

Guiting Power - Naunton Circular – Walk 3

From dovecotes to race horses

A series of 4 circular walks along the Wardens Way and Windrush Way



Using this series of maps: Approximately 13 miles each and both travelling between Winchcombe and Bourton on the Water, the Wardens' Way and the Windrush Way can be walked as a single loop. These walks have been designed with some extra linking routes, enabling the option of exploring these Ways as a series of 4 circular day walks. The series of maps can be used as a linear guide to the Windrush Way going east (start at circular walk 1) or the Wardens Way going west (start at circular walk 4)

Distance: 10.1km/6.3 miles with an up and down of 200m/655 ft.

Time: 3 - 3.5 hours

Start: Guiting Power village green. SP094247

Refreshments: Hollow Bottom and Farmers Arms pubs or the Old Post Office Cafe in Guiting Power.

Route:

From the war memorial facing the road walk 20m to your R and turn R up the road to Hawling following it round to the R in front of the school and continuing 1 mile (1.6km) before turning L **1** down a road for 150m to a field gate on your R. Go through the gate and continue ahead keeping the lake on your R for 200m to another field gate.

Joining the Windrush Way continue ahead along the track for half a mile (0.8km), following the track round the top of the wood and up a field edge on your R, to a gate by the B4068.

Turn R along the road and in 50m 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 m. Bear slightly right to go through a gap in the wall and follow the L hand field edge to a field gate **2**.

Turn sharp L in front of the field gate through a gate, following the fence round

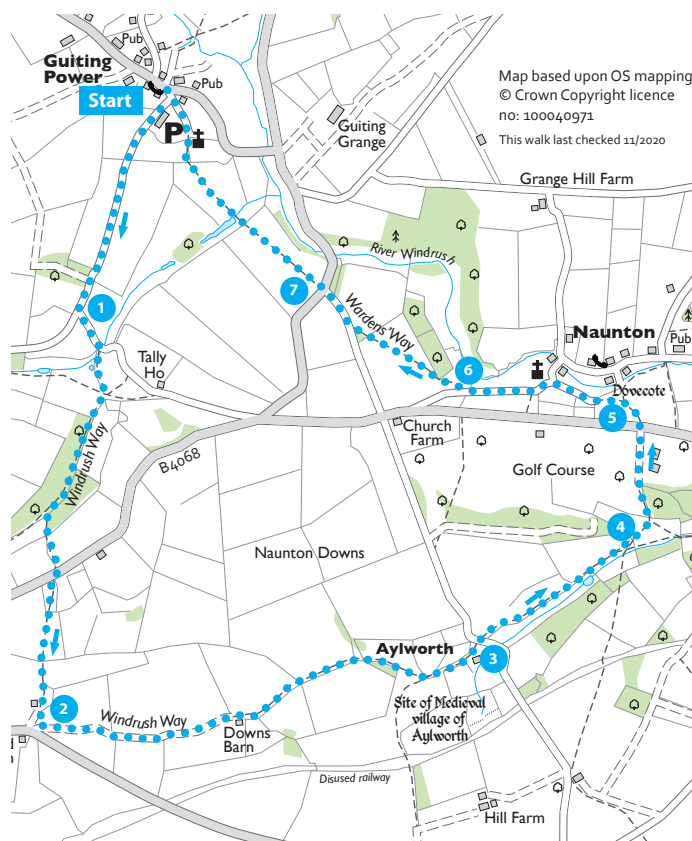
through another gate continuing on the R hand field edge until you join a track. Turn L along the track and follow it for ¾ mile (1.2km) past the clay pigeon shoot then straight ahead along the R hand boundaries of 2 fields to reach a field gate.

Go through the field gate and continue along the valley bottom to another field gate on your L. Go through this gate and follow the track. The track bears L and uphill and then after 20m bear R through a field gate onto a road **3**.

Cross the road and continue ahead through a field gate to another field gate in the bottom right hand corner of the field, where the path joins a track. Carry on 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 **4**.

Go through and leaving the Windrush Way follow the path ahead diagonally across the slope and bearing L up the hill to a field gate. Go through and follow the track by the golf course to another field gate by the B4068. Cross the road and go through another field gate to continue downhill along the R hand field edge to a field gate on the Wardens Way.

Do not go through the gate **5** but follow the Wardens Way and turn L along the track along the valley bottom through another field gate



where the track becomes a surfaced road. Continue to the T junction and turn L up the hill for 400m to a gate on the R in the hedge **6**.

Go through the gate and continue straight ahead through the field following the contour line to a field gate. Continue in the same direction across the next field to the corner of a copse. Keeping the copse on your L follow the path through a field gate to the road.

Turn R downhill along the road and go straight across the T-junction up to a gate, **7** continue across a field to another gate. Go through the gate, down the steps



over the bridge and up to another gate. Go straight across the next field to a gate then follow the wall to a gate followed by another gate by St Michael's and All Angels church.

Keep straight ahead past the village hall and village shop into Guiting Power.