

4 Enter the **Royal Agricultural University** playing field and continue straight on, cross the main drive and pass the changing rooms. Follow the tarmac path and where this turns off continue straight on following a hedge on your left. Continue to follow the hedge; this goes round to the right, follow this to the road. Go through the gate and turn left to follow a very narrow pavement. Cross the road near the roundabout (**traffic**) follow the pavement around to the left. At the high stone wall turn right and follow the wall, on your left, down the hill back into town. Where the wall turns left take the road on the right, **Castle Street**, and follow this back to the **Church**. ●



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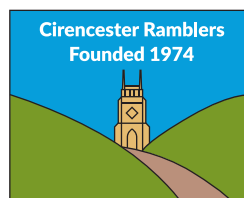
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WALKS AROUND CIRENCESTER

10 CIRENCESTER PARK AND CANAL TUNNEL

A circular walk from Cirencester Market Place through Cirencester Park with a short diversion to the source of the River Thames.

LENGTH 10 MILES / 16 KILOMETRES

MAP OS EXPLORER 168 & 169

ADVICE Waterproof clothing is advisable depending on weather conditions. The route is relatively level on footpaths and some pavements.

Cirencester Park – Admission charges apply



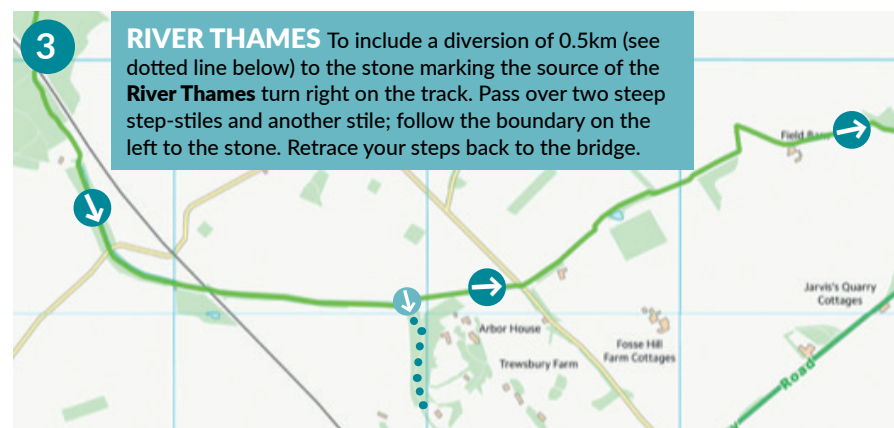
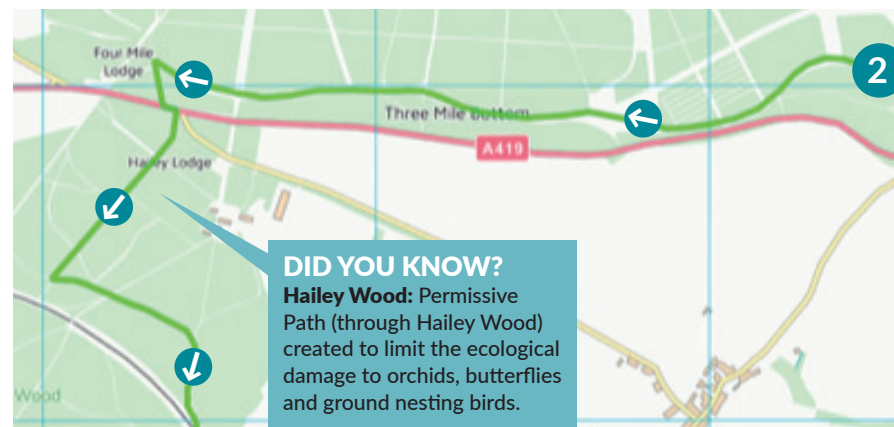
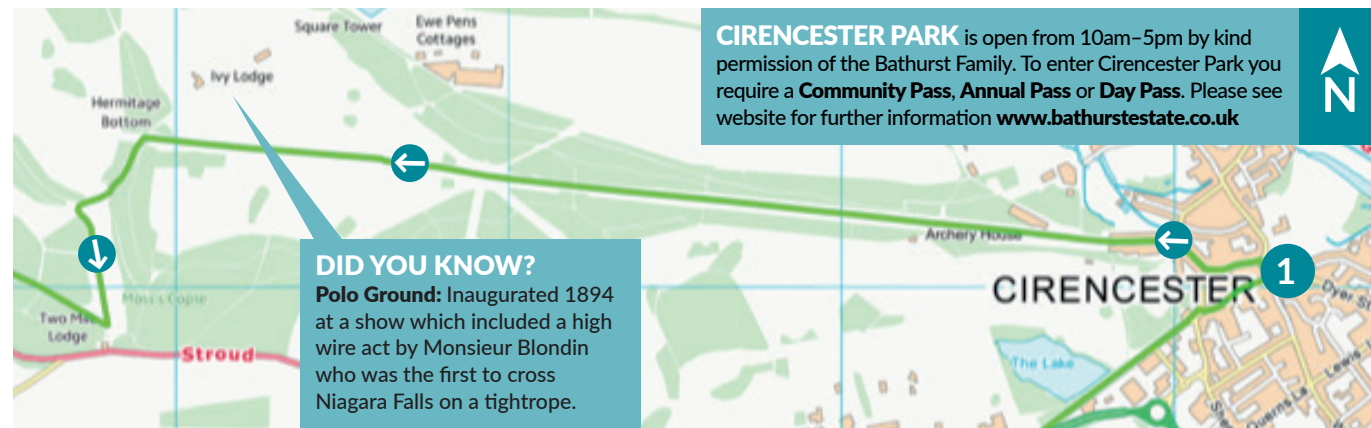
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1 With your back to the main porch of the **Church**, turn right, following the outside wall of the church, through the gap, then cross the road into Black Jack Street and continue past the **Corinium Museum**. After a right-hand bend, take the first turning on the left (**Cecily Hill**). Follow this through the gates into **Cirencester Park** and continue straight on (West). The surfaced path ends at a cross path, continue straight along the grass drive (**Broad Ride**) passing, on the right, **Pope's Seat** and then the **Polo Ground**.

