

Ralphs Rambles STOW-ON-THE-WOLD TO BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER

If you love long walks like me, then this one takes you straight from The Old Stocks Inn here in Stow-on-the-Wold to beautiful village of Bourton-on-the-Water

The walk will take you and your owners through the Cotswold countryside and the picturesque villages of Icomb, Wyck Rissington, through salmonsbury Water Meadows and finally to the lovely Bourton-on-the-Water where you will find plenty to do.



WALK DISTANCE
10 kilometres/6 miles



WALK TIME
2-3 hours



1 From Stow centre walk down Park Street and take the fenced track to the right of the car park towards Maugersbury Manor. Walk through the ancient village, cross the junction and follow road round to the left passing a lovely semicircular house on the left. At the next junction turn right and follow the road down the hill past Oxleaze Farm and up, to climb Maugersbury Hill where on a good day you can enjoy great views.

2 Join the surfaced road and follow this down the hill bearing left at the junction and then right by the house on the island to enter the charming village of Icomb with the 12th century church, St Mary's. Bear right and in 100 metres take the path in front of you up through fields to the trees at the top of the hill which leads on to the road

3 Cross the road and take the track up to Hill Farm. Past the farmhouse through the copse to skirt the field and meet the A424 Stow to Burford road. Cross carefully following the path up the other side through trees (blue way mark signs). Bear right off the track, skirting the wood down to Wyck Rissington.

4 As the village opens out before you, turn right at the road and in a few metres go through the gate opposite the post office box to follow the Oxfordshire Way towards Bourton.

5 The path crosses the River Dikler and then the River Eye (tributaries of the Windrush). These water meadows are a unique habitat for rare flowers, insects and other wildlife and are protected as a nature reserve by the

Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust. The path leads you out into Station Road and so to Bourton, High Street.

I hope that you and your owners enjoy your walk – if your owners take some photos along the way, get them to post them on Instagram with the tag [#oldstocksin](#) so I can see how you get on!

Happy walkies,



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