

Standlake to Newbridge



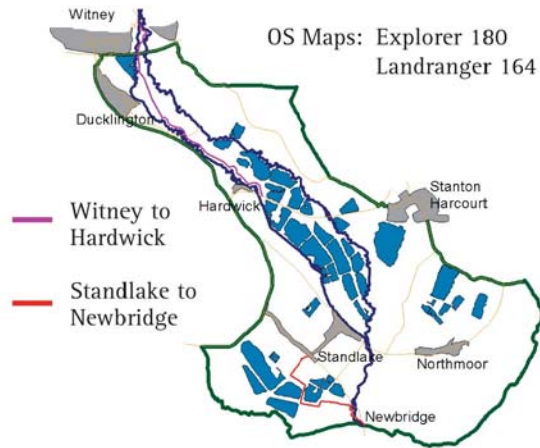
The Windrush Path is a new route currently being created by the Lower Windrush Valley Project that ultimately aims to provide a path from Witney, through the valley, to link up with the Thames Path National Trail at Newbridge.

The 3km (2 mile) section of the Windrush Path between Standlake and Newbridge opened in 1999 and follows both new and existing rights of way.

From Newbridge, the path follows the meandering River Windrush upstream through the extensive flood meadows of the Upper Thames Valley before reaching the many lakes on Standlake Common left following mineral extraction. One of these lakes is particularly special having been restored specifically as a nature reserve.

A picnic area overlooking one of the private fishing lakes provides a place to rest, halfway along the path before it continues on to the attractive village of Standlake. With a choice of pubs for refreshment at either end, this section of the Windrush Path offers an undemanding walk that works equally well, wherever you choose to start.

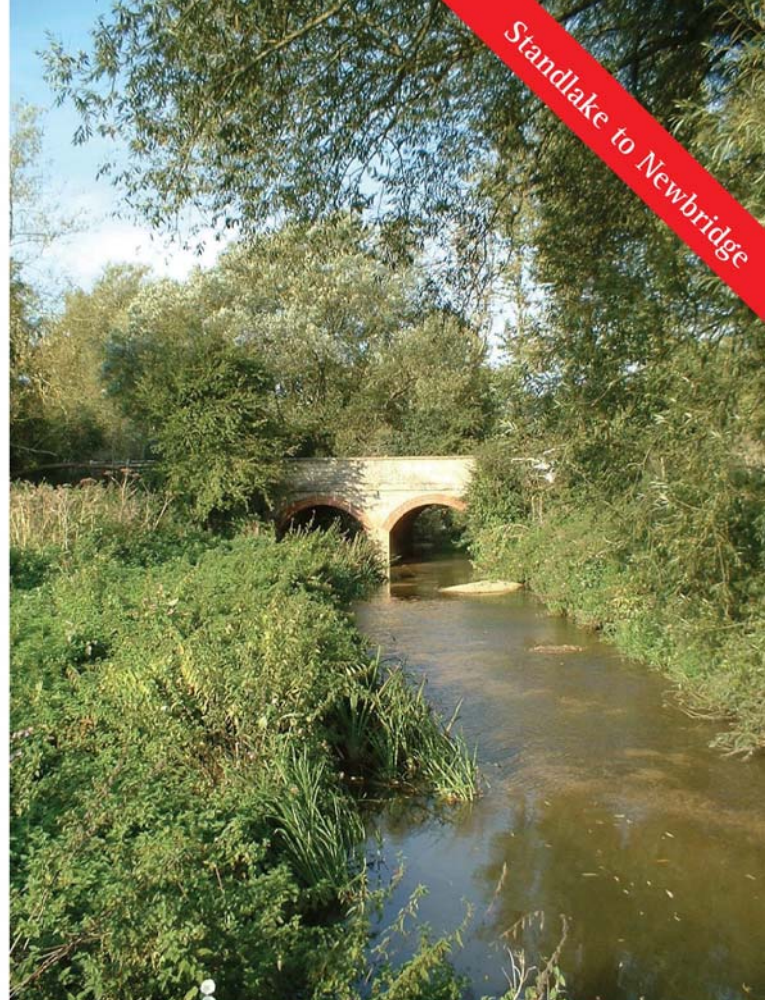
The Windrush Path is being developed in stages with two sections now open to walkers.



Standlake is found on the A415, five miles south of Witney and is served by two bus services. Call Traveline South East on 0871 200 22 33 or visit website www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk for timetables.

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Introduction

The Windrush Path is a good example of the way in which the Lower Windrush Valley Project works with mineral operators, landowners and local communities to enhance the landscape, wildlife and public access in the valley.

Two key links on this section of the path, including the bridge across the River Windrush, were additional benefits secured through planning permissions granted for mineral extraction in the area.

Find out more

Access for all

The path is flat but uneven in places with several gates and stiles. It can also be muddy in winter. Contact the project office for further information.

Alternative formats of this leaflet including large print are available on request. Tel 01865 810226.

The Windrush Path is funded and supported by:



Walk the Windrush Path



Standlake Village

Standlake is an attractive village next to the River Windrush with two good pubs serving food, a Post Office and Stores. There is a range of accommodation for visitors and various activities such as water sports and fishing offered on nearby lakes.

