This pretty little walk offers two opportunities to explore Winchcombe, to find the River Isbourne, to stroll the Home Park at Sudeley Castle and view the castle and the town itself using sections of the Cotswold Way National Trail, the Windrush Way and the Wardens Way.

**Route:**
Exit from the pay & display car park 1 behind the library into Cowl Lane, turn right to Abbey Terrace. Turn left into the High Street and continue past the junction with North Street to follow the narrow Hailes Street. Walk down the right hand side of the road for approx 300 metres until you cross the bridge over the 2 River Isbourne. Turn right by the bridge and go through the gate. Follow the path upstream alongside the river. Cross 2 footbridges, then over a ridge and furrow field to a gate by a house. This path leads down a passage to Castle Street.

**Distance:**
- 4.4 kilometres / 2 1/2 miles (1 1/2 hours) with ups and downs of 42m or 138ft
- 5.6 kilometres / 3 1/2 miles (2 hours) with ups and downs of 55m or 180ft

**Start:**
Back Lane Car Park.
Public pay & display car park behind the library off Back Lane next to the school.
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**Go through a gate alongside a farm gate and turn right to cross a footbridge over the Beesmoor Brook bearing right to reach a lane. 5**
Turn right and follow the lane until you reach the Sudeley Castle entrance notice boards. From there, continue along the lane over the bridge into Vineyard Street. Follow the street up to the road; cross the road and turn right alongside the Abbey Terrace wall and at the end of which you will reach Cowl Lane; turn left into Cowl Lane and back to the car park.

**For the longer walk**
(continuing from point 4).
At the gate, turn left to a field gate in the first fence then proceed due south over the Home Park field, heading for the far right hand corner of the field, (following the Windrush Way).

**For the short walk**
Turn right, keeping the play area on your right, walk back to a farm gate and a pedestrian gate leading on to the entrance drive. Turn left and follow the drive, crossing the stone bridge over the lake, then continue to the side of the entrance lodge. When you reach the castle notice boards turn left and cross the road to enter a field. Turn half-left to follow the path to the gate in the far corner of the field to join the route of the Cotswold Way.

Turn left and through the gate to continue straight alongside the hedge for 300 metres to reach Corndean Lane. Turn hard right and through a gate alongside an old stone stile 7.
Keeping the hedge on your right, follow the path for 400 metres until the path turns left to head for the church, down the slope, through a gate into a recreation field and past a club house to the bridge in the corner.

A short footpath leads into Mill Lane. In the lane, turn left and then almost immediately turn right into Almshouse Lane, which leads to Queen Square. Cross the road and turn right alongside the Abbey Terrace wall; at the end of the wall you reach Cowl Lane. Turn left into Cowl Lane and back to the car park.

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