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An accompanying leaflet showing family friendly routes in southern Oswestry is also available from local visitor information centres and libraries. Download or order a copy of this and other Shropshire cycle leaflets at www.travelshropshire.co.uk/cycle or call **01743 253008** to request copies.

Further information



Visit www.travelshropshire.co.uk/cycle for more information about cycle routes and events in Oswestry or to sign up to receive the Cycle Shropshire discount card, valid at cycle businesses across Shropshire.

The website also includes maps and journey planning tools for travelling by foot, bus, train and car.

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Visit www.shropshirewalking.co.uk for ideas for short walking routes around Oswestry.

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OSWESTRY FAMILY FRIENDLY RIDES

Cycle rides in northern Oswestry

Three cycle routes from 3 to 9 miles exploring Oswestry and Gobowen. This leaflet contains route maps and descriptions for three short circular rides:

1. Easy Eastern Oswestry ride – a 3 mile town circuit exploring eastern Oswestry. Short, mostly flat route using quiet lanes and off-road paths suitable for younger children.

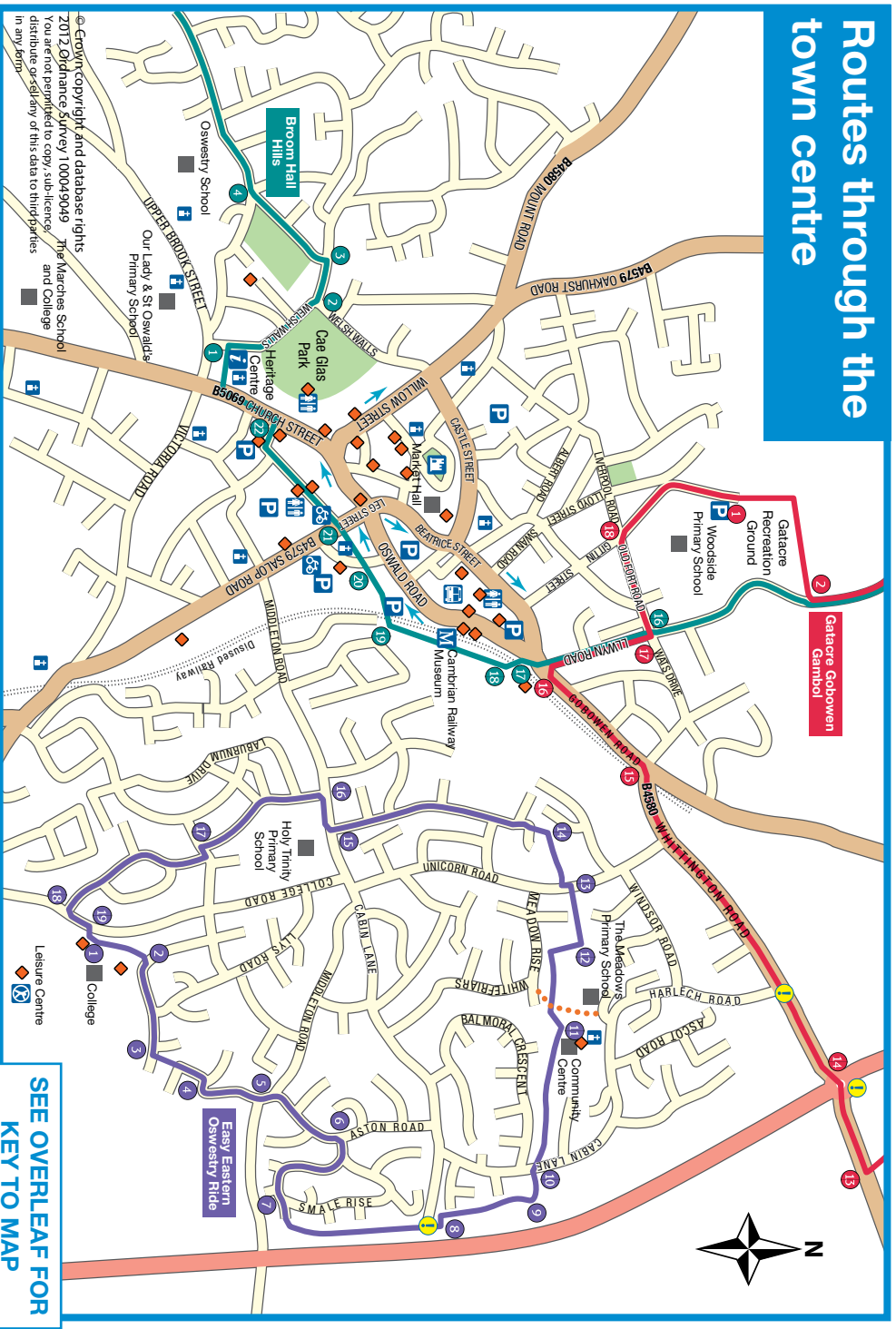
2. Gatacre Gobowen Gambol – an 6 mile loop exploring northern Oswestry and Gobowen and the countryside around Old Oswestry Hillfort. A couple of steep climbs and some sections cross busy roads. Recommended for older children with experience of cycling on the road.

