

WELCOME TO CHELTENHAM THE FESTIVAL TOWN

Refined elegance and Regency terraces provide the backdrop for great events, restaurants and nightlife.

Cheltenham has been the place to be seen ever since the 18th century when its famous spa waters were found by pigeons and championed by the enterprising Henry Skillicorne. After a visit by George III, it became one of the finest inland holiday destinations for the wealthy to escape the excesses and smog of London life. It is still living up to its billing 200 years later.

Known for its horse racing, festivals and

first-class schools (not to mention spy base GCHQ), Cheltenham has a year-round events programme, which includes Cheltenham Literature Festival, the world's first literature festival and Cheltenham Cricket Festival, the world's oldest cricket festival.

Add in great shopping, from High Street names to an abundance of independent shops and Cheltenham is a must-visit town.

Cheltenham overflows with food and drink from around the world, from street food to Michelin starred fine dining.



Lumiere, Cheltenham's intimate and imaginative Michelin-starred restaurant, has firmly established itself as one of the UK's most exciting culinary destinations.

7 RESTAURANTS IN THE MICHELIN GUIDE (2025)

A FOOD HAVEN

Lumiere Restaurant

MICHELIN STAR TO STREET FOOD

Energetic restaurateurs, pioneering chefs, and the fervent support of a local community of food lovers, have helped create a thriving and vibrant independent restaurant scene that has put Cheltenham firmly on the foodie map of Britain. See visitcheltenham.com/eating-out for more foodie fanfare.



Enjoy quality time with friends. visitcheltenham.com/eating-out



Indulge in a little afternoon tea. visitcheltenham.com/afternoon-tea

RELAX AND INDULGE

After exploring the town's shops and restaurants, why not treat yourself to a pampering session? Choose one of the town's hotel spas and wellness centres. visitcheltenham.com/spa

STAY A WHILE

Cheltenham is the perfect place to indulge in a few days away to explore the town or use as a base for exploring the nearby Cotswolds. From a cosy B&B, or stylish apartment to a luxurious hotel or countryside retreat, you'll be spoilt for choice. visitcheltenham.com/accommodation

PLAN YOUR VISIT

Our helpful weekend itineraries will ensure you make the most of your stay. Whether you are a foodie, travelling with your kids, on a stag do or a ladies weekend, our itineraries are packed full of insider tips and hidden gems to ensure you have a memorable stay. visitcheltenham.com/itineraries

REGENCY TO ROLLING HILLS

Cheltenham has the most complete 19th century town plan in England. Fancy a stroll around some of the best central areas? Look out for this symbol on the map.

TOURS & MASTERCLASSES

Get behind the Regency facade, experience our great food and drink, unique attractions and find out more about the colourful people from Cheltenham's past.

Why not try?

- Guided tour with blue badge tour guide
 - Exhibitions & galleries
 - Ride on a heritage steam & diesel railway
 - Food & drink masterclasses
 - Backstage theatre tour
 - Distillery & brewery tours
 - Self-guided tour
- visitcheltenham.com/things-to-do



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True to its spa and Regency heritage, Cheltenham, The Festival Town, continues to refresh mind, body and soul with an annual calendar featuring cultural festivals and major sports events.

From the Cheltenham Festival at Cheltenham Racecourse featuring Gold Cup Day in March, to the world's oldest literature festival and world class science, music and jazz festivals, Cheltenham truly offers 12 months of feel good experiences.

SPRING

Cheltenham Festival featuring Gold Cup Day
Craft Festival Cheltenham
Cheltenham Jazz Festival
The April Meeting & Race Night
Cheltenham Poetry Festival
Fresh Art Fair
Cheltenham Pride
Cheltenham Fringe Festival
Cotswolds Festival of Steam

SUMMER

Wychwood Festival
Cheltenham Science Festival
Cheltenham Food & Drink Festival
Cheltenham Cricket Festival
Cheltenham Music Festival
Tuckwell Open-Air Theatre Festival
Summer Jam: The Lakefest Warmup

AUTUMN

Cheltenham Heritage Open Days
Cheltenham International Film Festival
Cheltenham Literature Festival
The Showcase

WINTER

The November Meeting
Christmas markets & lights
Cheltenham Ice Rink
Pantomime & festive shows
Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham Town Hall,
Cheltenham Playhouse & Bacon Theatre
The Christmas Meeting,
Cheltenham Racecourse
Spectacle of Light
New Year's Day Racing
Festival Trials Day

See visitcheltenham.com/whats-on for full details.

