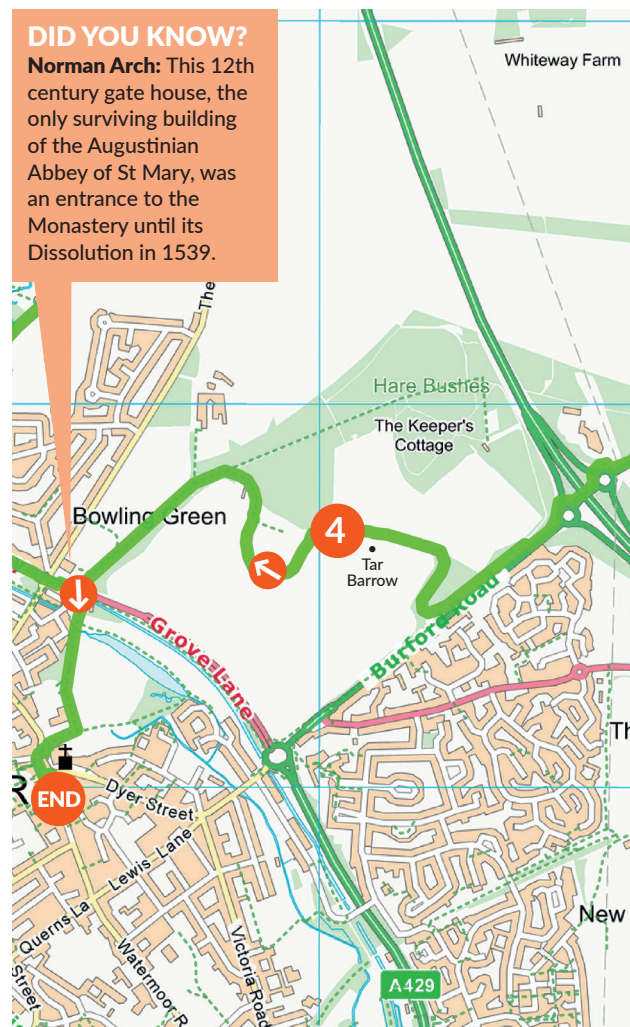


4 Follow track around the cricket ground to the far side, go through a gap on the left, turn right and follow the edge of the field past cattle troughs. Bear right into the woods and then left to continue to **Abbey Way**. Turn right to traffic lights, cross using pedestrian crossing, turn left and follow the pavement to the **Norman Arch** on the right. Go through the arch back into the **Abbey Grounds**. Follow the path until you exit at the **Market Place**. ●

DID YOU KNOW?

Norman Arch: This 12th century gate house, the only surviving building of the Augustinian Abbey of St Mary, was an entrance to the Monastery until its Dissolution in 1539.

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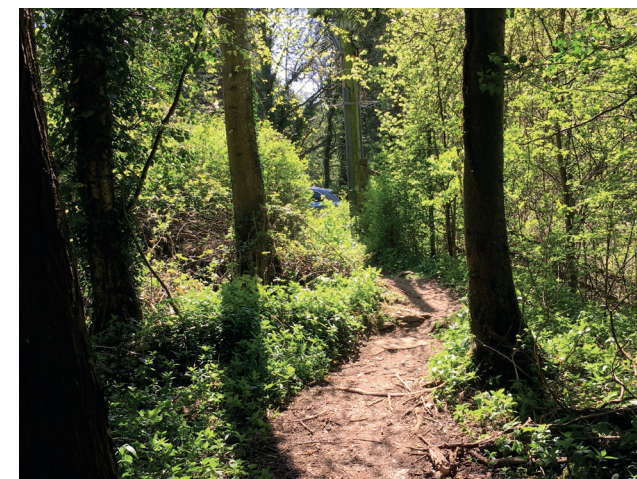
2**BAUNTON AND RAGGED HEDGE WOOD**

A circular walk from Cirencester Market Place visiting the villages of Stratton and Baunton and on to Ragged Hedge Wood

LENGTH 6 MILES / 9½ KILOMETRES

MAP OS EXPLORER OL45

ADVICE Stout footwear should be worn and waterproof clothing is advisable depending on weather conditions. The route is fairly level with an uphill section leaving Baunton.



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1 Leave **Market Place/Parish Church** and turn right into the **Abbey Grounds**, follow the asphalt path and at split by main grounds take the left fork and continue on path to the Norman arch exit. Go through the arch and turn left, follow pavement to road junction in front of you and cross to the **Jack Gardner Memorial Garden**. Follow the green space with river on your left and at first road turn right. Using the traffic island cross the road, then left and right into **Bowling Green Lane**. Follow this road, then a track for 600m, to reach the cottages on your left (**Drowners Cottages**). Follow bridleway sign and fork right onto higher path. →



2 Keep following the bridleway, through a metal gate (with wood on your left) along the higher route, through the second gate to a third gate and onto the lane. Turn left down the lane and after 50m turn right uphill at footpath sign before the fourth gate. Cross the stile and follow path through a small gate beside a garden and house to exit at large front gate onto **The Whiteway**. Turn left and with care keep on left hand edge to a road bridge over the bypass. Keep left and after the bridge look for the stile on the right hand side of the road and cross the stile and turn left onto farm track to stile on right hand side before **Exhibition Barn**. →



3 Cross the stile and follow permissive field boundary path for about 1km to a track by woods. Turn right and follow the track through the woodland to a five bar wooden gate. Go through gate and turn left down the lane. Near the end of the lane turn right through a gap in the wall and follow path through woodland until you reach **Burford Road**. Turn right by electricity pole, follow pavement and cross the entrance and exit junctions of the A417 and continue to the large road sign. Turn right towards the allotments, then turn immediately left through a gate onto the permissive path. Follow the path, which runs parallel to the road, until opposite the petrol station. Turn right past a 'dead' hedge and follow the path through the copse to a gap in a collapsed wall. Walk straight on through open fields and follow path towards trees. →

