

Miles Without Stiles

Bourton-on-the-Water and Wyck Rissington



Three small rivers, a nature reserve and a maze in a church. This easy walk through meadows to the unspoilt village of Wyck Rissington can be muddy, so come prepared.

Distance: 7 km / 4 miles with a climb and descent of 37m/120 ft

Time: 2 hours

Start: Bourton-on-the-Water, war memorial in the High Street. SP167/207

Pubs, cafes and shops in the village.

Route:

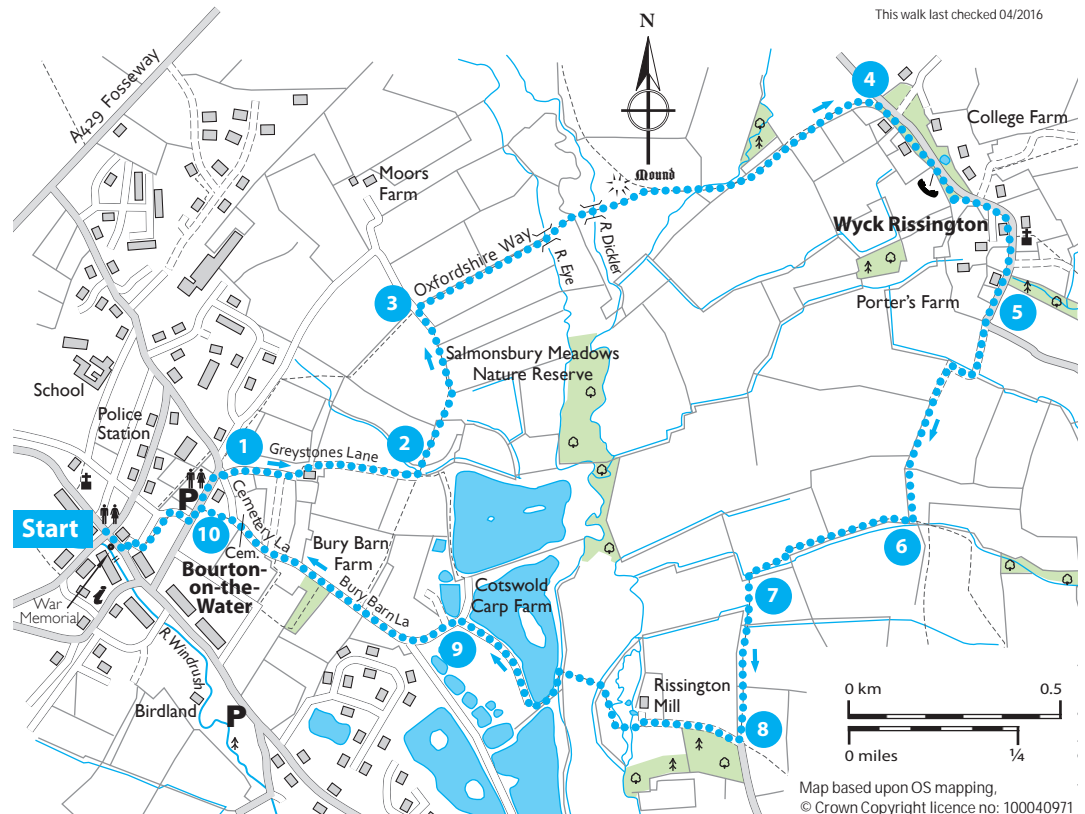
Walk alongside the River Windrush to the first bridge, turn left and cross the road to the small green opposite. Follow the Oxfordshire Way sign down an alley, bearing right to reach Station Road.

Cross the road, turn left and after the petrol station turn right **1** into Cemetery Lane and immediately into Greystones Lane. At the farm go through a kissing gate, turn right across the yard and through two gates onto a track for 220m.

At the bottom **2** turn left through a gate, bear slightly right across the field, and after another gate find a nature reserve board. Carry on across three fields, then through a gate in the left corner onto a track between trees. There are several badger setts here.

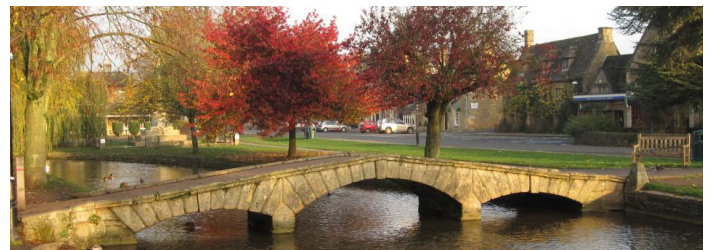
At a path crossroads **3** turn right through a metal gate onto the Oxfordshire Way and Gustav Holst Way, passing another board.

Walk ahead to two bridges over the River Eye and the



River Dickler (two of the shortest in the Cotswolds) and head straight across to a small bridge, where you bear slightly left to cross the fields to the road at Wyck Rissington **4**.

Turn right through the village past the pond and church (the maze is inside) and stay on the road until it turns left **5**. Here go ahead on a wide winding track, through two gates to a T junction. Turn right through a gate **6** along the field edge. When the hedge turns right you turn left through the metal gate **7** and cross three fields to



the drive of Rissington Mill (now a private house).

Turn right **8** along the drive until it turns square right where a gate is lurking between two tall cylindrical bushes. Through the gate, walk ahead passing the garden walls, and across two bridges. Turn right across the field to a kissing gate. then another field, and

turn left on a path around the lake. On leaving the lake **9** turn left through a double gate and follow the lane which winds to the cemetery entrance **10**.

Here take the path on the left past the bus garage to Station Road. Turn left for 20m, cross the road and retrace your steps along the walled path to the start.