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Promenade

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High Street

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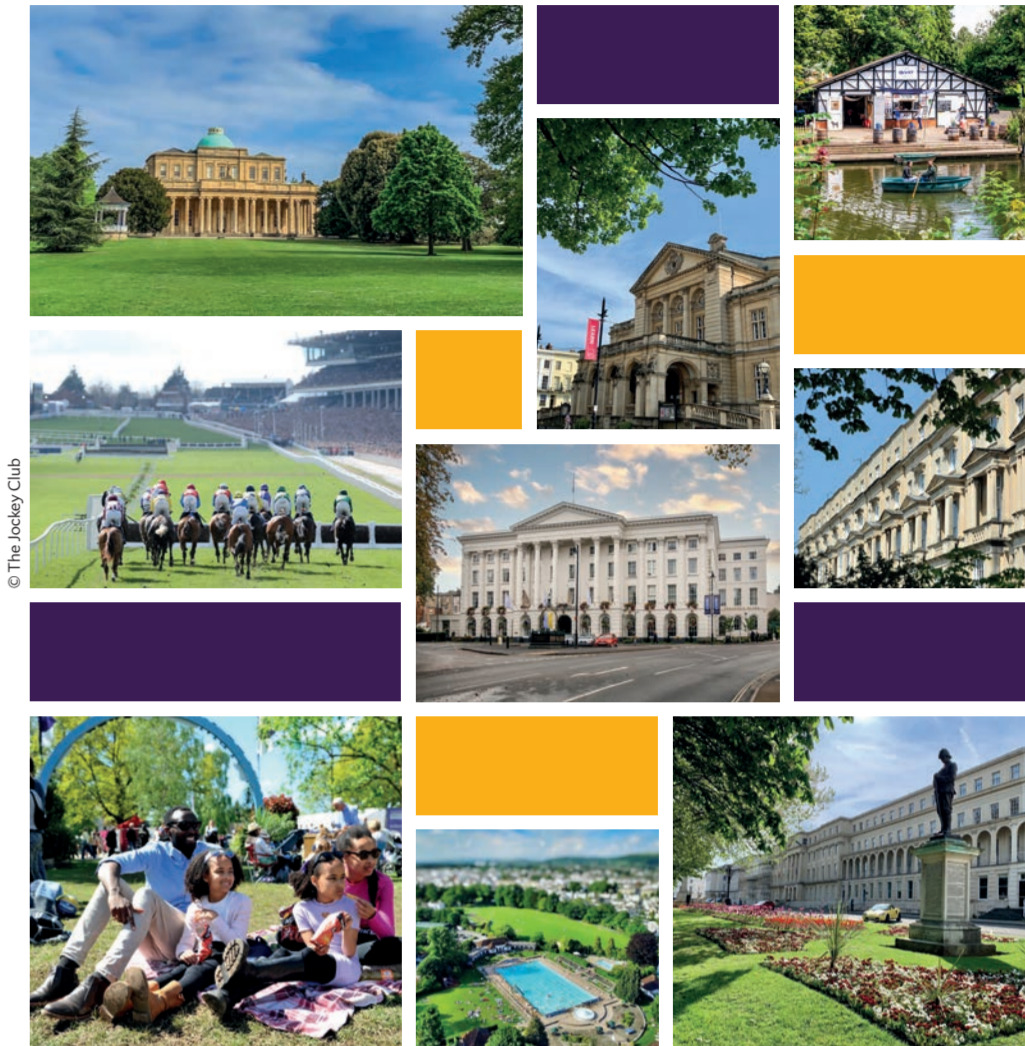
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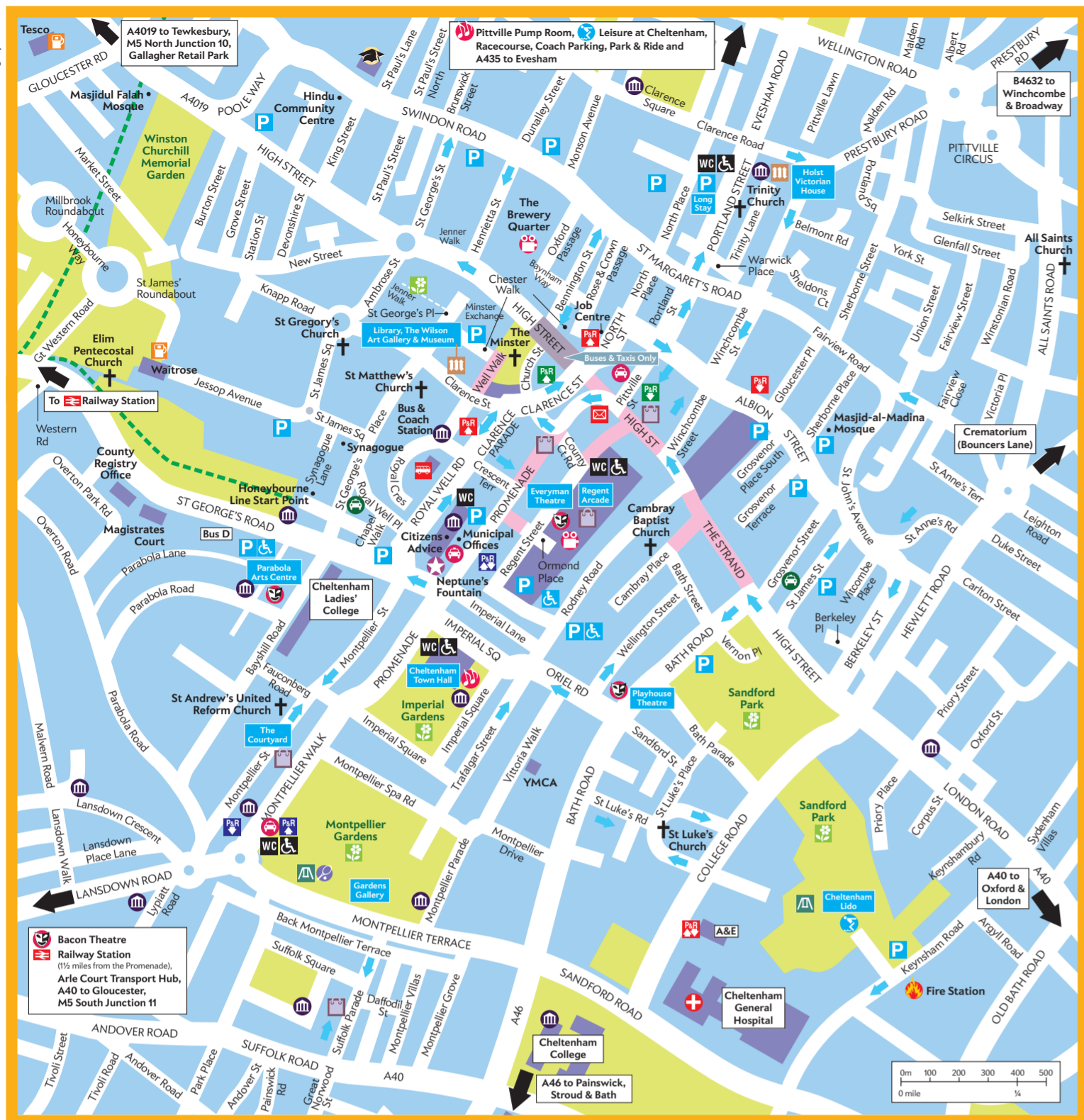


