

Walk Two

Meadows and Mills



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

This is an easy walk downhill from Stow-on-the-Wold to Bourton-on-the-Water across meadows and mills to Lower Slaughter, where the old mill has recently been restored and now houses a tea shop, small store and a museum. Tel: 01451 820052.

Distance: 6.5 km/4 miles

Time: Allow 2-3 hrs

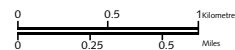
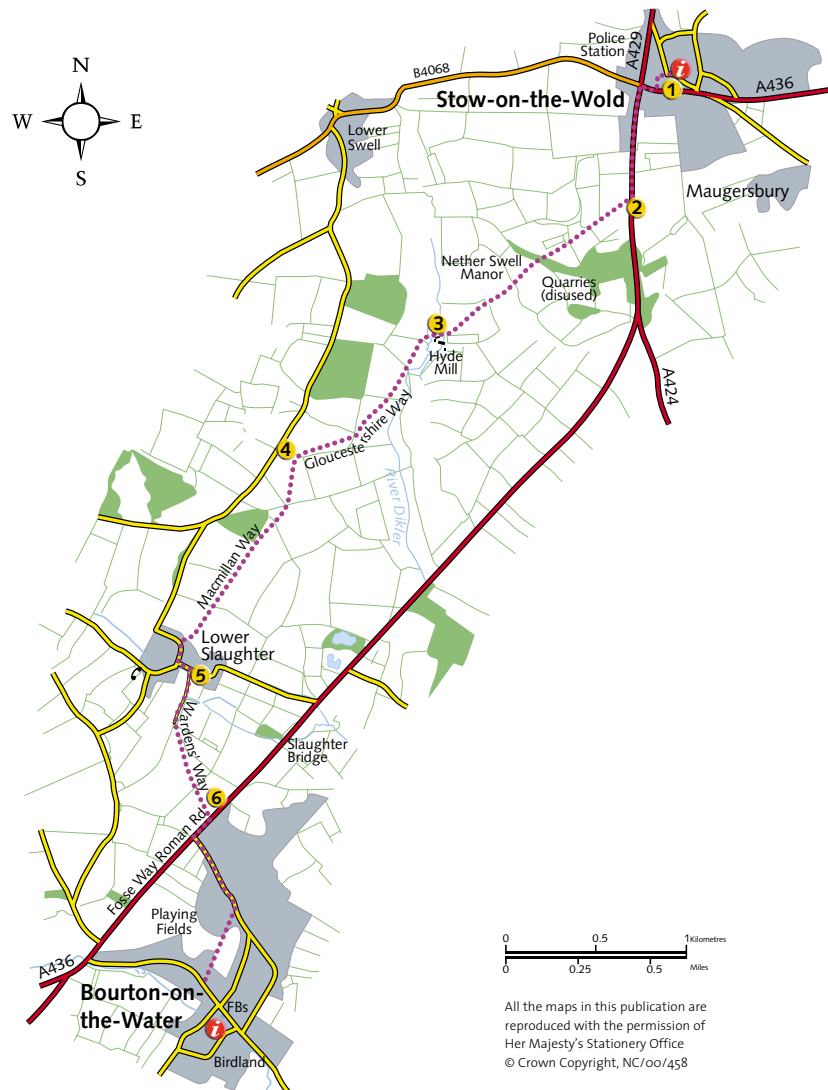
Buses: Take the Fosse Link 855 from Bourton High Street and ask for Stow Square.

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1 Starting from St Edward's Hall leave Stow Square following Church Street, walk past the church, to reach Sheep Street. Cross at the traffic lights and walk along Wragg's Row to cross Back Walls into the burial ground. Leave the cemetery by the second gate on your right and walk down South Hill. When you are about 150 metres past Bretton House cross the Fosse Way to a track with a footpath sign next to Quarwood Cottage.

2 Follow the track to a field. Cross the field into woodland and continue down through Nether Swell Manor Farm and the paddock beyond, to reach Hyde Mill.

3 Cross the bridge and walk round the farm buildings. Turn right/signed Lower Slaughter. Turn left through the metal kissing gate to a small bridge and follow the path across four fields. Cross a stream and



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turn right through the gate. Cross the field to the gate in the far left corner.

4 Turn half left to follow the sign to Lower Slaughter across the next three fields. Just before the end of the third field turn right through a farm gate then turn left to follow the hedge line, past the cricket ground then turn right to join the road. Turn left keeping the church wall on left, follow it round to the churchyard.

5 Cross the road and turn left to follow the River Eye on the path around to the right. Continue along to a metal gate leading to a tarmac footpath across two fields to The Coach and Horses on the Fosse Way.

6 Cross the Fosse and turn right to a junction, turn left down Station Road towards Bourton. About 50 metres past Meadow Way on your left, cross the road and take the path alongside the playing fields. Pass the church on your left to reach Bourton High Street.