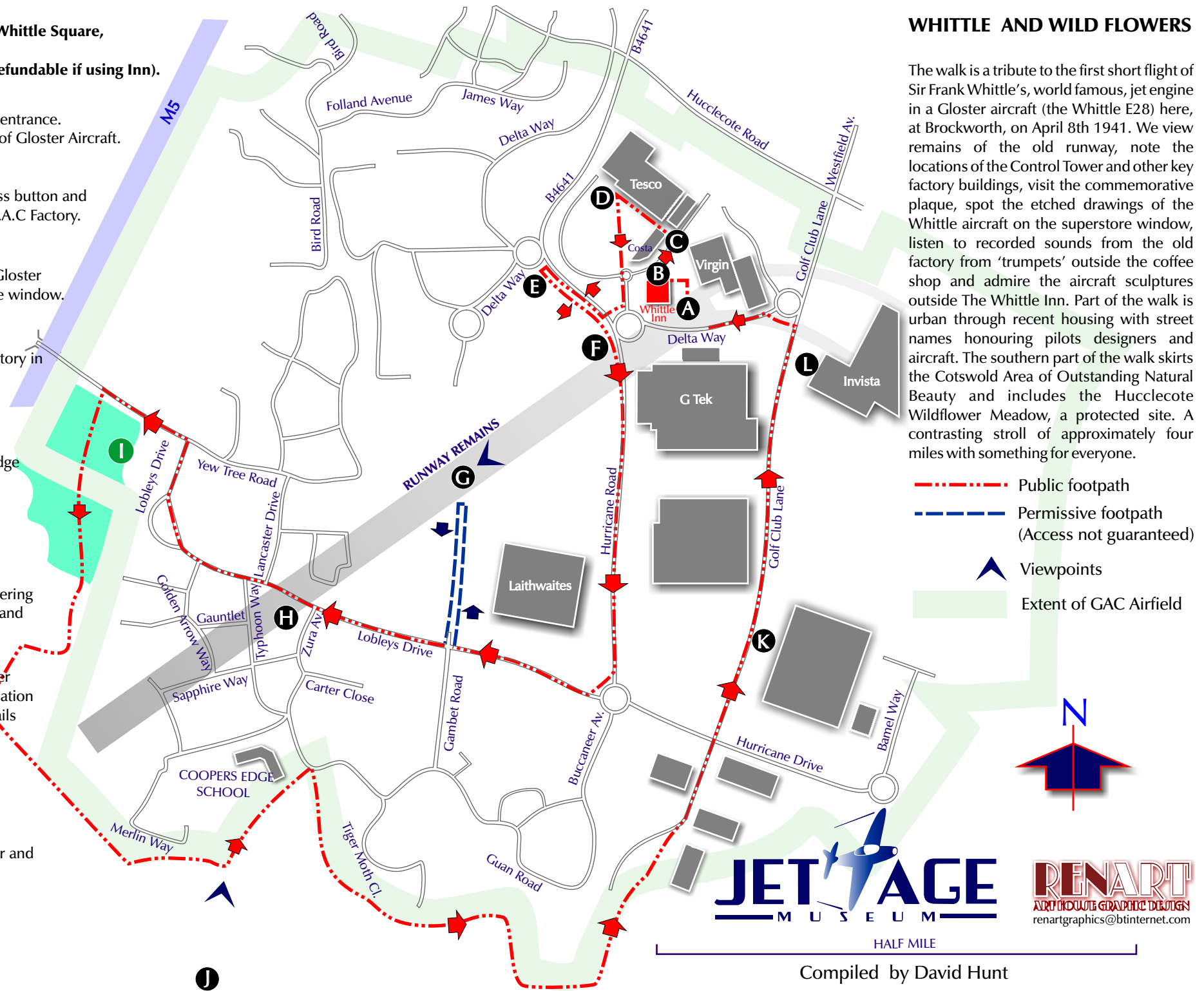


WHITTLE AND WILD FLOWERS

The walk is a tribute to the first short flight of Sir Frank Whittle's, world famous, jet engine in a Gloster aircraft (the Whittle E28) here, at Brockworth, on April 8th 1941. We view remains of the old runway, note the locations of the Control Tower and other key factory buildings, visit the commemorative plaque, spot the etched drawings of the Whittle aircraft on the superstore window, listen to recorded sounds from the old factory from 'trumpets' outside the coffee shop and admire the aircraft sculptures outside The Whittle Inn. Part of the walk is urban through recent housing with street names honouring pilots designers and aircraft. The southern part of the walk skirts the Cotswold Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and includes the Hucclecote Wildflower Meadow, a protected site. A contrasting stroll of approximately four miles with something for everyone.

- A** START..Whittle Inn, Whittle Square, Brockworth GL3 4BJ
Car Park (Charge : Refundable if using Inn).
- B** Whittle sculptures at entrance.
Inside glass etchings of Gloster Aircraft.
- C** Sound Trumpets. Press button and hear sounds of the G.A.C Factory.
- D** View two images of Gloster Whittle on Superstore window.
- E** Plaque from GAC Factory in Memorial Gardens
- F** Old runway remains, glimpsed through hedge
- G** Diversion to view old runway remains.
- H** Road names remembering designers, test pilots and aircraft types.
- I** Hucclecote Wildflower Meadow - see information board for further details
- J** The Cotswold Edge and site of gun defence, Nut Hill
- K** Airfield Control Tower and flight shed site
- L** Site of No.2 Factory Hurricanes and Typhoons built here



- - - - - Public footpath
- - - - - Permissive footpath (Access not guaranteed)
- ▲ Viewpoints
- Extent of GAC Airfield



HALF MILE



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