3. Broom Hall Hills – a hilly but scenic 9 mile exploration of the stunning countryside to the north-west of Oswestry. Recommended for older children with experience of cycling on the road and capable of challenging climbs.



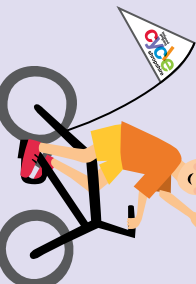
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Routes through the town centre



Easy Eastern Ovestry ride

Approx 3 miles

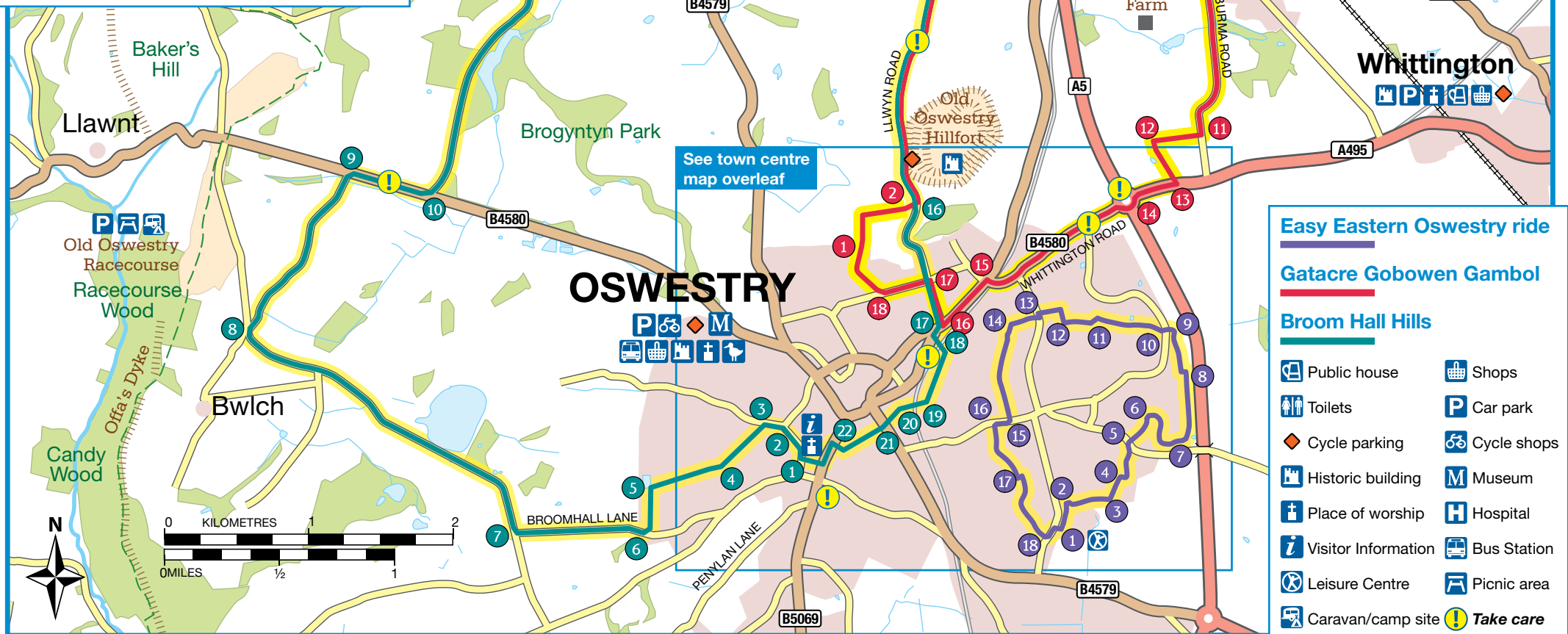
- 1 **Start: Walford and North Shropshire College entrance.** Cycle north across the old leisure centre car park, and join the footpath heading north.
 - 2 Turn right onto Maple Avenue and continue straight on.
 - 3 Just before the end of the cul-de-sac, turn left onto a path which joins Cae Melin Avenue.
 - 4 Turn right at the end of the road onto Middleton Way.
 - 5 Take the third turning on the right onto Aston Way.
 - 6 Take the second turning on the right onto Longueville Drive and then right again onto Smaile Rise.
 - 7 Take the third turning on the right onto Diamond Avenue. At the end of the avenue join the footpath (through wooden barriers). Follow the footpath to the left and continue straight on.
 - 8 Follow the footpath across the track (**take care** muddy bank to cross) and continue along footpath passing the playground on your right. Other side: Continue straight along path.
 - 11 Turn left when the path forks by the community centre and immediately right.
 - 12 Follow the path behind the Meadows School. Take the left fork of the path after the playground.
 - 13 Cross Unicorn Road bearing left, to join the path on the other side of the road.
 - 14 Take the left fork of the path (on foot – pedestrianised section) through the housing estate and join Monkmoor Road. Continue straight along this road.
 - 15 Turn right onto Middleton Road.
 - 16 Take the first left onto Beech Grove.
 - 17 Turn left onto Hazel Grove and immediately right onto Hawthorne Grove.
 - 18 Turn left onto College Road.
 - 19 Turn right onto footpath to return to college car park.
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Cycling code

