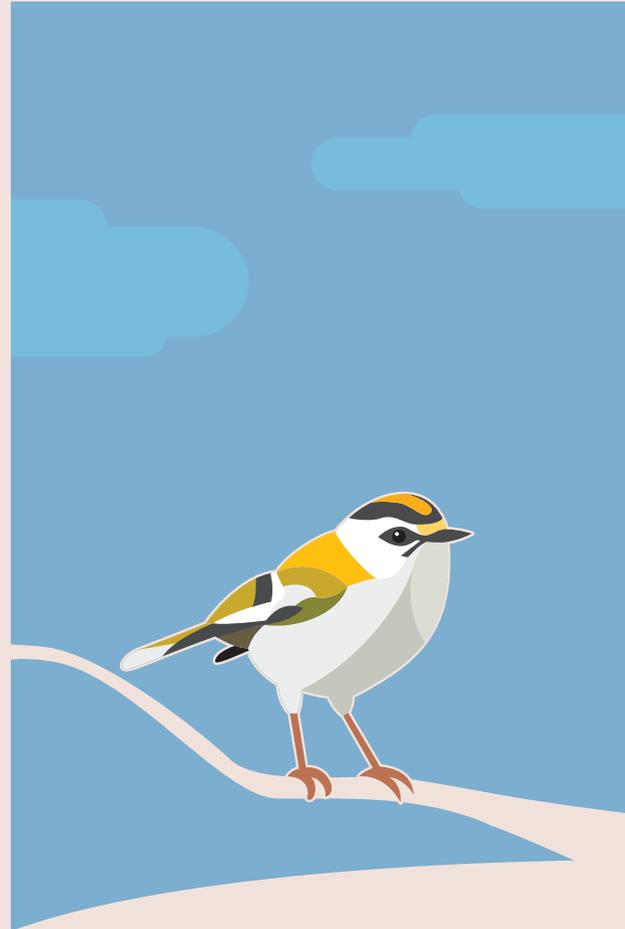


WENDOVER WOODS

From the road you see the hill,
thickly wooded. The path calls
you upwards and into the shade.
When the year is new you might lose
the path, follow instead the muntjac
tracks in the snow. The overnight fall
has purified the light.

The chiffchaff sounds spring.
And the robin singing out
from the top of the tall trees,
the pines that bristle against the pale sky.
And then the butterfly days of summer,
the whites, the blues, the gatekeeper, the comma.
The flickering punctuation of the chalk
hill path. Look hard for the tiny spark
amongst the conifer branches.
The gold or fiery crest against the duns.
Come autumn, the beeches
will themselves begin to burn
while the air turns cold and crisp
around your ears.
The jays have considered the future.
Buried their acorns and nuts.
They are the bright eye of the winter wood,
always looking forwards.

Will Burns, 2017
Local Poet



**A walk into the magnificent woodlands
of the Chilterns, taking in ancient
settlements, kids activities and all the
local flora and fauna**

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1 Clock Tower and Starting Point
Originally a small market hall built in 1842, the Clock Tower was gifted to the people of the village by the then Lord of the Manor, Mr. Abel Smith.