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ADVENTURES START HERE



NEED TO KNOW

BY BUS

Stagecoach operates local bus services across the town and offers DayRider tickets allowing you to make as many journeys as you like for one day.

Pittville: Use bus D for Pittville Park, Pittville Pump Room and Cheltenham Racecourse.

The Suffolks and Bath Road: Use bus F for The Suffolks, Cheltenham General Hospital and Bath Road.

Cheltenham Spa Train Station: Use bus D for the train station.

Find out more at stagecoachbus.com

BY TAXI

Cheltenham has a wealth of taxi firms and a number of ranks that operate during the day and night. The largest company is Starline Taxis 01242 250 250.

BY BIKE

Nothing beats exploring Cheltenham on two wheels. If you're looking for somewhere safe to lock up your bike, you're never far away from one of our 20-plus cycle stands. Head to thinktravel.info or cycling for biking information, including the 26-mile Gloucestershire Cycle Spin. Bikes, pedal and electric, can be hired from cheltenhambikes.co.uk.

BY ELECTRIC SCOOTER

Enjoy exploring Cheltenham on an electric scooter. Voi scooters are available to rent from various locations across Cheltenham, including the train station, The Promenade and Pittville Park. All you need to do is download the app and have a drivers license. See voi.com

ACCESSIBILITY

Cheltenham welcomes all visitors. There is more information here: visitcheltenham.com/accessible including disabled parking, access and details of Changing Places facilities.

PURPLE FLAG

Cheltenham has been awarded Purple Flag status, which means it has been recognised as a safe and vibrant place at night, for the ninth consecutive year.



FIND US

BY CAR

Parking: Car parks in and around Cheltenham can be located on the map. For more details go to visitcheltenham.com/travel

Park & Ride: Arle Court Transport Hub (GL51 6SY)

Racecourse Park & Ride (GL50 4SH)

Find out more at gloucestershire.gov.uk/transport

BY TRAIN

Cheltenham Spa train station is approximately one mile from the town centre. The **Service D** bus travels to and from the town centre regularly. A taxi service is also available day and night.

