

# Miles Without Stiles

## The Winsley Circle



On this short circular walk in the southern Cotswolds, observe the local history of Winsley including the Turleigh Troughs, the 16th Century Woollen Mills and the Canal at Avoncliff.

**Distance:** 4 kilometres/  
2½ miles (1 hour) with ups  
and downs of 112m or 367 ft

**Start:** From the Seven Stars  
Public House, Winsley.  
BA15 2LQ - parking only with  
landlords permission or park  
alongside wall by War  
Memorial. Parking is difficult  
at Avoncliff but a path exists  
from Westwood village to the  
aqueduct. ST799/609

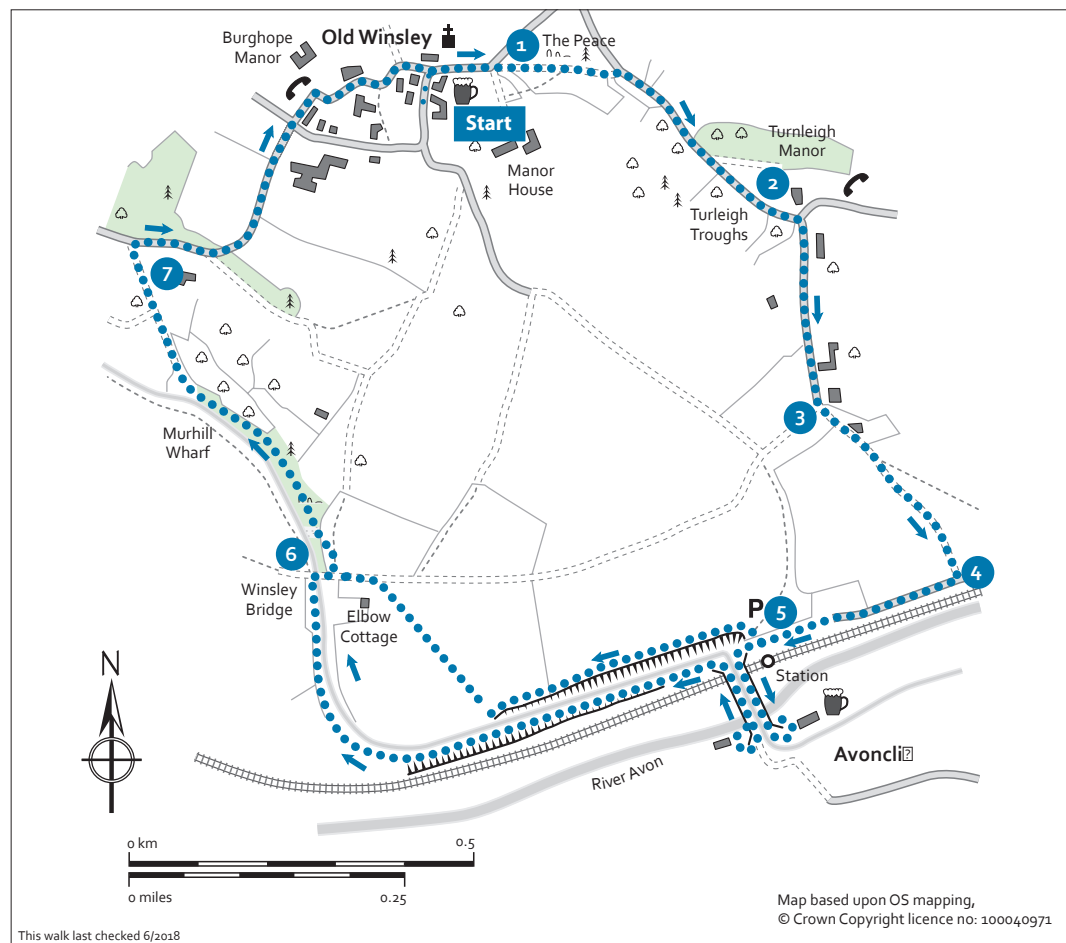
### Route:

Turn right out of the Seven Stars  
car park, follow the road round  
to the right to War Memorial  
and take the sign-posted track  
(‘The Peace’) ① on your right  
through gate for 150m before  
turning right onto a steep hill  
road down to Turleigh.

Continue 400m until the Turleigh  
Troughs appear on your right  
and Manor House on your left.

② The Turleigh Troughs provide  
the outflow for an unfailling  
spring that provided the water  
supply to Turleigh village. The  
Troughs are thought to be made  
up of stone coffins and legend  
tells that King Alfred watered his  
horses here after defeating the  
Danes at nearby Dane Bottom.

Turn right up Green Lane  
passing Uplands House (c1720)  
on your right, and in 300m when  
Green Lane turns sharp right  
continue straight down ③



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bridleway for 300m. Turn right  
onto the road ④ and in 300m  
enter car park at the north end  
of aqueduct in Avoncliff ⑤.

Cross the aqueduct, note the  
Cross Guns Pub c1550, make  
a sharp U turn to the left passing  
under the canal and re-joining  
the tow-path on other side.

Re-cross the aqueduct and  
follow the tow-path for 900m

until you reach Winsley Bridge .

⑥ Cross the bridge and  
immediately turn sharp left  
(note: the very first turning left)  
and follow the narrow path  
along the canal edge. In 350m,  
at Murhill Wharf and tramway  
fork right uphill through the  
trees before turning right up a  
very steep driveway.

At the top of hill take the flight  
of stone steps ending in three  
broad steps to join the road ⑦,

turn right and then bear left in  
100m. Cross over the B3108 and  
enter the old part of Winsley  
Village with its charming  
17th/18th century cottages.

Leave Burghope Manor  
(Elizabethan) on your left and  
then on your left to St Nicholas  
Church with its interesting 16th  
century saddle-back roof on the  
tower. Re-join the main road at  
end of the walk.