

# Winchcombe Welcomes Walkers

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## Walk 4 Stancombe walk

A short circular walk from the centre of Winchcombe along a track and fields returning over the River Isbourne.

Distance: 2 miles /3.2kms

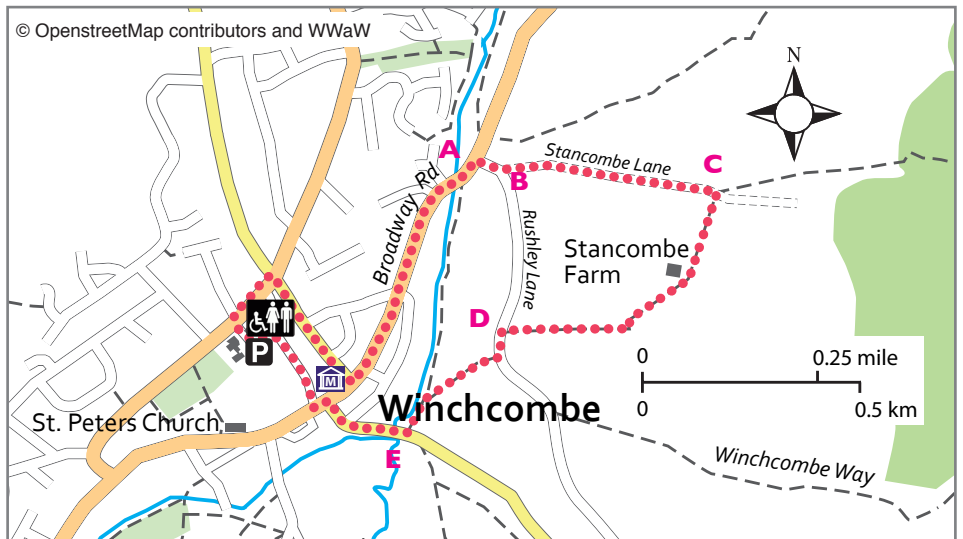
Duration: 1 hour

Difficulty: Easy

Start/finish: Back Lane car park - £1.00 all day Toilets 20p in car park.

Refreshments: Winchcombe

Ascent: 166 feet/50 metres



Leave Back Lane car park via the main entrance into Back Lane and turn right. Carefully cross the road and continue along the pavement to the crossroads. Turn right at the crossroads into North Street past the shops to the T-junction at the top.

At the T-junction turn left passing various shops and different house styles, walk



Hailes Street

down the hill to a bridge spanning the River Isbourne. Cross the bridge before turning right into Rushley Lane **A**.

After 100 metres bear left at a sharp bend **B** into Stancombe Lane and follow uphill for approx 400 metres until you meet a footpath on your right **C**.



View of Winchcombe, Stancombe Lane

Turn right through the gate and follow the path across the field towards a gate and farm. Follow the footpath signs past the farm and bear right across a field to Rushley Lane **D**. Turn left and follow the lane for 50 metres before you turn right at a footpath sign (Gloucestershire Way) through a gate.

Follow the path diagonally across the meadow to the far left hand side, notice the ridge and furrows resulting from ploughing in the Middle Ages, 100's of years ago. The land has not been ploughed since.



River Isbourne, Castle Street

Continue along the path between some houses into Castle Street **E** and turn right to follow the road up a steep slope to enter the town by the White Hart Inn.

Carefully cross the road and turn left; approx 50 metres ahead on the right is Cowl Lane. Turn right into Cowl Lane and follow until you reach the car park pedestrian entrance on your left.

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### Places of interest:

#### Hailes Street

Note the different styles of architecture, stone cottages mixed with black and white half timbered buildings. Once stood The Sudeley Arms pub now 21 and 23. The Wheatsheaf pub is now called 'Mercia'. On the right hand corner with Silk Mill Lane a gasworks was established in 1850

#### Castle Street

Opposite point **D** the buildings were formerly a paper mill utilising power from the Beesmoor Brook, now part of Sudeley Castle holiday cottages. Opposite **D** is Tanyard Cottage, the site of an old tannery, producing leather on the river

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