

WALK 1



Time: 45 mins / 1.5 hrs / 2.5 hrs



Distance: Shortest 1.6km (1m), Middle 5km (3.1m), Longer 7.3km (4.5m)

Tow paths, train tracks and water meadows

An easy amble south along the old Thames and Severn canal towpath, then following the route back northwards up the route of the Swindon to Cirencester railway. For a longer walk follow the tow path down to North Meadow, a National Nature Reserve where the largest population of the purple snakeshead fritillaries in the UK abound in early Spring, and walk across lush green meadows by the banks of the Thames.



Map key:



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This map is an representation of the area and should be used as a general guide. For detailed navigation please use the appropriate OS maps for the area which are Explorer 169, Landranger 163 and 173. © Map copyright CWPT.

Start: Gateway Centre

Walk between the Gateway Centre and Cotswold Outdoor, and head along the tow path of the Thames and Severn Canal (A).

Shortest route

After 700m, (B) at the finger post marker, turn right across wooden bridge, and along shore of lake to far left corner of field, (C) and go through metal kissing gate. Turn right and follow footpath with river on right. Cross over river, and pass through metal gate into hotel grounds (D) and turning left, follow hotel car park all way back to Gateway.

Middle route

Follow the tow path to Cerney Wick lock and round house, turn right along road, (E) past pub and through stile in hedge opposite. Continue across field, over stile, and cross road to next kissing gate (F). Continue straight through next kissing gate and over stile to reach footpath along edge of lake (Cotswold Sailing Club). Follow footpath across small footbridge into field, along path to stile, (G) then turn right onto old railway track (and Sustrans National Cycle Route 45), signposted South Cerney and Ashton Keynes. Go up over bridge over quarry workings then turn right (H) across small bridge signposted to Gateway Centre. Go through metal gate across quarry road, and another metal gate, watch out for vehicles. Follow this path to road, turn right, taking care around bend to Churn Pool to footbridge on left (I). Follow path along side of lake, to river, go sharp left to follow footpath with river on right. Follow path over footbridge and go through metal gate (D) straight ahead into hotel grounds, and turning left, follow building all way back to Gateway.

Longer route

Continue on tow path to Latton Basin (J). Turn right at the gate and walk down the drive and along a narrow path to the left of the building, then continue along the towpath. At the next point (K) you can enter North Meadow National Nature Reserve, or continue the walk along the Thames Path. (NB This route is often flooded and impassable in wet weather). Follow the Thames Path along through the meadows until you reach an embankment and up onto the old railway track (L) and head right towards the Spine Road (M).



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