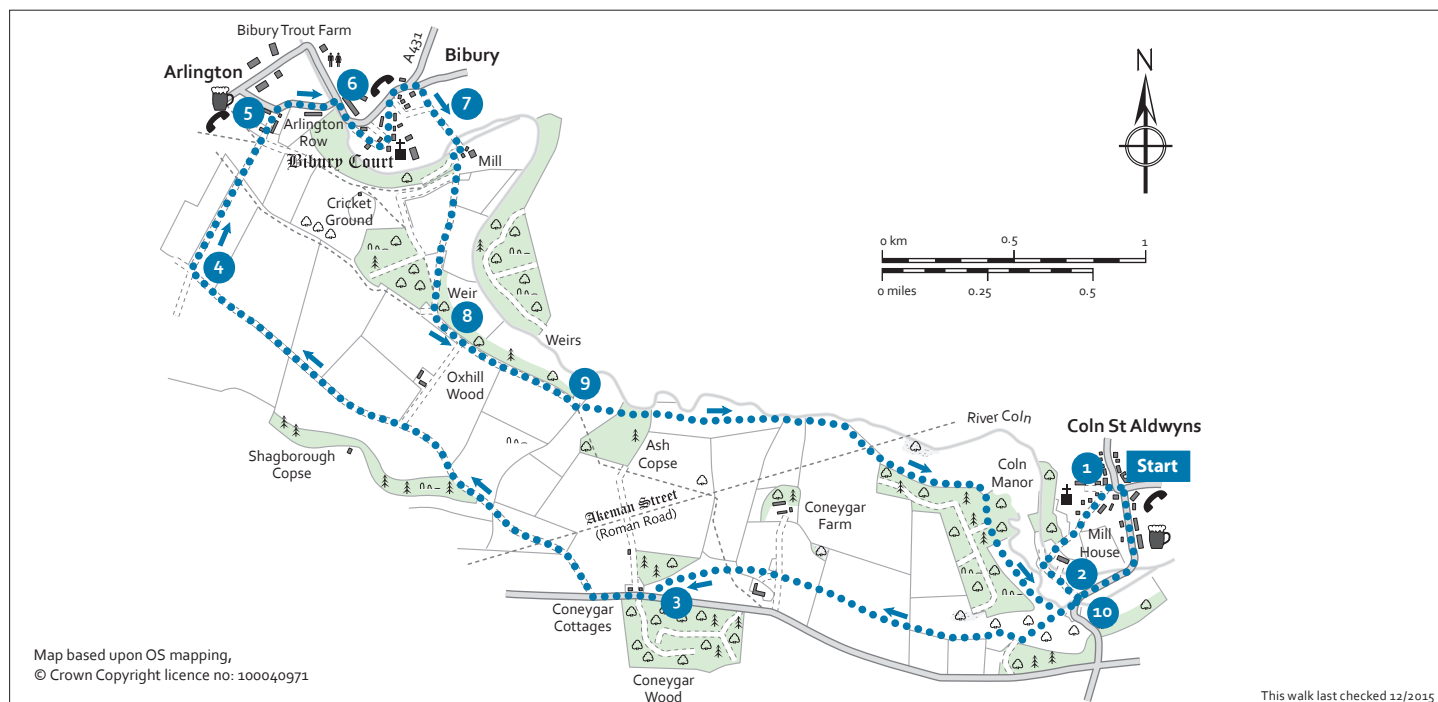


Miles Without Stiles

Bibury and Coln St Aldwyns



This walk links the pretty and much visited villages of Bibury and Coln St. Aldwyns.



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Distance: 10 kilometres/
6 miles (3 hours) with ups and
downs of 152m or 499ft

Start: Crossroads in
Coln St Aldwyns. SP 145/052
Car parking in village

Route:

At the crossroads **1** take the road beside the village shop and turn left into the road to the church, passing the almshouses on your left and the church on your right. The road becomes a walled lane and descends to a wooden bridge over a mill-race. Turn left onto a road and at the end right over the bridge **2** crossing the Coln.

Turn right through the gates to the Manor Gatehouse and follow

the bridleway half left up hill along an old coach road lined with trees. The path continues through several fields and gates across a farm track and between a converted barn and a pair of farm cottages. Head towards house at far end of field and exit the gate on left **3**.

Turn right on the road then after 150 metres turn right at a signpost onto a wide track. This is an ancient ridgeway which you follow for 1¼ miles (2km). Follow a stone wall until it meets a track at a field gate on the left. **4** Turn right and follow the grassy track towards Arlington keeping the hedge on your left and head for a gate. Continue through another gate to meet a

road junction **5**. Turn left to the end of the road and left again to visit the Catherine Wheel Inn. Otherwise go right down Awkward Hill to Arlington Row. It was built as a wool store in about 1380 and later converted to weavers cottages. The Trout Farm is along the path opposite the row. Pass Arlington Row, cross the Coln and turn right along the river **6**.

Keep right to go to Bibury church which is rich in Saxon work. At the church go left up hill through the centre of Bibury village. Go through the gap in the wall at the top and turn right along the main road and right again along the Coln St. Aldwyns road.

In 50 metres turn right downhill. **7** Pass the front of the Tudor Bibury Court and cross the river to go through some old mill buildings. At the top of the rise go through a gate and down into a shallow valley. At the top of the next rise go through a gate and take the track to the left into a copse **8**. Ignore a track going right and go through a gate out of the wood.

At the next wood go through a gate and downhill to another gate out into a water meadow. **9** Bear left and follow this path along the Coln valley back to the Manor Gatehouse. **10** Go out to the road, turn left. Pass the New Inn on your right on your way back to the start point.