

Miles Without Stiles

Minchinhampton 1



Cotswolds
National
Landscape

A walk across the Common, skirting hillside villages and enjoying panoramic views towards the Severn and the Golden Valley.

Distance: 8 kilometres/
5 miles (2½ hours) with ups
and downs of 144m or 472ft

Start: Car park situated
at the back of the Market
House, Minchinhampton,
in Friday Street. SO 872007
Postcode GL6 9JL
Alternative parking is
available at Minchinhampton
Common car park to the rear
of Minchinhampton church,
off Bell Street. SO 872009
Postcode GL6 9BP

Route:

Starting at the Market House,
built in 1698 by Philip Sheppard,
cross into Bell Lane **1** and
follow the church wall on the
right as it bends round to
Minchinhampton Common.

Turn left and follow the private
road alongside the Common.
Keeping the wall and houses on
the left, cross Dr Brown's Road
2 and continue along the path
with the Bulwarks on the right.

These Iron Age earthwork
ramparts sweep in an arc across
the Common, partially
surrounding Minchinhampton.
The path bends left and, as it
passes the last large house with
an impressive iron gate
(Westfield), follow the path
straight ahead to a roadside
house (Windmill Lodge). **3**

Continue roughly along the
same line to The Old Lodge Inn

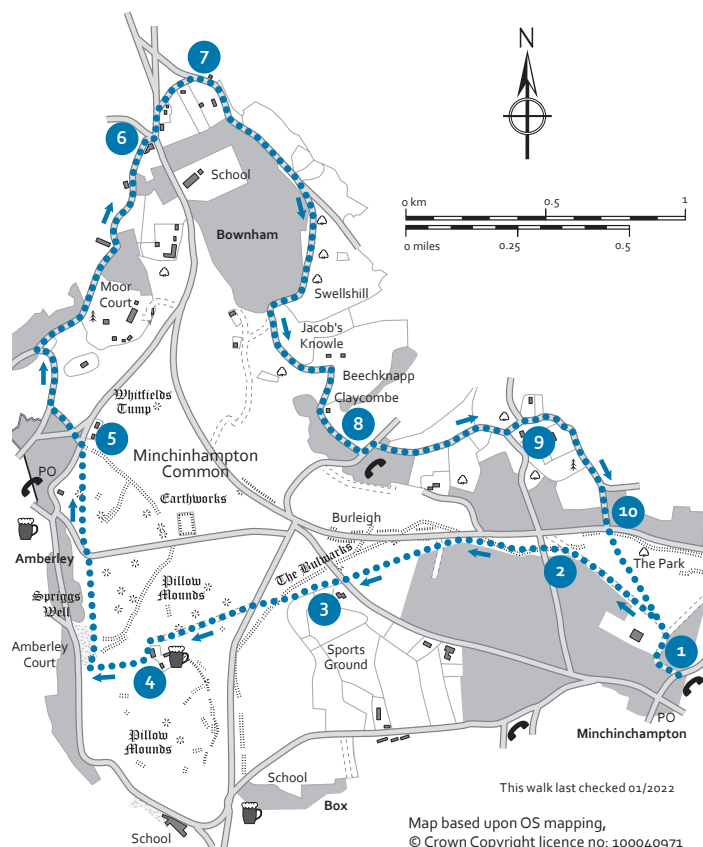
and Minchinhampton Old
Course Golf Club, now visible
from this point, with a minor
road leading to them. **4**

The Old Lodge has been an Inn
since the 18th century, and from
1899 housed the Golf Club
within it. The present Clubhouse
was built in 1984.

Pass to the right of the Inn and
go left then right to follow a line
of telegraph poles. At the fourth
pole, before the edge of the
common, turn right and follow
the path crossing a road above
the Amberley road sign. Go
ahead until you reach a seat,
between two trees, overlooking
the school and the Amberley
Inn, and then turn half right and
continue to the War Memorial. **5**

Pass between the Memorial and
'Springhill' house and follow the
road ahead and then as it bends
right, heading downhill. Ignore
all forks to private houses, and
after the road bends left to a T
junction, turn right. This winding
road leads through Houndscroft
to the Bear Hotel. **6**

Turn right up to the main road
and cross to the other side. Turn
left, and shortly, just past
roadside cottages, turn right
down a public byway to
Winstone's Ice Cream Factory.
7 This award winning family
business was established in
1925; it is a popular site for
tourists, locals and a welcome
refreshment stop for walkers.



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Continue right along the
attractive minor road to Burleigh
ignoring all side turns as it winds
around the hillside to meet
Briscombe Hill where there are
two seats. **8** Cross the road
diagonally downhill into
Burleigh Lane and continue
ahead at the next road junction
to pass Burleigh House. **9**
Beyond the house bear right
into Love Lane.

At the next fork in the road take
the road to the right, Besbury
Lane, leading back to the
Common. **10** Cross the road
and head half-left back to the

Church, now visible from this
point.

Retrace the route back along
Bell Lane to the Market House.