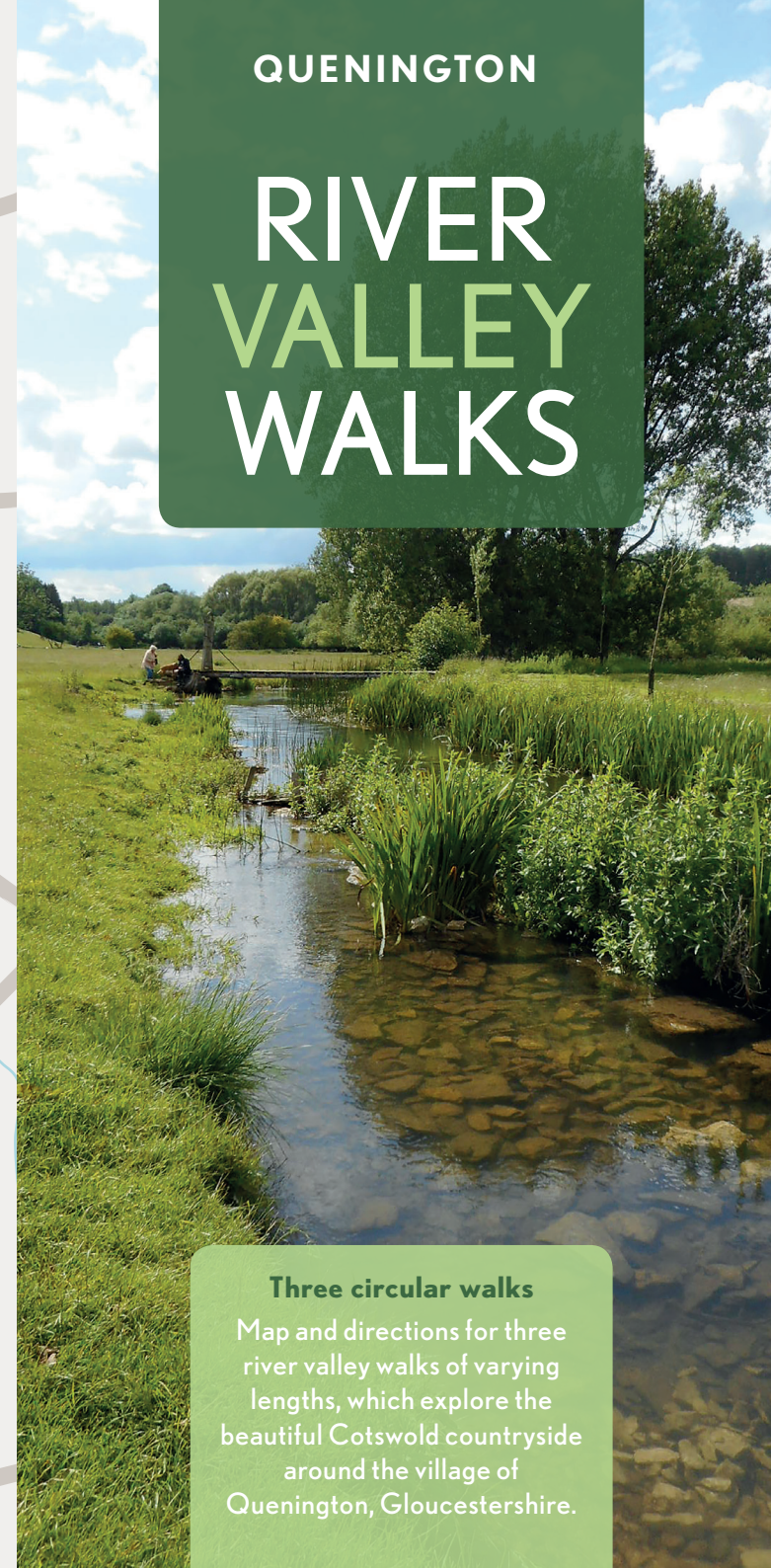
