

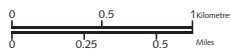
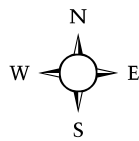
Walk Twelve

From Wold to Water



This is number 12 in a series of walks from the Cotswolds Conservation Board designed to allow people to make their way to the start point using public transport.

A walk from the historic town of Stow-on-the-Wold via the picturesque villages of Icomb and Wyck Rissington, through Salmonsbury Water meadows to Bourton-on-the-Water



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Distance: 6 miles/ 10km

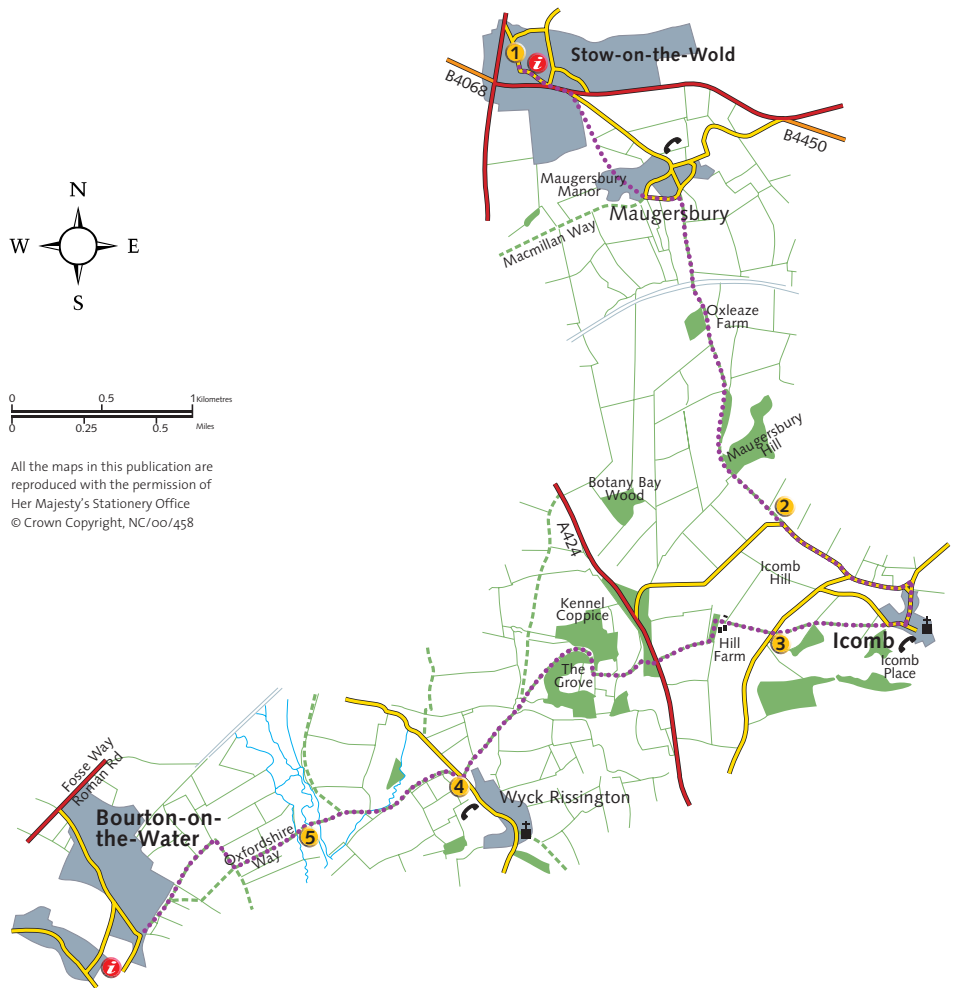
Time: Allow 2-3 hrs

Buses: Take Pulhams 801 from Bourton Church rooms to Stow Police Station.

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1 From Stow centre walk down Park Street and take the fenced track to the right of the car park towards Mangersbury Manor. Walk through the ancient village, cross the junction and follow road round to the left passing a lovely semicircular house on the left. At the next junction turn right and follow the road down the hill past Oxleaze Farm and up, to climb Mangersbury Hill where on a good day you can enjoy great views.

2 Join the surfaced road and follow this down the hill bearing left at the junction and then right by the house on the island to enter the charming village of Icomb with the 12th century church, St Mary's. Bear right and in 100 metres take the path in front of you up through fields to the trees at the top of the hill which leads on to the road.



3 Cross the road and take the track up to Hill Farm. Past the farmhouse through the copse to skirt the field and meet the A424 Stow to Burford road. Cross carefully following the path up the other side through trees (blue way mark signs). Bear right off the track, skirting the wood down to Wyck Rissington.

4 As the village opens out before you, turn right at the road and in a few metres go through the gate opposite the post office box to follow the Oxfordshire Way towards Bourton.

5 The path crosses the River Dikler and then the River Eye (tributaries of the Windrush). These water meadows are a unique habitat for rare flowers, insects and other wildlife and are protected as a nature reserve by the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust. The path leads you out into Station Road and so to Bourton, High Street.