

Transport yourself from the bustle of Witney to the beautiful, quiet lanes of the Windrush Valley on this delightful ride into the Cotswold countryside. On your way to the market town of Northleach, you will pass the ruined priory of Minster Lovell, Burford's picture-postcard High Street, and the National Trust's Sherborne Estate – and enjoy some stunning views as buzzards soar overhead.

**Burford** is one of the most picturesque towns in England – with its medieval bridge, old stone houses and attractive Tudor and Georgian frontages. Often referred to as the 'Gateway to the Cotswolds', the town was originally a fortified Anglo-Saxon ford which later grew to be a wealthy wool town. Little changed over the centuries, Burford is justly popular for its beauty and history, its shopping and antiques, and for the wide variety of places to eat.

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[www.oxfordshirecotswolds.org](http://www.oxfordshirecotswolds.org)

**Northleach** is a Cotswold secret, standing at a crossroads on the Roman Fosse Way, and rich in architectural interest – from half-timbered Tudor houses and merchants' stores to the great House of Correction, and the finest example of the Cotswold perpendicular style in the impressive Church of St Peter and Paul. The marketplace remains busy with trade and the local hosteleries provide a lively service to both visitors and locals.

[www.northleach.gov.uk](http://www.northleach.gov.uk)

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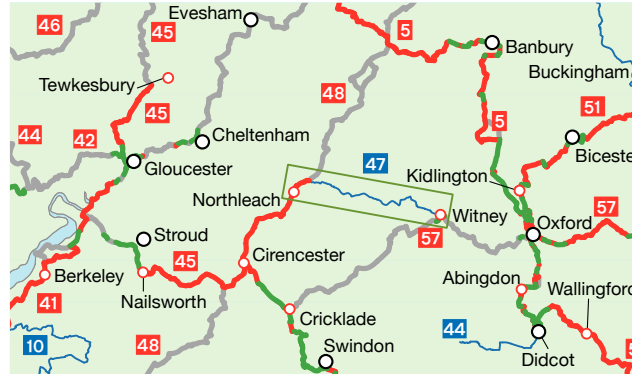
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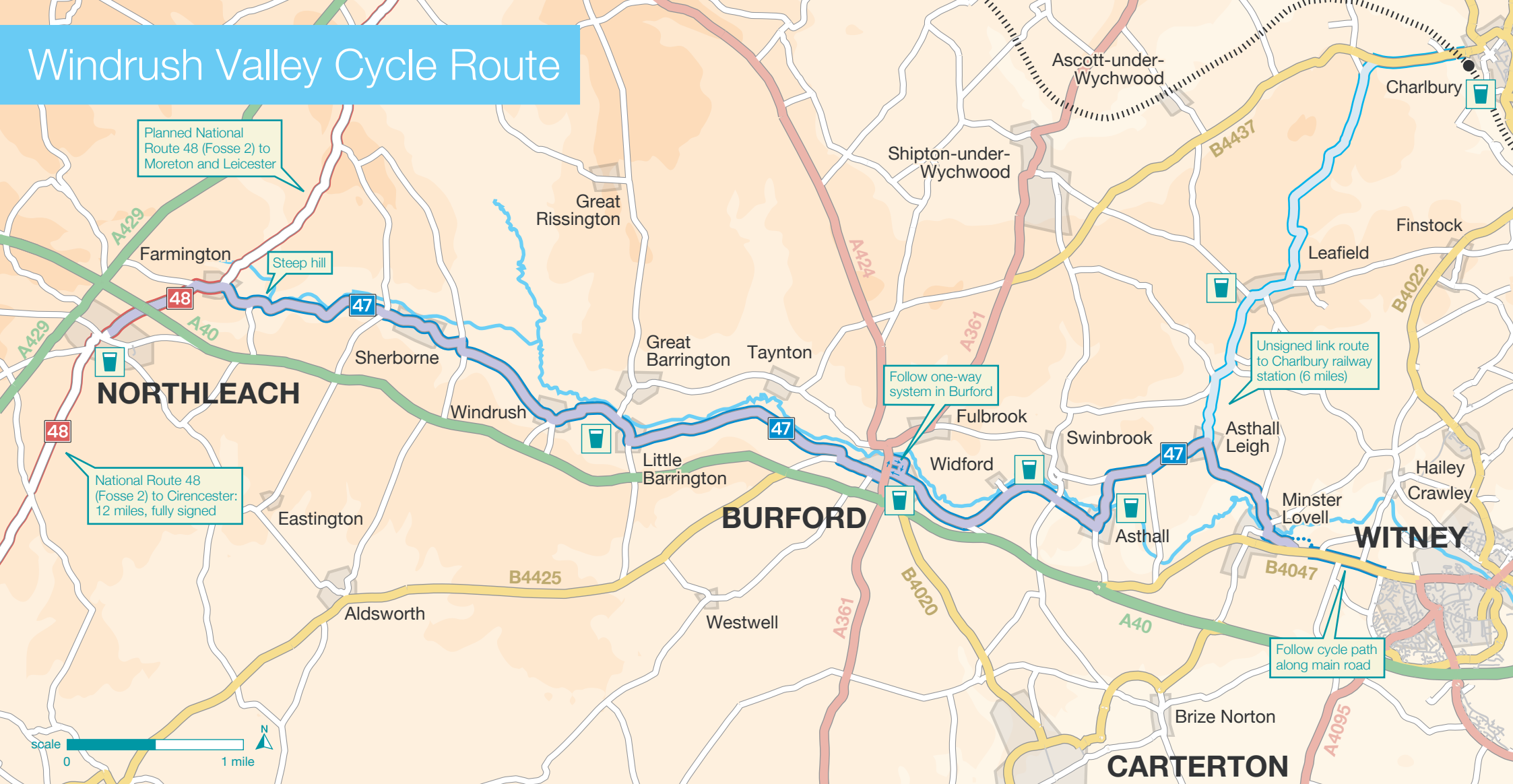


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## The route

17 miles of fine Cotswold scenery await the cyclist on a well signposted route passing through historic market towns and honey-coloured stone villages.

Witney has several cycle paths providing safe routes to Burford Road on the north side of town. Regional Route 47 follows the cycle path beside Burford Road as far as Minster Lovell.

The route then follows country lanes along the Windrush Valley, often undulating but never steep – with one exception approaching Farmington. Only one main road is encountered, in Burford, and several pubs along the way offer refreshment.

## Getting there by public transport

The nearest railway station is Charlbury, 6 miles from the route at Asthall Leigh, with regular services to London Paddington, Oxford and Worcester. An enjoyable link route on country lanes is marked on this map but not signed.

For cyclists continuing on National Route 48 to Cirencester, Kemble station (also with services to London Paddington) is another 4 miles past the town on National Route 45.

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## Key

- Regional Route 47
- National Route 48
- link route to railway station
- A road
- B road, unclassified road
- river
- railway, station
- pub