After almost two miles the grass drive drops down into a small valley and crosses a tarmac road. Turn left and follow this road down the hill. Cross the bottom of the valley and follow the road on the left (South). ➔

2 Follow the road to the automated gate at the end (this may be open). Immediately before the gate turn right up the bank following the edge of the woods (walking West). This will lead up to a grass ride (track) with woods on both sides, follow this ride (roughly North West). Pass through a clearing taking the ride on the left and continue along the route which winds westward through the woods (marked as **Three Mile Bottom** by OS) for about a mile where you meet a hard surfaced track. You will see buildings in the distance. Turn left follow the track through a gate and up onto the **Stroud Road (A419)**.

Traffic – take care. Carefully cross this busy road and turn left and follow the verge (single file) for about 30m where, by a turning, there is a field gate on the right. Pass through the gate and follow the permissive path through the woods. Carry straight on, cross three tracks/rides ignoring the waymark posts, the penultimate track is in a hollow. At the fourth track turn left (South East) and follow the path downhill. Continue in the same direction on a public right of way. Follow the path which will take you under the **railway**, turn left, continue to a gate and up a slope to a surfaced drive. ➔



3 Turn right, towards the **Tunnel House Inn**, then turn left and walk down to the **canal towpath** which is followed for about a mile. At the next bridge the path takes you up to a track (**River Thames** – see box).

Go over the canal and then turn right off the track to follow a footpath. Pass a stile into a field and follow the field boundary on your right, to the stile in the field corner. Cross the road (**traffic – take care**) and continue in the same direction on the **Monarch's Way** with a wall on your right. At the end turn left and right and continue in the same direction. Follow through the field with the boundary on your right. Pass through a gate, through a gap and then following the boundary round to the left to join a track. Turn right and follow the track past the farm buildings, down a slope and straight on past a wood. Continue in the same direction, following a track and then a path. ➔