

Miles Without Stiles

Ebrington and Foxcote

A delightful circuit based on a small village and a big house. Look out for a mosaic sundial, an owl on a roof and perhaps buzzards, pheasants and deer.

Distance: 6 km/
3 ¾ miles with an up and
down of 110m/360 ft.

Time: 2 hours

Start: Two Oaks triangular
green in front of the pub at
Ebrington, near Chipping
Campden. SP185400

Refreshments: Vegetable
Matters Café and
Ebrington Arms pub.

Route:

With your back to the Ebrington Arms turn right and walk downhill on the pavement. Pass a cottage with an owl on the roof, then a spring flowing into a trough. Carry on uphill to a junction, **1** and take the middle lane of three out of the village, passing modern houses on the right. Where the tarmac ends bear right onto a wide track with a hedge on your left, then right again through a gate.

Follow the track ahead and left **2**. You climb gently to a group of trees, and turn right on a path between crops down to a line of trees hiding a stream. Turn left alongside the trees and where the track turns right over the stream go straight on for a few metres to a footpath sign and turn right onto a wooden footbridge over the stream **3**.

After the bridge pass a deep pond on your left and strike diagonally uphill across the grass to the right of the

prominent Hoarston stone barn. Here turn left onto a wide track, with a ruined farmhouse above right.

Follow the track up the valley, parallel to the stream but well above it. With the wood always on your left go straight on through a wooden gate, ignoring the track uphill right. Carry on over the grass and you'll soon see Foxcote House above a lake on your left **4**.

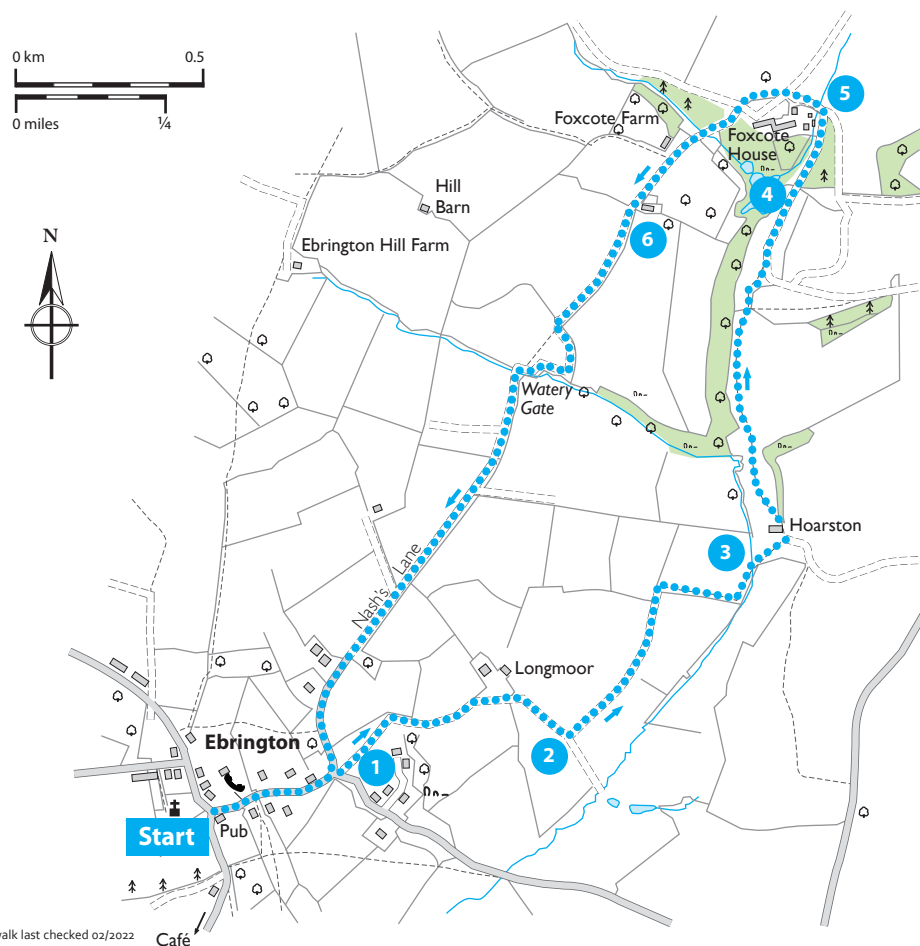
Go through the gate ahead into the woods (pheasant

pens) and follow the path winding under the trees to a T junction. Here turn left down a track over a cattle grid/gate. Go uphill and by a small tree bear left onto the tarmac drive, passing the Foxcote House gate **5**.

Continue on tarmac with the high hedge on your left, then downhill (cattle grid/gate) and up again passing a farmhouse on the right, then modern barns and a helipad on the left **6**.

Follow this wide track, dipping left and right into a small valley and uphill to pass some old barns, then keep straight on to Ebrington.

After a large house on the right you reach junction **1** and turn right back to the start point.



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See the next page for more details about the walk.

Where Englishmen fought Englishmen

In the English Civil War the Cannings of Foxcote were staunch royalists. From their house on the Gloucestershire/Warwickshire frontier (the one county was for the king, the other against) they kept watch on the Roundhead troops based in Warwick below.

But one dark night, while manning an observation post their little army was surprised and captured in a bloodless battle, then marched off to be held hostage until a ransom was paid.

After the war the Canning family made their amends to the locals down the hill in Ilmington, and 50 years later built themselves a handsome new house. You'll walk past it.

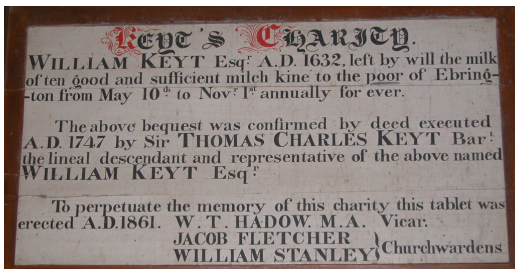


Things to see in Ebrington

At the start don't miss the mosaic sundial under the oaks. If you put a thin stick in the middle hole it will tell you the time.



Walking through the village, spot an owl on the roof of the taxidermist's cottage.



And in the church learn about the 1632 will of William Keyt Esq, who left "the milk of ten good and sufficient milch kine to the poor of Ebrington annually for ever."

Ebrington boundary stones.

Watery Gate, one of a series of stones erected in 2012 to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee to mark the boundaries between Ebrington and its neighbouring parishes.



All the paths and tracks are public rights of way, marked with yellow or blue arrows.

Keep to the right of the pond in the picture.

The estate has occasional shoots from September 1st to February 1st, but never on a Sunday. Many of the pheasants and partridges survive and breed or years on nearby farmland.

Walking on the Foxcote estate