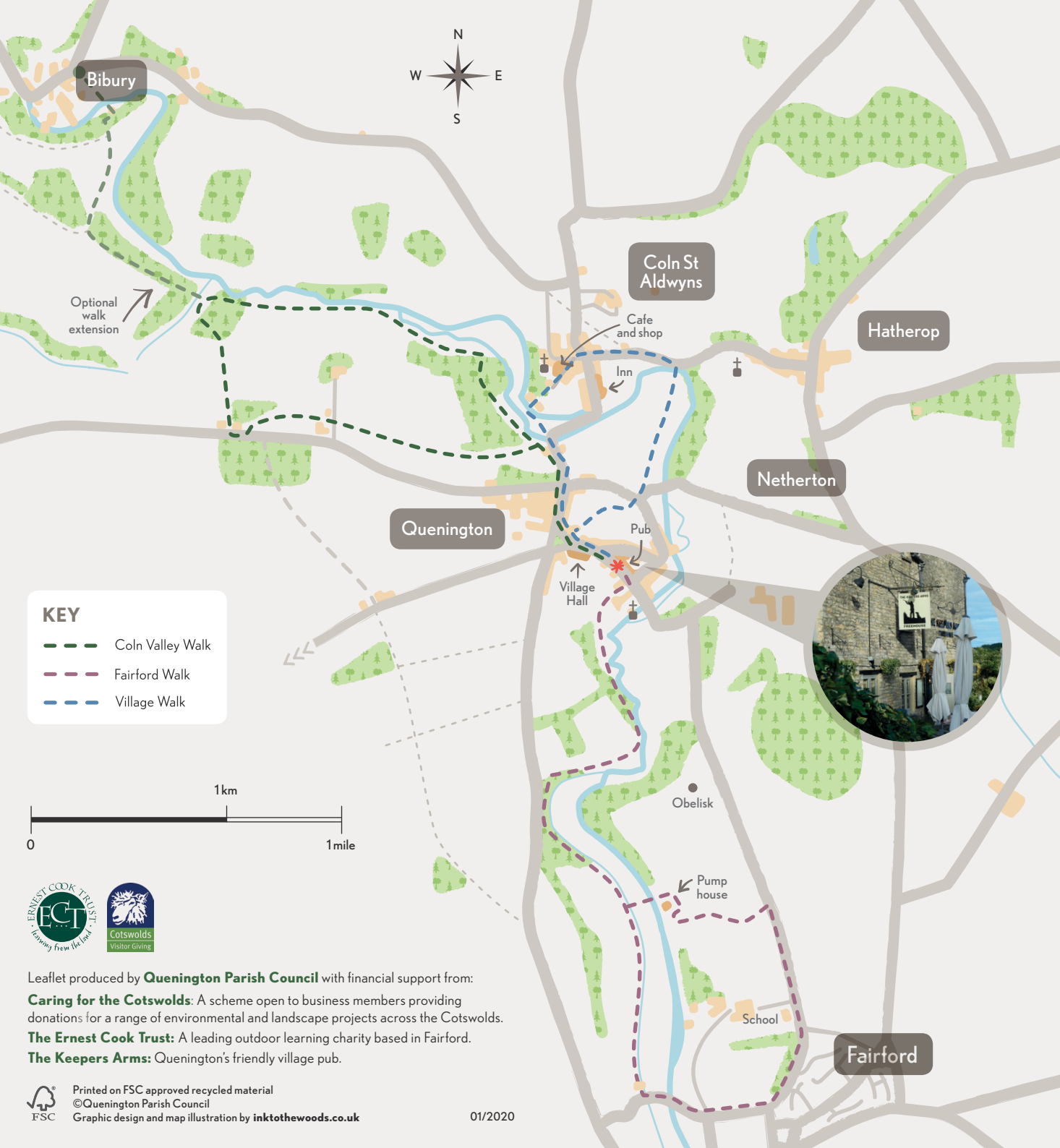


