

The Burford, Oxfordshire Scenic Circular

Distance: 9.52 km

Difficulty: Easy-to-moderate

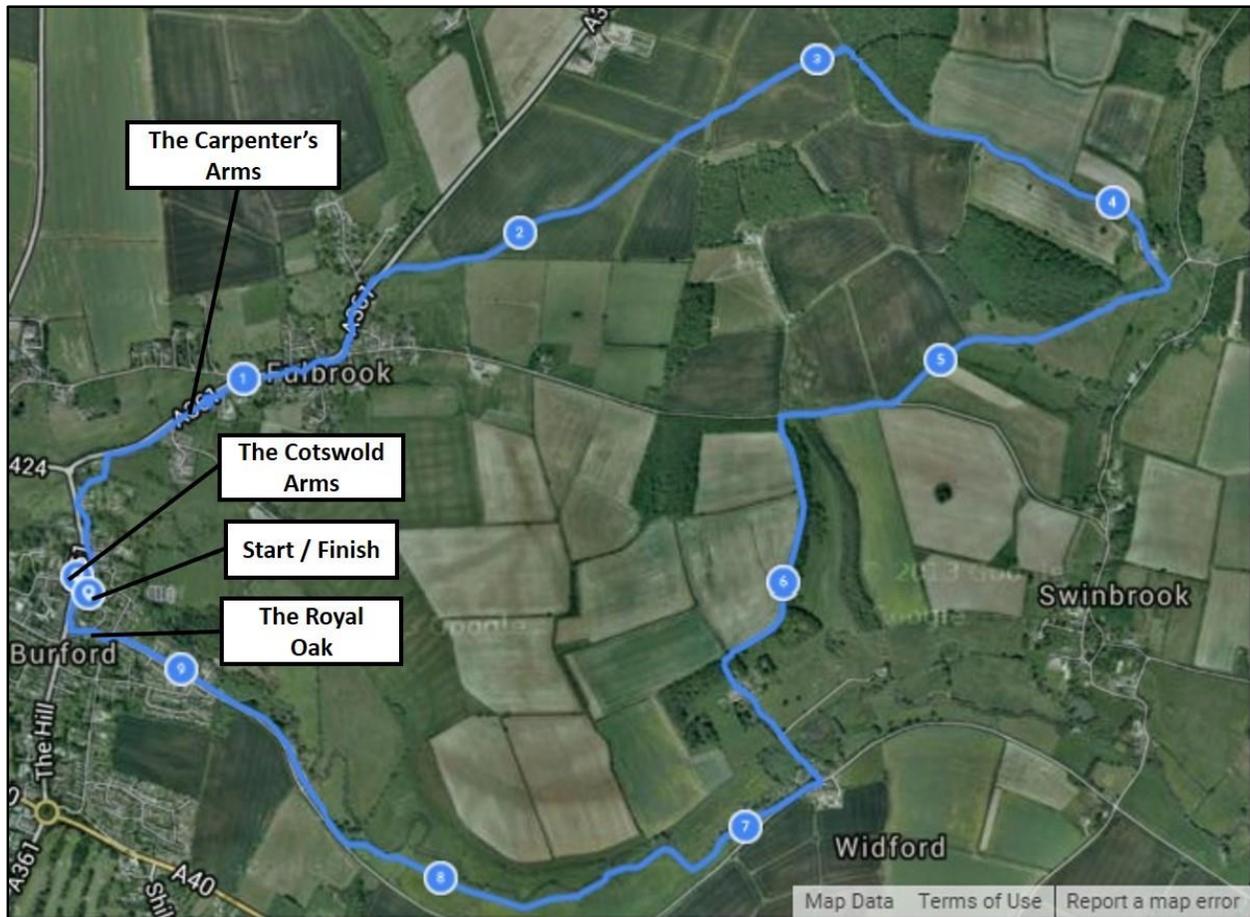
Dog Friendly: Yes

Ascent/Descent: Easy-to-moderate (+/- 403 metres)

Toilets: At the pubs only

Wildlife: Swans, geese

Endomondo route: [Download here](#)



The Burford, Oxfordshire scenic circular (Google Maps)

Starting location: the riverside car park (satnav: OX18 4SE) where parking is, although this often fills up before 10am on weekends and bank holidays.

