



Circular Walk: Wantage Route 1

Approximately 9 miles (14.4km)



TL= Turn Left	FL = Fork Left	BL = Bear Left
TR = Turn Right	FR = Fork Right	BR = Bear Right

16 Follow towpath to East Challow, cross over A417 with caution to Canal Way opposite and rejoin canal towpath.

15 Turn off canal towpath at stile. Straight on across 4 fields, keeping field edge on your left in fourth field, which takes you to a stile and footpath by West Challow village hall. Keep straight on after hall and follow road around. At Silver Lane **TR** then **TL** at towpath.

14 **TR** onto B4001 road verge for ¼ mile. **TR** onto footpath along the Wilts & Berks Canal.

13 Walk through graveyard, to left of Church, to a kissing gate, then over the stile. Cross field diagonally to gateway in left corner, through holding pen, then cross next field diagonally to stile in left corner.

12 At the High Street T-junction **TR**, passing village pond and keep right at road bend along Church Row. **BL** at road fork and continue to the Church of St Mary.

11 **TL** onto tarmac bridleway. When it joins road take left road fork, taking you into the village of Childrey.

10 Cross over B4507 road to bridleway opposite.

9 Where track bends right, **TL** off track to follow footpath along bottom of bank and uphill.

8 At end of bridleway, **TR** onto track.

7 After thatched cottages, **TL** onto bridleway.

17 Follow towpath, over road, into field and keep straight on along the canal to stile at end.

18 Cross road and follow pavement towards roundabout and sharply around to the right. Take second footpath on your right off the road by the roundabout road sign. This takes you through Belmont Estate. Follow the tarmac path straight on over all junctions to finally emerge on Mill Street, near to your starting point.

1 From far end of Limborough Road with Sainsbury's on your left, take gate down steps that come out by Mill Street car park and follow along Letcombe Mews to Mill Street. **TR** along Mill Street then very soon **TL** down path running behind corn mill by stream. **TL** at footbridge onto Betjeman Lane then **TR** onto Priory Road and follow it around to Portway.

2 Cross over road to signed metalled footpath opposite. At split in path **BR** past small allotments and continue for almost a mile. At the edge of Letcombe Regis pass through estate to the crossroads and keep straight following the road around to the church.

3 At the crossroads by St Andrew's Church **TL** uphill past thatched cottages.

4 At the top of the hill where the road bends sharply left, take the bridleway on your right. **BL** at bridleway fork.

5 At end of bridleway **TR** over stile keeping to the left field edge. Over stile into Hell Bottom Copse and through copse. Cross stile to exit copse and **TR**.

6 **TR** downhill. At T-junction, **TR** through village, over old cress beds and uphill again.