2 Firecrest Trail Bird Hide
Pause for a few minutes in the bird hide on the Firecrest Trail and see what you can see.

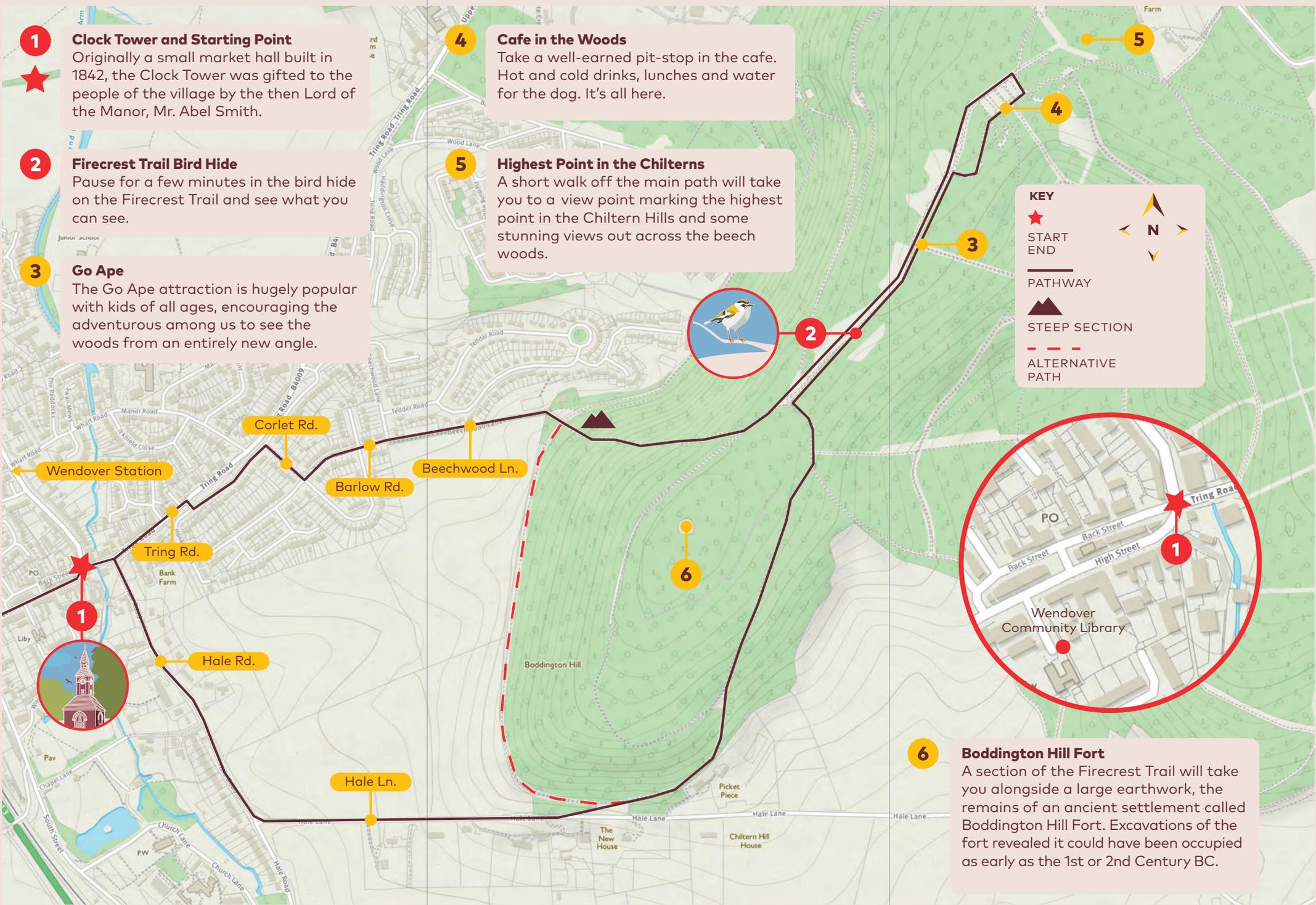
3 Go Ape
The Go Ape attraction is hugely popular with kids of all ages, encouraging the adventurous among us to see the woods from an entirely new angle.

4 Cafe in the Woods
Take a well-earned pit-stop in the cafe. Hot and cold drinks, lunches and water for the dog. It's all here.

5 Highest Point in the Chilterns
A short walk off the main path will take you to a view point marking the highest point in the Chiltern Hills and some stunning views out across the beech woods.

KEY

- ★ START
- END
- PATHWAY
- ▲ STEEP SECTION
- - - ALTERNATIVE PATH



6 Boddington Hill Fort
A section of the Firecrest Trail will take you alongside a large earthwork, the remains of an ancient settlement called Boddington Hill Fort. Excavations of the fort revealed it could have been occupied as early as the 1st or 2nd Century BC.