Allow at least an hour each way to enjoy a leisurely walk between Standlake and Newbridge. If you prefer not to retrace your steps consider opportunities for longer circular walks via Shifford, Northmoor or Stanton Harcourt. A popular circular walk around the village can also be enjoyed that takes in St Giles's Church and Horns Way.

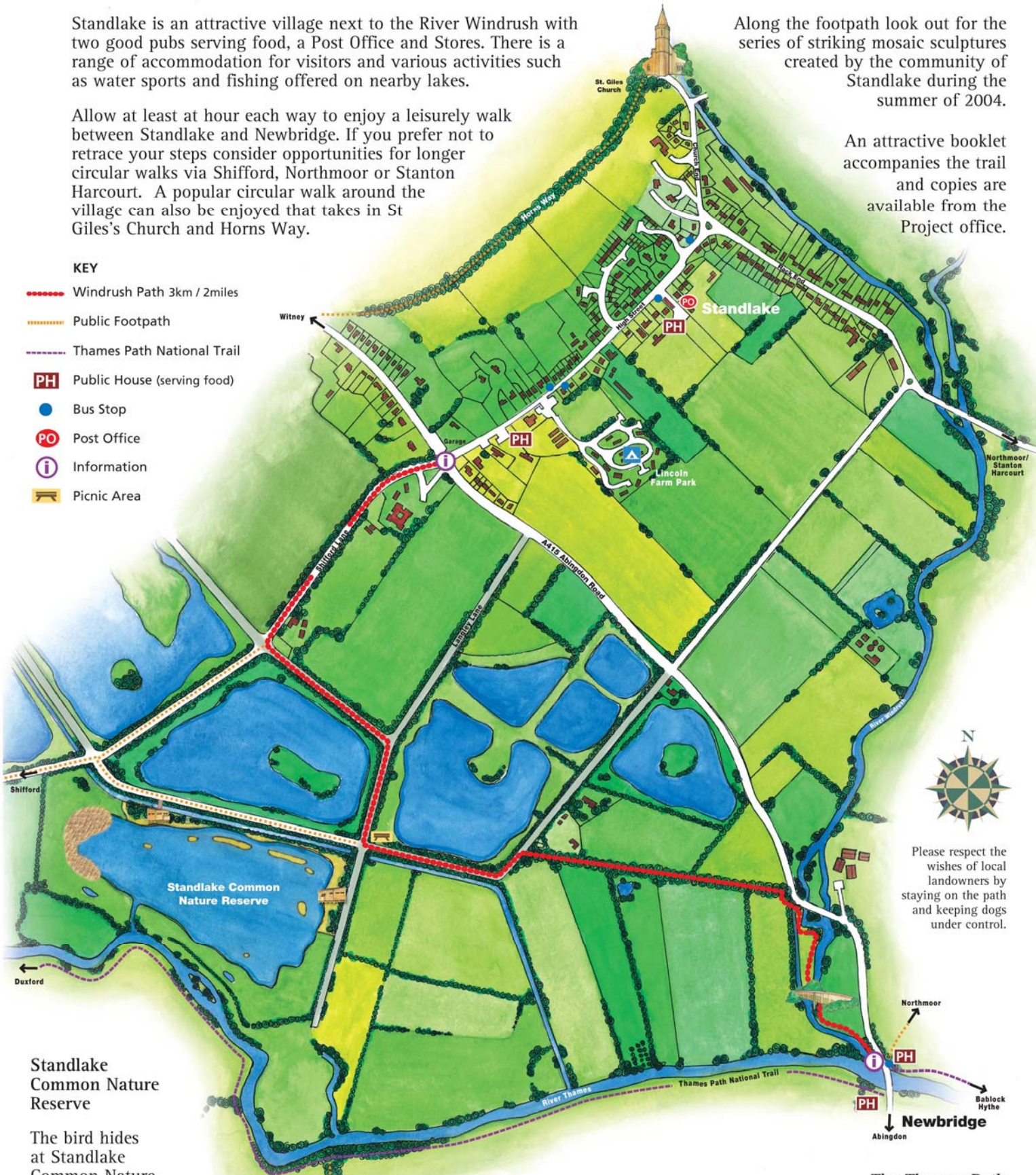
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-  Windrush Path 3km / 2miles
-  Public Footpath
-  Thames Path National Trail
-  Public House (serving food)
-  Bus Stop
-  Post Office
-  Information
-  Picnic Area

Art Underfoot Mosaic Trail

Along the footpath look out for the series of striking mosaic sculptures created by the community of Standlake during the summer of 2004.

An attractive booklet accompanies the trail and copies are available from the Project office.



Please respect the wishes of local landowners by staying on the path and keeping dogs under control.

Standlake Common Nature Reserve

The bird hides at Standlake Common Nature Reserve offer a tranquil place to relax and watch wildlife along the route of the Windrush Path. A mosaic of wetland habitats has established on this former gravel pit and the two hides allow visitors to view the whole reserve without disturbing the resident wildlife. Keys for the hides are available for purchase from the project office and enable you to visit at anytime. Public access across the reserve is not permitted.

The Thames Path

At Newbridge, the Windrush Path links up with the Thames Path, the 295 km (184 mile) National Trail, that follows England's best known river from its source near Kemble, in Gloucestershire down to the heart of London.

Links with other public rights of way allow for circular walks from Newbridge, of up to 8km (5miles), taking in a section of the Thames Path. Follow the Thames Path upstream to return via Longworth or downstream via Northmoor.