

# Walk Ten

## Great Rissington to Bourton



This is number ten 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 Great Rissington across the Windrush valley through the wildlife rich water meadows of The National Trust's Sherborne Estate then back along the river.

**Distance:** 10.5km/6.5 miles

**Time:** allow 3 hrs

**Buses:** Take the Pulhams 802 from Bourton War Memorial and ask for the Lamb Inn, Great Rissington

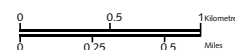
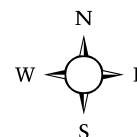
**Trains:** Rail Enquiries 08457 484950

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**1** With the Lamb Inn on your right walk down the hill towards the church. Just before the church bear left through the barn conversions and fork right at the end.

**2** As the view opens up, bear left across the field and down towards the line of poplars below. On entering the plantation bear left to meander alongside the River Windrush. Keep to the edge of the fields for about 1km until the path nears a farm track. Turn right and the path immediately leads into the overgrown ruins of an old water mill; Dodds Mill mentioned in the Domesday Book.

**3** Cross the river to enter Sherborne Water meadows. The meadows have been restored and are managed by The National Trust and provide ideal habitats for wading birds, wild flowers, butterflies and other insects. Follow the path across the valley floor and up the other side to join the Sherborne to Clapton Road at Northfield Barn. Turn right along the road.



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**4** After 1 km take the footpath off to the right which follows the edge of two fields to Broadmoor Farm. Turn down the track past the buildings and below the farm and then take the path on the left through the fields to the bridge by the river.

**5** Turn left on the road at New Bridge by the river again and in 200 metres take the path off to the right. This bridleway leads through fields to Lower Marsh Farm. At the house turn right down the track and follow

footpath signs to the footbridge by the river.

**6** Cross the river and keep the lakes on your right, follow the river path away from the lake passing behind the "Boat House" to emerge on the road leading back into Bourton. Turn Left and in 250 metres either continue along the road into town, or take the track on the right past the tennis club, to emerge at the junction of Station Road and Roman Way.