BY BUS

National Express runs services to Cheltenham's Royal Well bus station and Arle Court Transport Hub. Stagecoach, Marchants and Pulhams operate regular services locally and from nearby towns and villages.

Visit nationalexpress.com, stagecoachbus.com, marchants-coaches.com & pulhamscoaches.com

COACHES

There are four free coach bays at Royal Well bus station (GL50 3PB) available on a first-come, first-served basis. See visitcheltenham.com/groups. For information about coach parking at Arle Court visit gloucestershire.gov.uk/arlecourt



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EXPLORE OUR DISTRICTS

PITTVILLE

This district is home to Pittville Park, the largest ornamental park in Cheltenham, featuring the magnificent Grade I listed Regency **Pittville Pump Room**, Cheltenham's last and largest spa building, with its ornate decorated dome. Visitors can enjoy the self-guided heritage trail and view the original water pump in the apse.

Pittville is a great place to stroll around some of the finest examples of Regency and Victorian housing in the town planned as a 'new town' in the 1820s by Joseph Pitt.

The **Holst Victorian House** is an interesting example of Victorian life in Cheltenham and gives the opportunity to see the piano on which Gustav Holst composed 'The Planets'.



HIGH STREET

Cheltenham's High Street is the best place in the Cotswolds for your favourite national brands including John Lewis, M&S, Boots, Monsoon and Next. On neighbouring Clarence Street, you'll also find Superdry, the international fashion brand born in Cheltenham.

Off the High Street is Cheltenham's premier shopping centre **Regent Arcade**, home to great names like Debenhams, H&M, HMV and TK Maxx.

The Brewery Quarter is the town's top leisure destination, with plenty of options to shop, dine, play and stay. With brands like Urban Outfitters, Cineworld IMAX, Hollywood Bowl, The Botanist, Mulligans Crazy Golf, BrewDog and Flight Club, there is something for everyone. Just off the High Street near The Brewery is Bennington Street which hosts some great little independent retailers and a 1950s café bar, Smokey Joe's.

The area is home to Cheltenham's oldest church, **Cheltenham Minster, St Mary's**, dating back to the 12th century, as well as **The Wilson Art Gallery and Museum**. With a regular exhibitions programme as well as a large variety of internationally important collections including the Designated Arts and Crafts Movement collection and fascinating archives relating to Antarctic explorer Edward A Wilson. It's a must-visit attraction during your visit to Cheltenham.



THE PROMENADE & MONTELLIER

During the day, this area has a continental feel, with **independent and upmarket shopping**, art galleries and cafés that spill out on to the pavements. In the evening you will find a vibrant atmosphere with late night bars and restaurants.

The Promenade is a beautiful tree-lined shopping street that leads from the High Street to Montpellier. The Prom, as it's known by locals, is regarded as one of the finest shopping boulevards in the country.

Historic **Montpellier** is a destination area where fashion, antiques and lifestyle boutiques sit alongside cafés and wine bars. Spot the Caryatids, stone sculptures modelled on the Acropolis in Athens. **Montpellier Gardens** has tennis courts, a children's play area, skate park and a community art gallery along with a quieter area, which features a small arboretum.

Just off the Promenade you'll find one of Cheltenham's main entertainment venues, the **Town Hall**, with its packed programme of events and next to it stand **Imperial Gardens** and **Skillicorne Garden**.



THE SUFFOLKS, TIVOLI & BATH ROAD

This area is home to many great independent shops, pubs and restaurants. The pretty Regency area takes its name from the Earl of Suffolk, who owned much of the land in the early 19th century.

The Suffolks and Tivoli have become popular for antiques, homewares and individual specialist shops as well as businesses housed in unusual buildings like **Zizzi's** in a former church and **The Playhouse Theatre** which was converted from a disused public bathhouse in 1945. The area also hosts popular independent markets on various Sundays throughout the year.

