

PADDOCKS AND PONDS

Turn half left and walk past a small pond on your RHS to the corner of the field where there is a hunting gate.

From this and the next two fields there are fine views over Bristol, Filton and the Forest of Dean - Spot the tops of the two Severn Bridges over the ridge of hills.

Keep close to the hedge in the first field but in the second veer slightly to the right, there is a pond on your left but you should not be too close to it, there is a gate in the hedge climb over and follow the hedge to Mowswell Farm. The footpath leaves the road to the farm opposite the farmhouse itself but there is no stile at present, climb over the fence (*or continue down lane to end of field and use gate*) and aim diagonally opposite to a broken stile in the corner of the field.

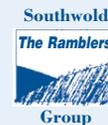
Climb the stile and keep the hedge on your left until you meet a stile, climb over the stile and head down hill aiming for Chipping Sodbury Church, again there are electric fences and horses! You should exit this final field onto the lane next to Byefields. Walk down Dodington Road to the school playing fields, take the gate and footpath across the S side of the fields to Gaunts Road.

Turn left and continue straight between the school and houses to reach Cotswold Road dual carriageway. Turn right to subway, cross, exit left to Hounds Road leading to Chipping Sodbury main street, Wickwar Road and car park.

THE COUNTRY CODE

Please follow the Country Code at all times

- *Enjoy the countryside - respect its life and work*
- *Guard against risk of fire*
- *Fasten all gates*
- *Keep dogs under control*
- *Keep to public paths*
- *Use gates and stiles to cross fences, hedges and walls*
- *Leave livestock, crops and machinery alone*
- *Take your litter home*
- *Help keep water clean*
- *Protect wildlife, plants and trees*
- *Take care on country roads*
- *Make no unnecessary noise*



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DISTANCE 7 KM (4.3 MILES)
TIME 2 TO 2 1/2 HOURS.

*Ground muddy Fine views over
Bristol, Filton, Forest of Dean.
(If you are nervous of horses this
walk is not for you!)*



SIX WALKS
@ CHIPPING SODBURY

From car park, Wickwar Road turn right to reach High Street, turn right again up High Street to turn into Horseshoe Lane on LHS. Walk along

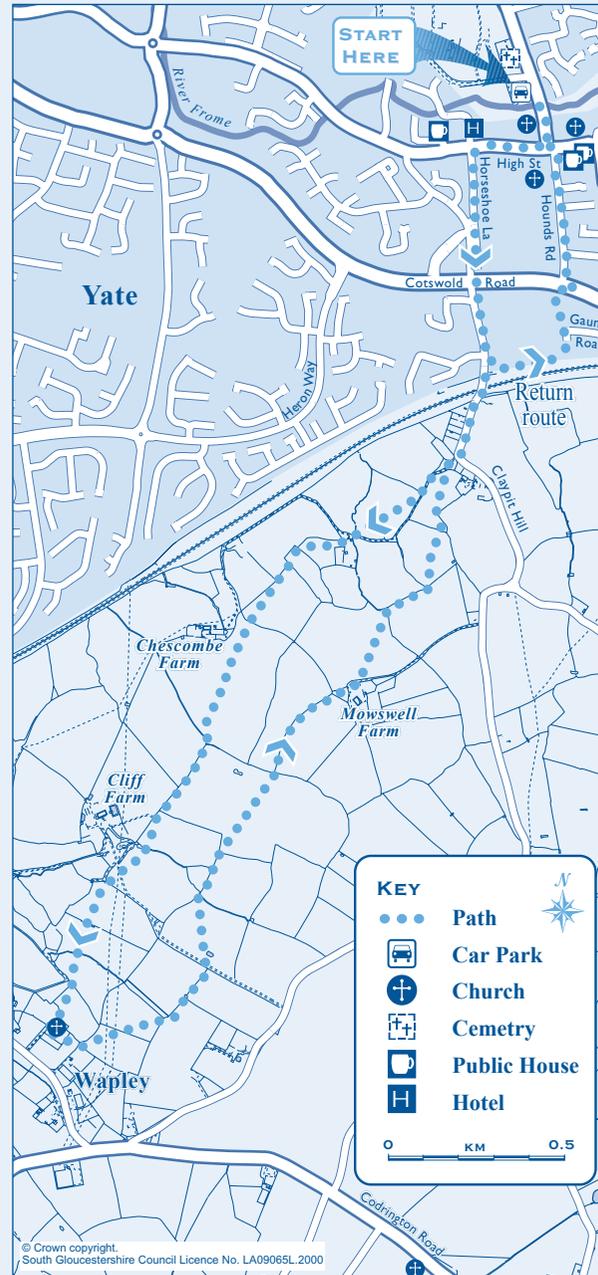
Horseshoe Lane and under the by-pass past Chipping Sodbury School, continue over the Bristol to London railway line and along Dodington Road until in about 200m the road turns left where you carry straight on down the lane beside Byefields.

(Alternatively park at the end of Horseshoe Lane near the underpass or in the lay-by before the railway bridge.)

Climb over the stile into the second field on your right which is often split into smaller paddocks with electric fencing - the first sign of horses. The path cuts out a bend in the lane but you may have to keep close to the hedge to avoid the electric fence.

Come out of the field in the corner and cross straight over through the gate next to the small pond, turn right through the remaining trees in the orchard to a stile in a wooden fence, beware of the geese which nearly always start calling, aim for the stile in the corner of the hedge and cross the narrow field to a further stile.

Walk forward and when you see Chescombe Farm in front of you aim for an oak tree near to the stables to the left of the farm.



Walk straight on (*more horses*) over a stile and bridge over a ditch and carry on in the same line through a gate and path on your RHS over a ditch to find a stile half way along the hedge at the top of the slope in front of you. There is a muddy ditch and bank to this stile. Keep the hedge on your right and find the stile in the corner of the field with a view of St Peters at Wapley.

Keep going in the same general direction but the stile is a little to the left of the corner in this field and the path crosses a small stream in belt of trees and shrubs. Walk up the hill to a gate onto the lane to Cliff Farm which is to your right with a fine pond in front of it. From here the path aims more or less straight for the church.

Go through the gate on the opposite side of the lane, through a narrow field and onto the gate in the next field. Often the next two fields are planted and the path not re-instated, so it is sometimes easier to go round the edge of the fields to your right to avoid lots of sticky mud!

Walk up the hill around to the left of the church to enter the churchyard. The church is a fine old Saxon style church well worth looking inside, next to the church is the old Victorian Vicarage which is now a private house.

Return to the back of the churchyard and climb over the stile in front of you, the next stile is in the corner diagonally opposite you but the field may again be broken into smaller paddocks for horses. Climb over the stile and follow the hedge around to your left for two fields until you meet the lane to Cliff Farm again.