There are no clues or prizes, but lots of fun!



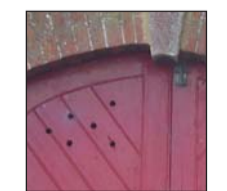
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