

This linear route takes you through picturesque villages of The Slaughters, Naunton and Guiting Power and on to historic Winchcombe.

It is advisable to use this map along with Ordnance Survey Explorer map OL45

Distance: 13.5 miles (21 kms)

Duration: 6 – 6.5 hours

Start: War memorial in the centre of Bourton-on-the-Water

Refreshments: Black Horse pub in Naunton. The Farmers Arms and Hollow Bottom along with a Café & Deli in Guiting Power.

The Wardens'Way was created in the 1980s by the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens.

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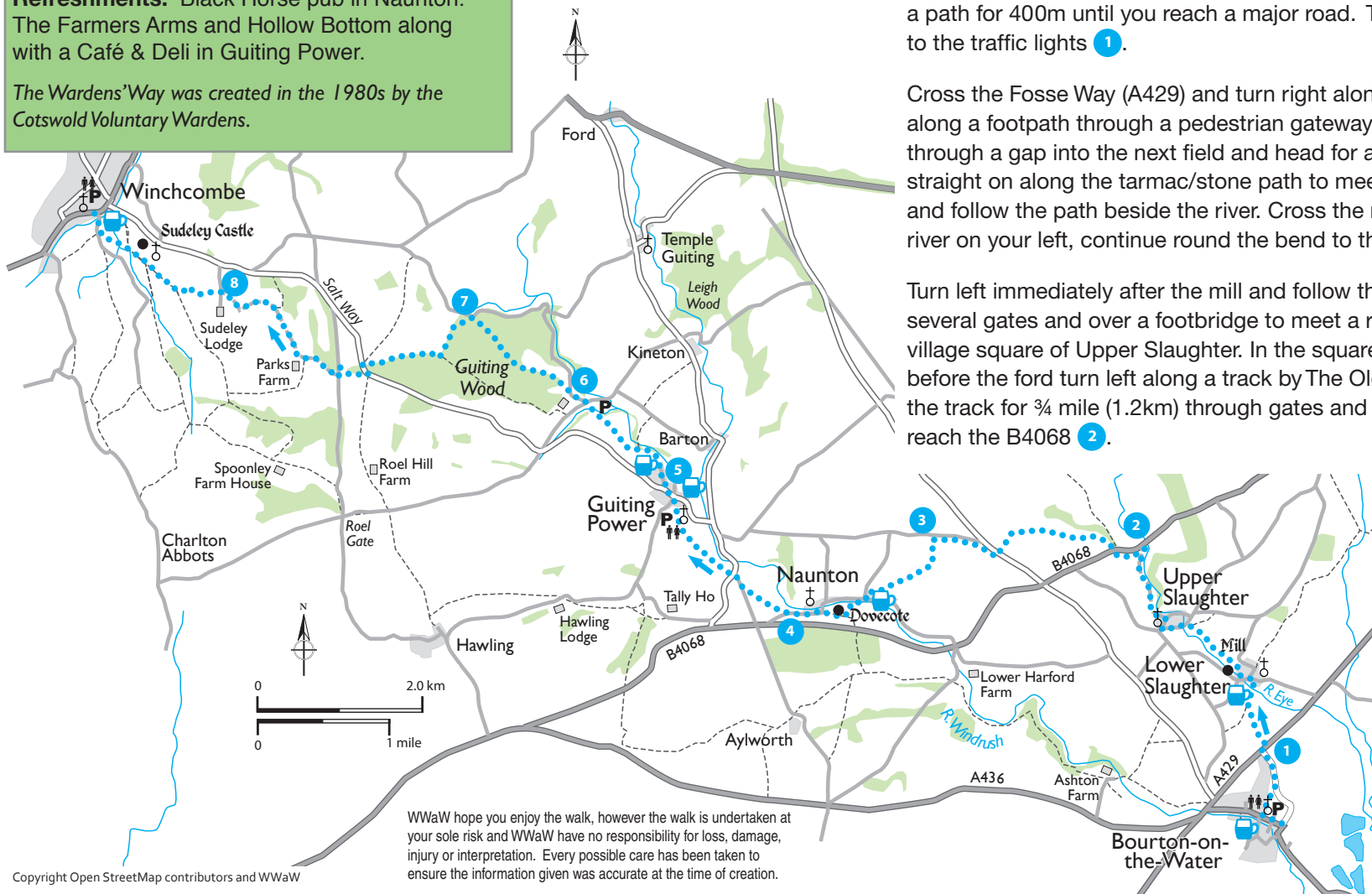


Walk 16 Wardens' Way from Bourton-on-the-Water to Winchcombe

Start at the war memorial in Bourton-on-the-Water, with your back to the river, head left towards St Lawrence's Church. Turn right through the metal church gates along a path for 400m until you reach a major road. Turn left and follow the road for 400m to the traffic lights 1.

