

Miles Without Stiles

Andoversford, Brockhampton and Sevenhampton



This walk links Andoversford, Sevenhampton and Brockhampton with interesting features along the way and beautiful views of the Coln Valley. Swanbrook's and Pulham's both provide bus services to Andoversford.

Distance: 8 kilometres/
5 miles (2.5 hours) with ups
and downs of 140m or 460ft

Start: Andoversford on
Station Road off A40
SP 024/196

Route:

1 Park on the Station Road and walk into Coln Gardens – approximately 150 metres before the junction with the A436.

Bear left and follow the pavement to a gate at a gap in the old railway embankment to the busy dual carriageway. Cross carefully to follow the path opposite. Pass to the right of a water treatment plant then diagonally across a field. Go left through the gap in another old rail embankment.

The area ahead, left and right of you was the site of a Roman town known as Wycomb. Follow the path between the large garden of Syreford Mill and a wood.

Inside the wood on your right an old gravel pit has provided evidence of Neolithic, Bronze and Iron Age occupation.

The path comes out on to a drive from Syreford Mill, where

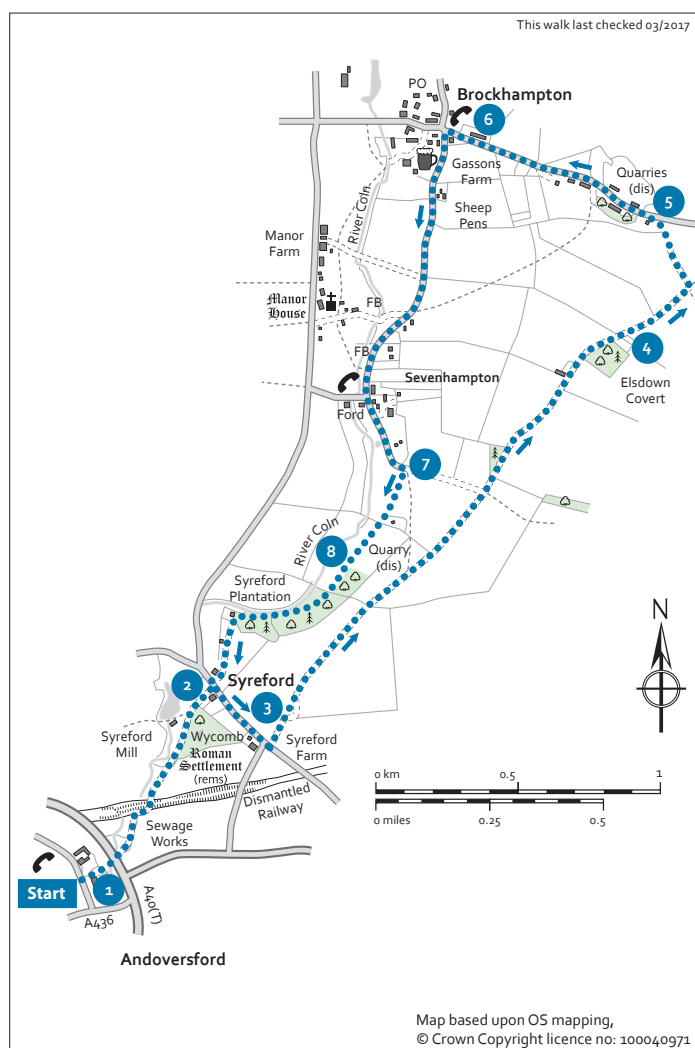
you turn right. At the end of the drive, turn right, up the minor road. **2**

After 250 metres, and where the road bends right, fork left and then turn left **3** up a stony track. Stay on the track for 1.3 miles (2km) as it gradually ascends with views of the Coln valley on your left.

At the top, about 200 metres after a copse **4** on your right, turn left down a path along the left side of a field with a small area of beech trees in the middle. At the end of this path you are in Upper Brockhampton where you turn left down the road **5**. Most of the cottages here were for quarrymen.

At the cross roads **6** in Lower Brockhampton turn left and walk along the quiet country lane to Sevenhampton. (To visit the Craven Arms pub you go beyond the cross roads and take the next left.)

Go straight through Sevenhampton passing the turning down to a ford. At the end of the road go through the gate on to a track. After 100 metres pass through a gate **7** and turn right along the bottom of the field.



Go across the centre of the next two fields to the woods ahead. Follow the path through the wood **8** to a track, which leads you back to the road opposite the drive to Syreford Mill and point **2**.

Retrace your steps down the drive, through the gate, and

bear left to pass Syreford Mill on your right. Follow the path back through the railway embankments and across the A40 to Andoversford