QUENINGTON

# RIVER VALLEY WALKS



## Three circular walks

Map and directions for three river valley walks of varying lengths, which explore the beautiful Cotswold countryside around the village of Quenington, Gloucestershire.



## COLN VALLEY WALK

A rural walk in the River Coln valley with an optional extension to the popular village of Bibury.

**Length:** 4 miles **Time:** 1.5 – 2 hours  
(Bibury extension is 6.5 miles and time 3 to 3.5 hrs)

- From the front of the Keepers Arms, turn right and head uphill, follow the road that runs across the village green and turn right onto Springfield Road. Stay on this road, going straight on at the cross roads and down a steep hill. At the bottom of the hill just before the bridge is Yew Tree Lodge, turn left into the drive and through the farm gate into the river valley. Bear right going parallel to the river and head across the field to a gate at the entrance to a wood.
- Follow the path through the wood, which opens out into a narrow field and continue along the grass track with the wood on your left. At the end of the field the path meets up with the river and continue along with the river on your right. Go through a metal gate and walk along the valley bottom to a second metal gate.
- After a short stretch of wood go through a further metal gate and staying in the valley bottom bear left for a short distance until you see a footbridge on the right. *(This is the point where there is an option to walk to Bibury by crossing the footbridge. Follow the footpath for approx. 0.5 mile until you reach a gate leading to a stone track, bear right through the gate and follow the track to a gate leading to a tarmac drive, follow this drive (0.25mile) to the road, turn left and left again and head downhill to Bibury. Follow this in reverse to join back onto the circular walk).* To return back to Quenington turn left at the footbridge and head directly uphill to a wooden gate visible on the woodland edge.
- Follow the path through the wood then turn right onto a grass track bordered by hedgerows. The track leads to a road where you turn left and then left through the first gate to join a bridlepath. Bear right across the field, heading for the house and cottages. Go past the stone cottages on your left, cross the drive and follow the bridlepath across two arable fields.
- Go through a metal gate into another field and walk parallel to the stone wall on your right to a small copse. Go through a metal gate and head downhill towards Yew Tree Lodge, turn right and head back uphill into Quenington.

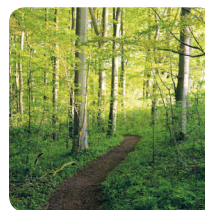


## FAIRFORD WALK

A river valley walk to the Cotswold Market town of Fairford. Most of the route is marked with yellow paint on posts/trees; part of the route is a permitted path (thanks to The Ernest Cook Trust for allowing use of this route) which is **closed on Tuesdays**.

**Length:** 5.75 miles **Time:** 2.5 – 3 hours

- From the front of the Keepers Arms, turn left and head downhill. The footpath starts as a gravel drive on the right, opposite a road junction on the left. The gravel drive turns into a grass path, go straight on with the old stone barn on your right.
- The footpath continues along the bottom of the valley passing through two stiles by metal gates. After the second stile, keep to the right of the field following the tree line. At the end of the field turn right at a stile and enter a woodland strip. The path leads briefly uphill and enters an open field. Turn left and follow the grass path along the edge of the field.
- Continue along the grass path until a metal farm gate is in sight *(If you wanted a shorter option go over the stile by the gate and turn right back into Quenington)*. The route to Fairford is on a path that turns left into the wood just before the metal gate *(continue to follow the yellow markers)*. This is the start of the permitted footpath.
- The path is clearly marked through the wood and emerges out into a large open field, continue along the grass path which runs parallel to the stream. There are two log seats part way along this path.
- As the path reaches Fairford it crosses the stream then turns right through the doorway of the old Oxpens building and you enter a picnic site on the edge of Fairford.
- Turn left at the road, cross the Mill Bridge and head uphill towards the town. *(If you wish to visit Fairford, turn right immediately after the church and enter the High Street)*. The return journey to Quenington continues straight on along Park Street.
- At the end of Park Street turn left and continue past the school campus on the left. There will be two metal farm gates on the left, the second gate has an adjacent stile – go over this stile and follow the concrete path down towards the river.
- The concrete path leads to a pump house, go to the right of the pump house and follow the fencing all the way round until a stile is in sight. Go through this stile and cross two bridges. The path joins the initial route to Fairford at the two log seats. Turn right and follow the path in reverse back to Quenington.



## VILLAGE WALK

A family friendly walk through two pretty Cotswold villages passing 2 playgrounds, crossing 3 river bridges and has a village shop/café halfway round.

**Length:** 2 miles **Time:** 45 mins – 1 hour

- From front of Keepers Arms, turn right and walk uphill until you reach the village hall on your left.
- Turn right opposite the hall and bear right along the bottom of the village green.
- Go through the two stone pillars and follow the grass track downhill, the playground will be on your left.
- At the end of the track is a road junction, carry straight across with the cottages on your left. Just after the cottages is a pedestrian gate, go through this to enter the valley bottom.
- Follow the footpath along the bottom of the valley until you reach a pedestrian gate leading to an iron bridge over the river. Cross the bridge to join the road, turning left towards Coln St Aldwyns, passing a playground on your left just before you reach the village.
- Go straight on at the staggered cross roads with the large horse chestnut and circular seat to your left. You will see the village shop and café *(Coln Stores)* if you wish to stop for a break.
- Carry on uphill with the shop on your left then turn first left.
- Continue along the road until it forks, take the left hand fork *(the right hand fork leads to the Church)* and the road becomes a grass/stone track. Follow the track down to a bridge crossing and turn left at the tarmac drive.
- Follow the drive to the road and turn right over the river and up the steep hill back to Quenington.
- Carry on over the crossroads at the brow of the hill and continue until you reach the village green. Turn left and head downhill back to the starting point outside the pub.



All of these walks cross working farmland so please be respectful, clear up after your dog and follow the Countryside Code.