Cross the Fosse Way (A429) and turn right along the pavement. After 100m turn left along a footpath through a pedestrian gateway and continue along the stone path through a gap into the next field and head for a gate in the right hand corner. Go straight on along the tarmac/stone path to meet a road, in Lower Slaughter. Turn left and follow the path beside the river. Cross the road at the junction and keeping the river on your left, continue round the bend to the mill.

Turn left immediately after the mill and follow the path for 1/2 mile (0.8km) through several gates and over a footbridge to meet a road. Turn left along the road to the village square of Upper Slaughter. In the square turn right towards the ford and 50m before the ford turn left along a track by The Old School House and church. Follow the track for 3/4 mile (1.2km) through gates and a field gate; through a wood until you reach the B4068 2.



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Do not join the road but turn left up a permissive path. Go up through the trees before descending to a metal gate. Enter the field and walk parallel to the road to the second gate on your right. Carefully cross the busy road and take the left hand of two brideways opposite, passing cottages on your left. Climb the hill for ¾ mile (1.2km) through 3 field gates arriving at a farm building. Go through the field gates by the building and turn left to follow a track to another field gate by the road.

Cross the road and go through the gate in the hedge opposite. Immediately turn right and follow the field edge for ½ mile (0.8km) through several gates, across the entrance to Lavender Hill Farm and continue to the next track 3.

Turn left and follow the track downhill, continuing straight ahead on a brideway into the woods, where the track bears left to the farm. Go downhill then briefly uphill to reach farmland. Continue across two fields through gaps in the hedge, in the third field follow the path diagonally right to a post before entering into the woods. Leave the woods via a gate and across a field to reach the road through gates. Turn left into Naunton and in 100m at a T-junction turn right.

If you require refreshments turn left at the T-junction and The Black Horse pub is situated ahead of you. (On leaving, with your back to the Black Horse pub in Naunton, turn right).

Follow the road through the village of Naunton for 300m taking the first lane on the left down past the Dovecote. Cross the bridge spanning the River Windrush and go through the field gate. Turn right and follow the track along the valley bottom through another field gate. Go through and join a road until you meet a T-junction. Turn left up the hill for 400m to a gate on the right in the hedge 4.



Go through the gate and continue straight ahead through the field, following the contour line to a gate. Continue in the same direction across the next field to the corner of a copse. Keeping the copse on your left follow the path through a gate to the road. Turn right downhill along the road and go straight across the T-junction to a gate opposite. Go through the gate and continue straight ahead across the field towards the church in the distance, to meet another gate. Go through and down the steps over the bridge and up past a redundant gate. Head straight across the next field to a gate then follow the wall to meet a gate by St Michael's and All Angels Church and the village toilet. Keep straight ahead along the lane past the village hall and deli into Guiting Power 5.



Guiting Power church

On reaching the village green turn left, past 'The Old Post Office, now a café, go around a bend and turn right along a road. Continue along the road which eventually becomes a track, go through woods as you leave the village, keeping the river on your right. At the bottom keep straight on to follow the track up past some buildings on your left, then turn right opposite

a bungalow along a wide track between fields. Follow this track to meet a field gate, continue up and over a crossroads, and down towards the woods. As the track enters the wood by a house (Pump Bottom Cottage) 6 bear left on a footpath before the house, go uphill through 2 gates in a gulley before entering the woods. Continue straight ahead ¾ mile (1.2km) along the path, ignoring any cross paths, and just before reaching large painted gates by a lane, turn sharp left along another track (do not go through the gates) 7.

Follow the stoney track along the edge of the wood for ½ mile (0.8km) to a crossing of paths, here turn right up a track. After a further ½ mile (0.8km) gradually going uphill along the edge of the wood, you reach a painted gate shortly followed by a road. Turn left and carefully walk along the road, in 100m turn right taking the right hand brideway. Continue along the narrow path until you reach the Salt Way. Turn left and in 50m turn right along a tarmac drive, go through a gap beside an electric gate and head downhill to a junction of paths. Turn right following the drive to a gate/cattlegrid. Turn right again and follow the drive for approx. ½ mile (0.8km) as the drive slowly descends.

Above Sudeley Lodge you meet another gate/cattlegrid, here turn right along the drive and continue until you meet a gap and an electric gate by a junction. Turn right here and in 30m turn left through a gate 8 and continue downhill to a gate/footbridge. Turn right after the gate and follow the field edge for 200m, turn left at the corner of the field and down to a gate in the bottom corner. Continue ahead for approx. 30m bearing slightly to the right before turning right through another gate in the hedge with a ramp, to enter Sudeley Castle Home Park. Follow the path towards the castle, through a gate and keeping the adventure playground fence on your right, continue through a gate to the driveway.

Turn left down the driveway, over the bridge and past the gatehouse to enter Vineyard Street. Continue along Vineyard Street until you reach Abbey Terrace, Winchcombe and the end of the route.

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