

# Walk WESTONBIRT

## Cue sheet for walkers on the 12-mile walk

- Welcome to the inaugural Walk Westonbirt, a new addition to Bike Bath. We hope that you enjoy this self-navigated walk in the beautiful Cotswold hills.

## Points to remember:

- Carry your own snacks and water
- Long trousers are recommended if you are uncomfortable with nettles and brambles, at the start grass is likely to be wet.
- Bring additional power pack if navigating with a phone or smart device
- Dogs must be kept on leads if livestock in fields
- Please don't walk across full crop fields
- Call Walk Control if you have any difficulties (Number provided at the start)

## To assist all walkers, we have:

- Shared .gpx files for smart phones and navigation devices
- Shared routes in a digital format <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/48216591>
- Provided a 1:25000 map at registration to aid navigation
- Laid a trail of "twine" on gates and stiles to reassure walkers that you are on the right track

The Walk Controller will direct you to the exit from the school (Golf course gate).

## From there follow

- Turn right and follow a trail of twine from the golf course gate
- Exit gate at the bottom and turn right
- The golf course is to your left
- Walk through Westonbirt village- pretty cottages on your right, pass a telephone box (left) and post box (right)
- Look out for the mulberry tree
- At junction go straight across
- Look out for donkeys in a paddock at the Old Rectory (right)
- Look out for Morley House (left)
- CAUTION Main Road crossing, go straight ahead
- The path has a few brambles and nettles – take care
- You now enter the arboretum
- Pass under the arboretum foot bridge (Tree Top Walkway)
- Cross the Willesley Drive through a gate into a grass meadow
- Before the exit gate, look left and there is a marker on the hill about 100 metres away, bear right

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- Now follow a path with the Arboretum on your right. This is the Macmillan Way
- You'll cross a number of stiles and on the left, you will see the polo pitches of Beaufort polo.
- At the road go straight across and follow the Monarchs way signpost
- After .4-mile bear left and follow the paths towards Tetbury
- On your right you may catch glimpses of the upper parts of Highgrove house, Home of King Charles III
- Follow the twine trail into Tetbury.
- The route here is Cutwell, West Street, make a detour into the magnificent Tetbury Parish Church, The Green, Silver Street and descend Foxhill.
- Turn right and .1 mile turn right onto the path. If you carry straight on here, you will end up in the sewage plant.
- Now follow the path into the Estcourt Estate
- Here the path joins the lovely Estate Drive
- Keep going straight passing through a gate with the main house and Estate Office on your left
- Shortly after passing the walled garden bear right across several stiles
- There are several electric fences. Look for the handle, blue, yellow or red and uncouple to pass through.
- Keep dogs on a lead
- Path reaches Whitehouse Lane, turn left
- In . 2 mile turn left
- After . 2 mile turn right
- This path lead to the Fosse Way.
- Reaching the Fosse way turn right
- Walk for 1 mile crossing 1 small road
- Turn right onto Cranmore Lane
- Walk into Shipton Moyne.
- If open, you may want a pint at the Cat and Custard Pot. In which case turn left.
- If not, carry straight on and at the end of the village turn left. The path crosses several fields, stile and fences.
- After .5 mile, cross a small road and head to Hillcourt farm
- Walk through the farmyard and pick up another path to the right of the farm exit
- This crosses 3 more fields and reaches another small road
- Turn right and follow the road up to the rear entrance to Westonbirt School. (Marked cycling event)
- Enter the school and follow the drive to the front of the building

**We hope that you had a great walk!**