



A level circular walk along the River Coln, just over 2 miles. Approx. time—1hr

Note—in wet seasons the path South of the river may be waterlogged and indistinct. Not suitable for pushchairs.

1. From the car park, walk past the Church (1) on your L, the Community Centre (15) on your R and the Old Police Station (16) and Croft Lane Archway (13) on your L. Go past the Marketplace/Bull Hotel (14) and straight across the A417 into Back Lane (signed River Walk).
2. Take 1st turn R into Gasworks Lane, past Retort Hose on L (11), which soon narrows into public footpath. Follow path with River on R to Dilly's bridge (9). The area on your R is a Water Vole Conservancy Area (V). Do not cross but follow path alongside river (C), past Cutler's Ford (22) and through three fields—evidence of Ridge and Furrow (23). After about a mile, a stream (Court Brook) approaches on L crossed by a small footbridge. Please respect the Wildlife and Fishermen (W/F). Do not cross bridge but continue onwards on rough path which winds through a scrubby area to a large wooden footbridge across the river on R – the Broad Boards (24). Cross here
3. Once over the bridge, the ground is very marshy. The path leads straight on into a wooded section, and then winds through the wood to a footbridge with a kissing gate. Head across the field to the corner of the wood (up slight rise) and turn R keeping to the higher ground.
4. Skirt round the edge of the wood until you meet the farm track. Follow this track to a stile (beware of cattle), and then onwards to a footbridge. The path then goes close to houses and bears R to pass the buildings of Horcott farm. Don't turn into lane but keep ahead on track and follow path alongside houses, behind Catholic Church (17) and then onto paved path with playing fields on L and with river on R until you reach Dilly's Bridge again. Cross here and retrace your steps to Market place.