

## The Windrush Way

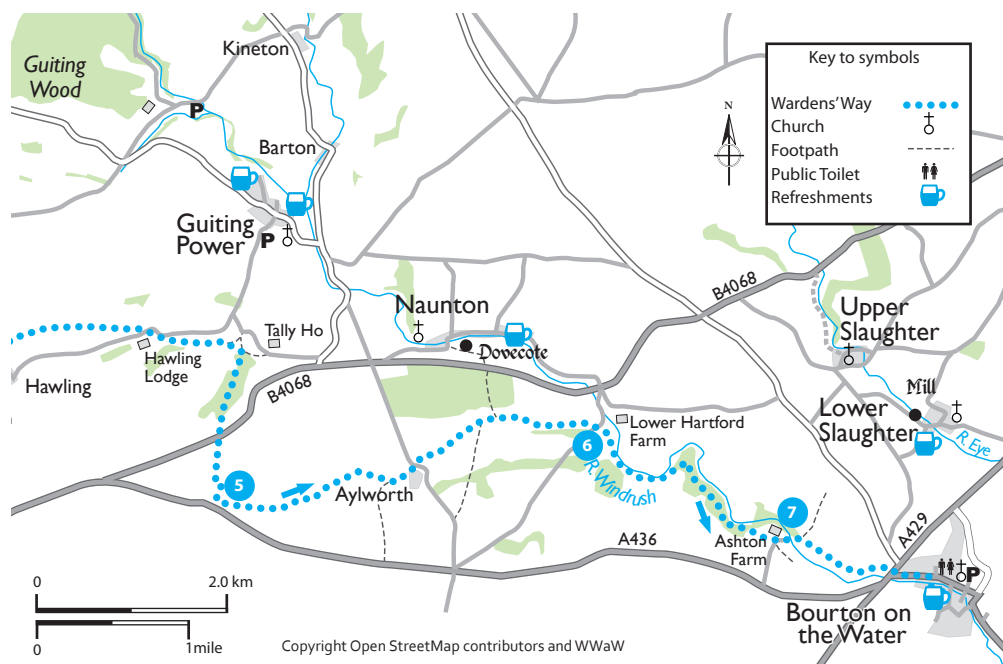
### Side 1: Winchcombe to Bourton on the Water

The linear walk is a distance of 13.5 miles in total.  
 It is advisable to use this map along with Ordnance Survey Explorer map OL45  
 Distance: Winchcombe to Bourton on the Water 13.5 miles Duration: 6 – 6.5 hours  
 Start: Abbey Terrace, Winchcombe  
 Refreshments: None on route  
 The Windrush Way was created in the 1980s by the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens.

Starting on Abbey Terrace, Winchcombe facing the War Memorial, head 75 yards to your L and turn R down Castle Street. Walk down the hill crossing Silk Mill Lane and continue taking the footpath on your R immediately after the entrance to Sudeley Castle Cottages signposted Windrush Way. Go up the flight of steps and through the kissing gate. Cross the field keeping close to the R hand boundary fence until you come to another kissing gate. Go through and follow the path to your immediate L by the fence for 100 yards down to the road. Cross the road and go through the pedestrian gate opposite. Walk alongside the adventure playground on the L towards the castle. Bear away from the playground and head to a pedestrian gate in the middle of the fence straight ahead. Continue towards the R hand corner of the field to another kissing gate by a field gate ①.

Go through and turn immediately R over a concrete bridge. In 20 yards turn L to another kissing gate before you reach the road. Go through and follow the path diagonally across the field through a gateway and across another field to a bridge and stile in the top R hand corner. Continue along path at the field edges over 3 stiles and down to a pedestrian gate. Go through the gate and up the short slope and then 300 yards across the field to join the track ②. Turn L along the track, bearing L round through the farm buildings and follow the track for 1 mile up the hill past Spoonley Farm until you reach the road ③. Turn R along the road for 300 yards to a crossroads, turn L and walk another 300 yards uphill. Opposite the entrance to Roel Hill Farm turn R down a path along the edge of a field.

Continue downhill along the R hand edge of the field through 2 pedestrian gates then through another field straight on to a field gate in the R hand corner. Joining a track continue for 200 yards before turning sharp L ④. Walk along the R hand edge of 3 fields and 3 stiles until you meet a track. Cross the track and continue ahead through a field gate with the field boundary now on your L, over a stile where the boundary swaps to your R and down over a stile to follow the track to a road. Turn L along the road following it round past Hawling Lodge to a field gate on the bend on your R. Continue through the gate straight on to a pedestrian gate,



cross the stream and follow the path through 2 pedestrian gates to a track by the entrance to Tally Ho House.

Turn R along the track and continue for half a mile following the track round the top of the wood and up a field edge on your R to a pedestrian gate by the B4068. Turn R along the road and in 50 yards cross to a stile, continuing straight ahead across the field to a stile in the top R hand corner. Go over the stile and follow the R hand field edge for 300 yards then a L hand field edge for 150 yards to a field gate. Turn sharp L in front of the field gate **5** through a pedestrian gate, following the fence round through another pedestrian gate. Continue on the R hand field edge until you join a track. Turn L along the track and follow it for  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile past the clay pigeon shoot then along the R hand boundaries of 2 fields to reach a field gate. Go through the field gate and continue along the valley bottom to another field gate on your L. Go through the field gate and follow the track. The track bears L and uphill and after 20 yards bear R through a field gate onto a road.

Cross the road and continue ahead through a field gate to another field gate in the

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bottom R hand corner of the field. Rejoining a track, continue ahead with the wood on your R through another field gate. At the end of the wood continue ahead with the stream on your R to a field gate. Go through and follow the valley bottom to the end of the field. Cross the stone bridge over the stream and go through the pedestrian gate on your L. Continue down the valley bottom with the stream on your L through 3 fields over a stile and through a field gate. 100 yards past the field gate bear R across the slope to a stile **6**.

Go over the stile onto the road and turning L walk 100 yards downhill then turn R over a stile next to a field gate. Continue ahead across the field, over a stile to join the stream. Walk alongside the stream through 2 fields, over 2 stiles close together then through a field gate. In the third field, after 50 yards leave the stream and follow the path ahead diagonally up and across the slope and into the wood. At the top of the hill turn sharp R through a field gate and follow the L hand field edge to another field gate, passing through and back into the woods. Follow the path through the woods for half a mile until it emerges into a field. Follow the path across the field towards the farm buildings. Go between the buildings keeping straight ahead past Ashton farmhouse on your L and down the track to the road **7**.

Bear L and follow the road downhill, over the bridge and uphill past Little Aston Mill. Continue along the path as it bears R into the woods. Follow the edge of the woods through a pedestrian gate and into a field. Follow the R hand field edge through 2 pedestrian gates and down to the road.

Cross the Fosse Way (A429), take care crossing this busy road. Carry on down Lansdowne keeping the river on your R. After 200 yards turn R down an alleyway. Follow the path to the river, crossing over the bridge then along the bank, the river now on your L. Pass through a kissing gate then follow the path alongside the fence through a kissing gate to an alleyway between the houses.

At the road turn L and in 150 yards arrive at the war memorial in Bourton on the Water.