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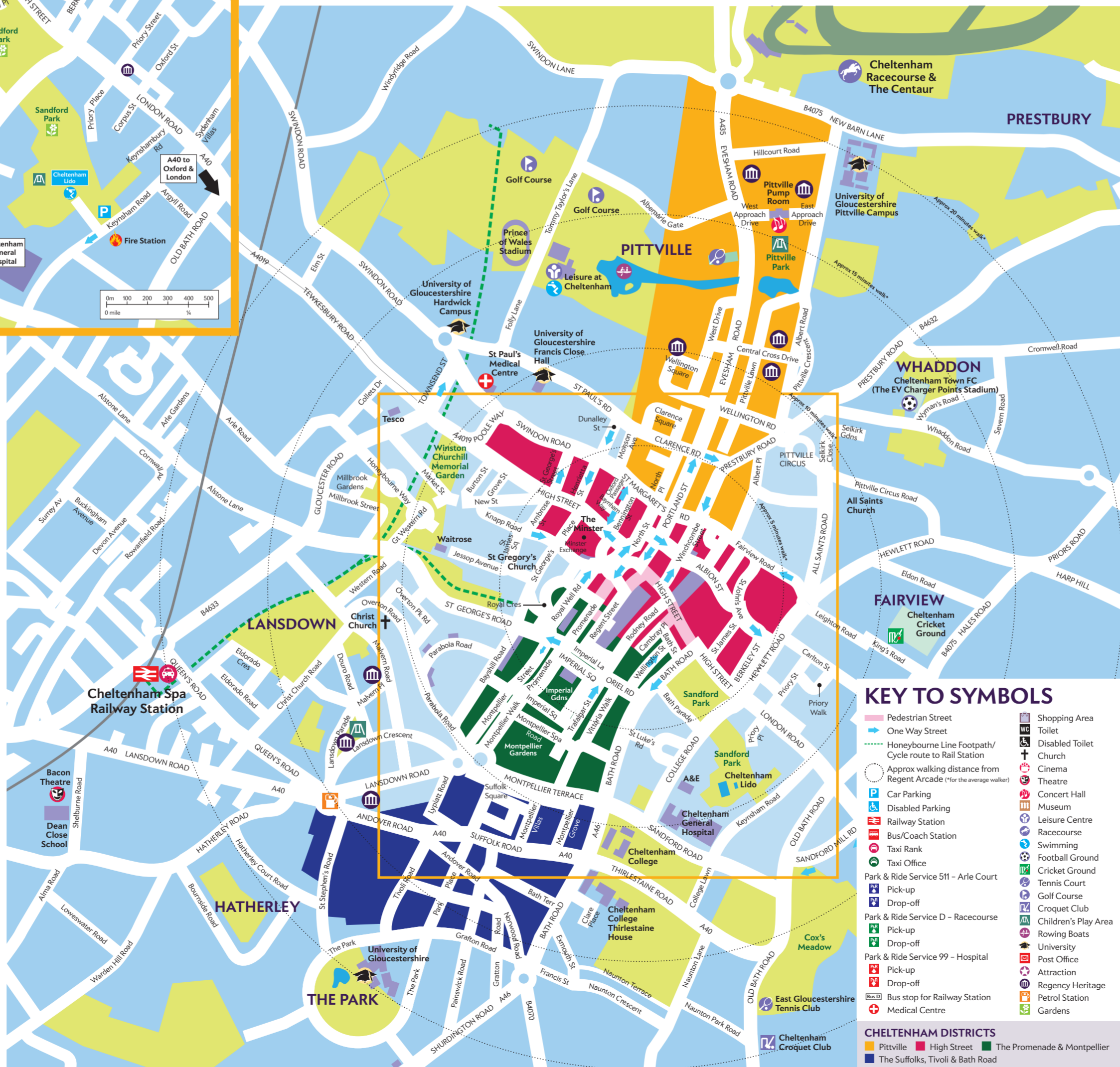
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KEY TO SYMBOLS

- Pedestrian Street
- One Way Street
- Honeybourne Line Footpath/ Cycle route to Rail Station
- Approx walking distance from Regent Arcade (*for the average walker)
- Car Parking
- Disabled Parking
- Railway Station
- Bus/Coach Station
- Taxi Rank
- Taxi Office
- Park & Ride Service 511 - Arle Court
- Pick-up
- Drop-off
- Park & Ride Service D - Racecourse
- Pick-up
- Drop-off
- Park & Ride Service 99 - Hospital
- Pick-up
- Drop-off
- Bus stop for Railway Station
- Medical Centre
- Shopping Area
- Toilet
- Disabled Toilet
- Church
- Cinema
- Theatre
- Concert Hall
- Museum
- Leisure Centre
- Racecourse
- Swimming
- Football Ground
- Cricknet Ground
- Tennis Court
- Golf Course
- Croquet Club
- Children's Play Area
- Rowing Boats
- University
- Post Office
- Attraction
- Regency Heritage
- Petrol Station
- Gardens

CHELTENHAM DISTRICTS

- Pittville
- High Street
- The Promenade & Montpellier
- The Suffolks, Tivoli & Bath Road