

Walk WESTONBIRT

Cue sheet for walkers on the 7.5-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/48216566>
- 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
- Left fork on leaving the arboretum Monarchs Ways sign
- Very muddy and long dew covered grass – take care
- You will come to a fork in the path, Bear right up into open fields

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- Look out for chicory blue flowers, pink flower spring bank clover, autumn hawkbit yellow, white wild carrots
- Harvested fields on left and right of the enclosed footpath
- Cross the open field after electric fence crossing
- Arrive in Leighterton, go straight on
- Turn left onto The Street and then left after the pond
- After 1.2 miles look out for a stile on the left
- Follow right edge of ploughed field (polite not to walk through it)
- At the end of the field turn left on a farm track
- Look out on your right for a stile in the hedgerow
- Cross the stile
- Follow left hand side of field
- Meet the Macmillan Way
- Turn Left into the arboretum (This route avoids a field of wheat about to be harvested and a very difficult stile)
- After .2 mile turn right on Willesley Drive
- After .7 mile, you will arrive under the (Tree top walkway)
- Turn right and retrace the route back to Westonbirt School

We hope that you had a great walk!