1. Exit the car park and find the main high street of Burford (pictured right, the A361). Follow the main road downhill and over a bridge over the River Windrush. At the roundabout, head right and walk along the pavement on the left-hand side until you reach The Carpenter's Arms on your right.



2. Exit The Carpenter's Arms and head right (the way you were going) until you come to the village of Fullbrook. Follow the main road, as it bears to the left (do not go down Beech Grove), passing the Mason's Arms on your right and a Norman church off to your left. Continue to follow the road until a marked footpath through a gate can be found on your right, just several metres from the national speed limit road signs where you leave Fullbrook. Follow the path a short way before it branches off left across the middle of the field. Follow the well-worn and waymarked path for just over 1km, crossing several arable fields, until you enter a wooded area. Here, turn right and follow the track (pictured right).



3. Follow the track through the wood. When it emerges, it bears slightly left; continue to follow it, passing a row of cottages after approximately 600 metres. Stay on the road, pass the cottages, and through a farmyard. Just after the farmyard, turn right and head uphill on another road. Nearing the summit, there will be a woodland on your right which is often used for recreational shooting. Continue to follow the worn grassy path/track until you come to a gate. Go through the gate and follow the lane uphill, whereby you will reach a road. Here, turn right and walk along the road. After a short way, you will come to two marked paths leading off to your left, both signposted to Widford. Take the second path.

4. On this path, follow it ahead, with a field to your right and a wooded hedgerow on your left. Keep to the marked path as



some areas are being used for conservation. At the end of the second field, bear right, sticking to the perimeter of the field. Continue ahead and immediately turn left, passing between several houses. Follow the road and Widford Water and chapel should be visible to your left (pictured right). Continue on, crossing a



bridge over the River Windrush once more (pictured left). At the end of the road, just after the bridge, turn right.

5. Walk along the road a short distance, after which a marked footpath will branch off to the right. Take this path and follow the well-worn path which takes you alongside the River Windrush. From this point, the path is very easy to follow; it tracks the River for the next 1.5km (approx.). There are a number of stiles, all with dog gates (pictured right).



6. The path then rejoins a country road (Witney Street), which has a footpath to safely walk along. Follow this road all the way back to Burford. Shortly after entering Burford, the Royal Oak will be on your left. Continue to follow the road and you will come out onto Burford main road (the A361). Turn right and descend. Here, you will encounter

many pubs, but we recommend The Cotswold Arms. Then, simply retrace your steps back to where you began this walk.

Pub 1: The Carpenter's Arms

The Carpenter's Arms is located outside of Burford and you could easily not know it was there if nobody told you. It is a 17th Century pub filled with cosy corners & traditional fireplaces. The menu is freshly prepared using locally-sourced and free range produce, complimented by a self-described "eclectic mix" of ales, including the locally-made Fullbrook Bitter and a personal favourite of mine, Old Hooky. You can view their website here for opening times and menus.



Pub 2: The Royal Oak



The Royal Oak is a grade-II listed public house that welcomes dogs and walkers. The ale selection is excellent and their lunchtime menu, offering baguettes and ciabattas, is perfect for the

walkers in need of sustenance. The pub can also boast a sun-trap beer garden, perfect for those summer months. You can view their website [here](#).



Pub 3: The Cotswold Arms



The Cotswold Arms is a beautiful 18th Century traditional English pub, easily-recognisable by all the exterior hanging baskets and tubs of flowers adorning the building. The pub is a favourite among ramblers visiting the area and boasts of being the best for real ale enthusiasts. The website can be viewed [here](#) and details the current ales available.

Tips

This walk can be quite muddy, especially after heavy rainfall, so sturdy footwear is essential. The section of the walk alongside the River Windrush can also be prone to flooding.

If you intend to use the free car park at Burford, get there early! It fills up very quickly and the traffic gets quite chaotic through the narrow side streets.

If you wish to extend the walk, it is possible to continue on into Swinbrook, where another beautiful pub can be found.