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Glastonbury Tor



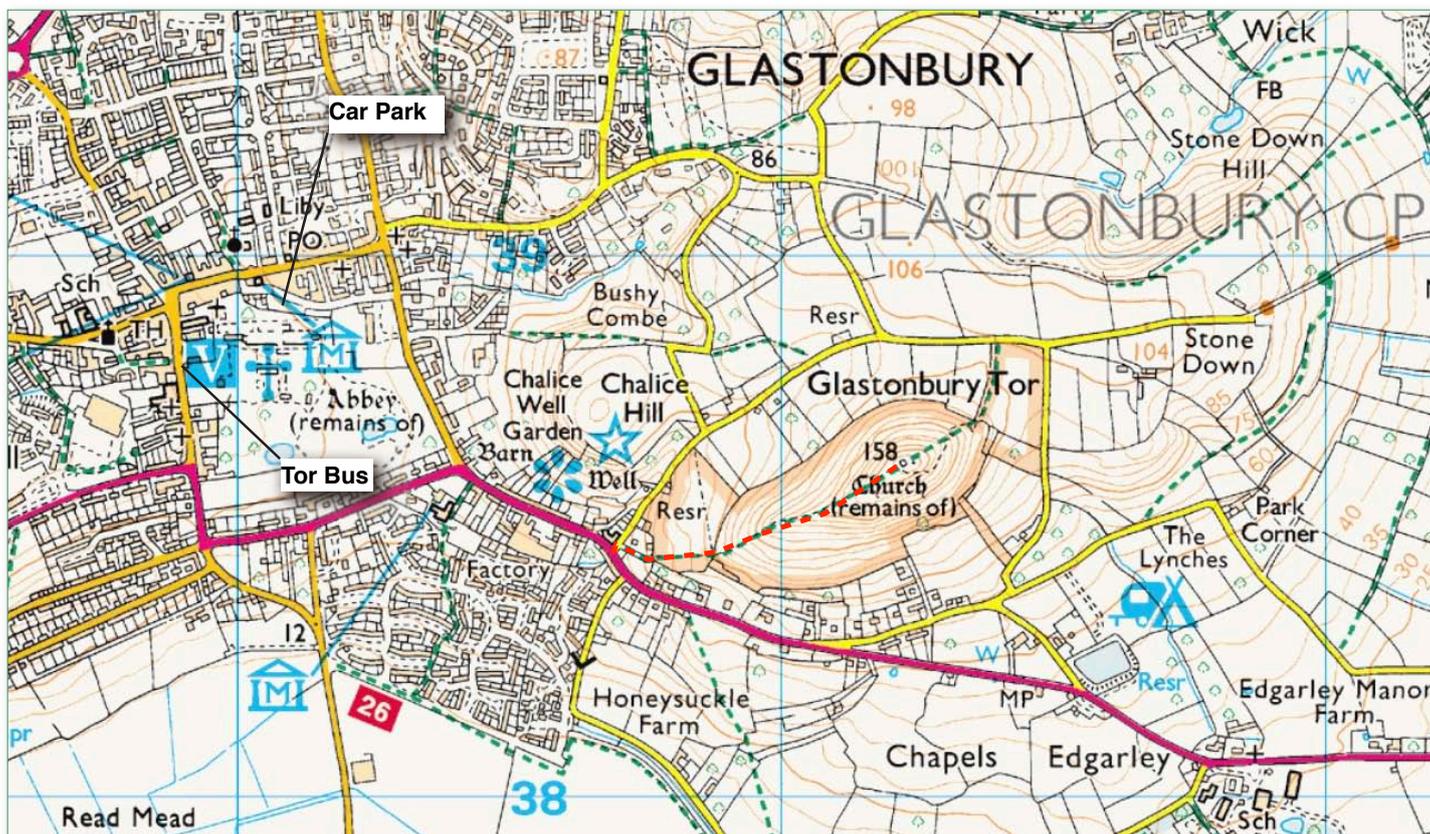
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Probably one of the country's best-known hills!

This iconic and evocative landmark offers magnificent views of the Somerset Levels, Dorset, Wiltshire and Wales. Steeped in history and legend, excavations at the top of the Tor have revealed the plans of two superimposed churches of St Michael, of which only a 15th-century tower remains.

Glastonbury Tor is known as being one of the most spiritual sites in the country. Its pagan beliefs are still very much celebrated. It's a beautiful place to walk, unwind and relax.

Near the Tower is a topograph from which you can orientate yourself as you enjoy the spectacular 360° views over Somerset.



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HOW TO GET THERE

By bus: Wells to Yeovil within ½ mile
http://www.firstgroup.com/ukbus/bristol_bath/journey_planning/

By car: Glastonbury; there is no parking at the site except limited Disabled parking at the top of Well House Lane.

Walk route: 1 mile (route through Fairfield) – approx 45 mins

This is steep, well-surfaced route that includes steps but there are benches *en route* where you can catch your breath and take in the amazing views.

Start/end: Well House Lane; the Tor by public footpath is signposted from Glastonbury.

Facilities: Pay and Display and on-street parking available in the town. There is a seasonal Tor Bus service (1st April- 30th Sept) from the town centre that drops near the Tor. Timetable available from Glastonbury Tourist Information Centre, tel: 01458 832954.

Directions: Turn into Well House Lane and then turn right up a little lane before the White Spring (a curious building that used to be a reservoir). Go through the gate into Fairfield (was traditionally the site for local fairs and pageants). Follow the path gently up the hill to another gate.

Go through this, and start to climb up the Tor including a short, but steep zig zag section of steps before a more gentle stretch of path up to St Michaels Tower and the summit.

Either retrace your steps back to Fairfield, or take the steep steps down to Money Box field (named after the collection box at the entrance), passing Avalon Orchard, a great place for quite contemplation, on the way down. This route does mean walking down the road, however.

Finding out more: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/glastonbury-tor/how-to-get-here/>