Circular Walk: Eynsham No.2 – Swinford – Wytham

Approximately 8 miles (12.8km)

Please note — This walk can be waterlogged during the wetter seasons, please dress accordingly.

1. By the Eynsham parish council noticeboard at the back of car park, follow sign to village centre right to TL along a walled lane leading to Mill Street. Continue directly across Mill Street to Thames Street, and carry straight on down the Oxford Road over roundabout and past the Talbot Inn and over bridge to continue to the Swinford toll Bridge.

2. Cross the bridge and immediately TL down onto the towpath. Follow the Thames Path right, away from the bridge. You will pass alongside the lock at Eynsham weir. Continue for 3.5 miles along the Thames Path, passing the weir bridge of Seacourt Stream and the lock at King’s weir.

3. At Eynsham Lock you have a choice of routes: either continue retracing your steps to the car park; or follow the signed permissive route over the weir, then TL, over the bridge and then diagonally right to the far corner of the field. This takes you back onto Oxford Road. TR past the Talbot Inn and retrace your steps to the car park.

4. At the point where the ring road bridges the Thames, you may like to make a small detour of a few hundred metres along the river to Godstow to visit the famous Trout Inn overlooking the river at point 4.

5. The return route cuts back at a sharp angle to the right at point 3. Cross the field to a stile and footbridge. Carry straight on to the next bridge. TL and cross the bridge.

6. Follow track between the Wytham Mill buildings and continue to metalled road (which leads to University Field Station). Straight over road and straight on up left hand field edge path to field corner.

7. BR through gap in hedge then follow left hedge line over two more fields. TL to follow the track to the edge of Wytham Great Wood. Then TR to follow track along edge of wood on your left and then follow field edge right around to stile.

8. TL onto field edge alongside the woods and then through the edge of the woods until you reach the Thames Path again. TL back to Eynsham Lock.