- ◆ Always follow the Highway Code
- ◆ Be considerate to other users, and give way to pedestrians and horse riders
- ◆ Take particular care at junctions, when cycling downhill and on loose surfaces
- ◆ Ride in single file on narrow or busy roads
- ◆ Consider wearing a helmet and high visibility clothing

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Gatacre Gobowen gambol

A 6 mile circular ride from Oswestry through Gobowen along mostly quiet roads.

This is recommended for more experienced child cyclists as there are a couple of sections of busy road. The route crosses the A5 – this can be done on foot.

- 1 **Start:** Gatacre car park, Gatacre Avenue. Take the path round the sports field from the back of the car park.
- 2 Turn left on to the road and cycle past Old Oswestry hill fort. **Take care.**
- 3 Turn left at the small T junction (R.31 sign).
- 4 Turn right at crossroads (R.31) and descend to bridge over A5.
- 5 Turn left at T junction (R.31 sign).
- 6 Bear right at mini roundabout. Cycle into Gobowen and over the level crossing – **care needed.**
- 7 Turn right just after the zebra crossing.
- 8 Join the Whittington Road.
- 9 Turn right on to Twmpath Road towards the hospital.
- 10 Turn left at the hospital on to North Drive and past Park Hall.
- 11 Turn right onto road by recreation ground.
- 12 Follow road around to left.
- 13 Turn right on to the cycle track on Whittington Road.
- 14 Cross the A5 on foot using the pedestrian refuges. Join Whittington Road: if preferred you can walk to the next junction (approx 100m) using the footways and dropped kerbs.
- 15 Pass under rail bridge and turn left at T junction onto cycle path running alongside Gobowen Road (B5069).
- 16 Turn right onto Llwyn Road by corner shop. **Take care,** busy road-crossing.
- 17 Turn left at roundabout onto Old Fort Road.
- 18 Turn right onto Gittin Street to return to Gatacre.



Broom Hall hills A hilly but scenic 9 mile exploration of the countryside to the north west of Oswestry. Suitable for more experienced child cyclists.

- 1 **Start:** St Oswald's Church on Church Street. Turn right at rear of church onto Welsh Walls.
- 2 Turn left onto Brynhafod Road.
- 3 Turn left onto Jennings Road.
- 4 Turn right onto Maserfield.
- 5 Turn left onto bridleway at end of road.
- 6 Turn right onto Broomhall Lane.
- 7 At the T junction turn right. **Take care** long steady climb
- 8 Turn right onto an unsigned road with weight limit sign.
- 9 Turn right onto the B4580. **Take care** fast traffic
- 10 Take the next left onto Whitwell Lane.
- 11 Turn right at Pant-Glas towards Cross Lanes at the bottom of the hill.
- 12 Turn right at the crossroads at Cross Lanes. **Take care.**
- 13 Continue straight over two crossroads. **Take care.**
- 14 At the third crossroads turn right. (Follow signs for route 31).
- 15 Bear right at the fork in the roads at Lower Hengoed and continue along Llwyn Road past Old Oswestry Hill Fort on left.
- 16 Continue straight on at the roundabout, **take care;** parked cars both sides, to the T-junction at the end of the road.
- 17 Cross busy road on foot (by corner shop) and head towards Health Centre opposite.
- 18 Turn right to take the path across Wilfred Owen Green.
- 19 Turn right to go across disused railway line.
- 20 Cross the road at Sainsbury's and continue along Coney Green past Kingdom Hall to Salop Road.
- 21 Cross road using pedestrian crossing and turn right and immediately left onto English Walls.
- 22 Turn left at the mini roundabout onto Church Street to return to church.