



# Circular Walk: Kidlington Approximately 4 miles (6 km)

Please note — This walk can be waterlogged during the wetter seasons. It is best undertaken following dry weather between May and September.



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

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- Start from entrance barrier at car park behind St Mary's Church at the end of Church Street. Walk through the kissing gate by the car park barrier and follow stoned footpath straight ahead through woodland nature reserve and over footbridge by pond.
  - TR after footbridge and keep to right-hand edge of meadows, following path to substantial concrete bridge over River Cherwell. Cross 'White Bridge' and go straight ahead to footbridge and straight across two fields and stiles to road by St Mary the Virgin Church at Hampton Poyle.
  - Cross road by church and go straight ahead over stile into field. Cross field and two stiles and then cross another two stiles 20 metres up on the left-hand side.
  - Bear slightly right across next three fields to a small spinney with two footbridges through it.
  - Cross next field to stile and follow path over another field to cross stile by large ash tree. Head diagonally right across the next field towards a tall chimney on the horizon. You will soon see the ruins of the manor house straight ahead and a church to the left of them. Go through a kissing gate before you reach the church and BL to riverside. TL through kissing gate, under railway bridge and through another gate.
  - Cross field diagonally left to cross suspension bridge back over River Cherwell. Straight ahead through next field and over stile by metal gate.
  - Continue to stile by canal bridge. Do not cross bridge, but TL and follow towpath in southerly direction towards Thrupp.
  - On reaching swing bridge at Thrupp, do not cross but TL and follow path through British Waterways yard past Annie's Tea Room and cottages.
  - Pass under railway line and through gate. Either head straight on for 30 metres and then BR through the woods, or just head straight along on the mown path with the River Cherwell on your left to point 11.
  - Follow this woodland path for 200m until you see a small bridge and waymark post. Go straight on then at next path fork, BL towards the river.
  - When you reach the main crossing path, TR. Follow the path straight on through woods and then out in the open along river for almost a kilometre until you arrive back at White Bridge.
  - At White Bridge, TR and retrace your steps back to St Mary's Church.

