



Chippenham Circular walk

A gentle west country circular walk

Length 17.9km (11.1 miles)

OS Maps OS Landranger 173; Explorer 156

Toughness 2 out of 10.

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Walk Notes A circular walk with a selection of lunch stops.

This walk is recommended only for those who are (or are accompanied by someone) reasonably proficient at map reading.

Walk Options **Via Bowden Hill option**

SE from [5] to Bowden Hill then NE via [6] to [8] to link up with the main walk. (Additional 0.9km.)

WIP: gpx to be added.

Transport Trains go from London Paddington to Chippenham, journey time just over an hour.

Suggested Train: For an earlier lunch in Lacock take the train nearest to 10.10am. Lunch at Derry Hill or Bowden Hill route option: 09.20am.

Lunch and Tea Early lunchtime stops at Lacock (short diversion from the walk add 2km). Located 6km from the start of the walk.

[The George Inn](#), 4 West St., SN15 2LH [01249 730263](#).

[The Red Lion](#), High St., SN15 2LQ [01249 730456](#).

[Sign of the Angel](#), 6 Church Street, SN15 2LB [01249 730230](#).

Later lunchtime stop.

[Lansdowne Arms](#) Church Rd SN11 9NS [01249 812422](#) (Located after 9.3km.)

Via Bowden Hill option. (Located after 7.8km.)

[The Rising Sun](#), 32 Bowden Hill SN15 2PP [01249 730363](#)

Many tea / supper options in Chippenham.

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By Car **Start** SN15 3QE

Help National Rail: 03457 48 49 50 • Traveline (bus times): 0871 200 22 33 (12p/min) • TFL (London) : 0343 222 1234

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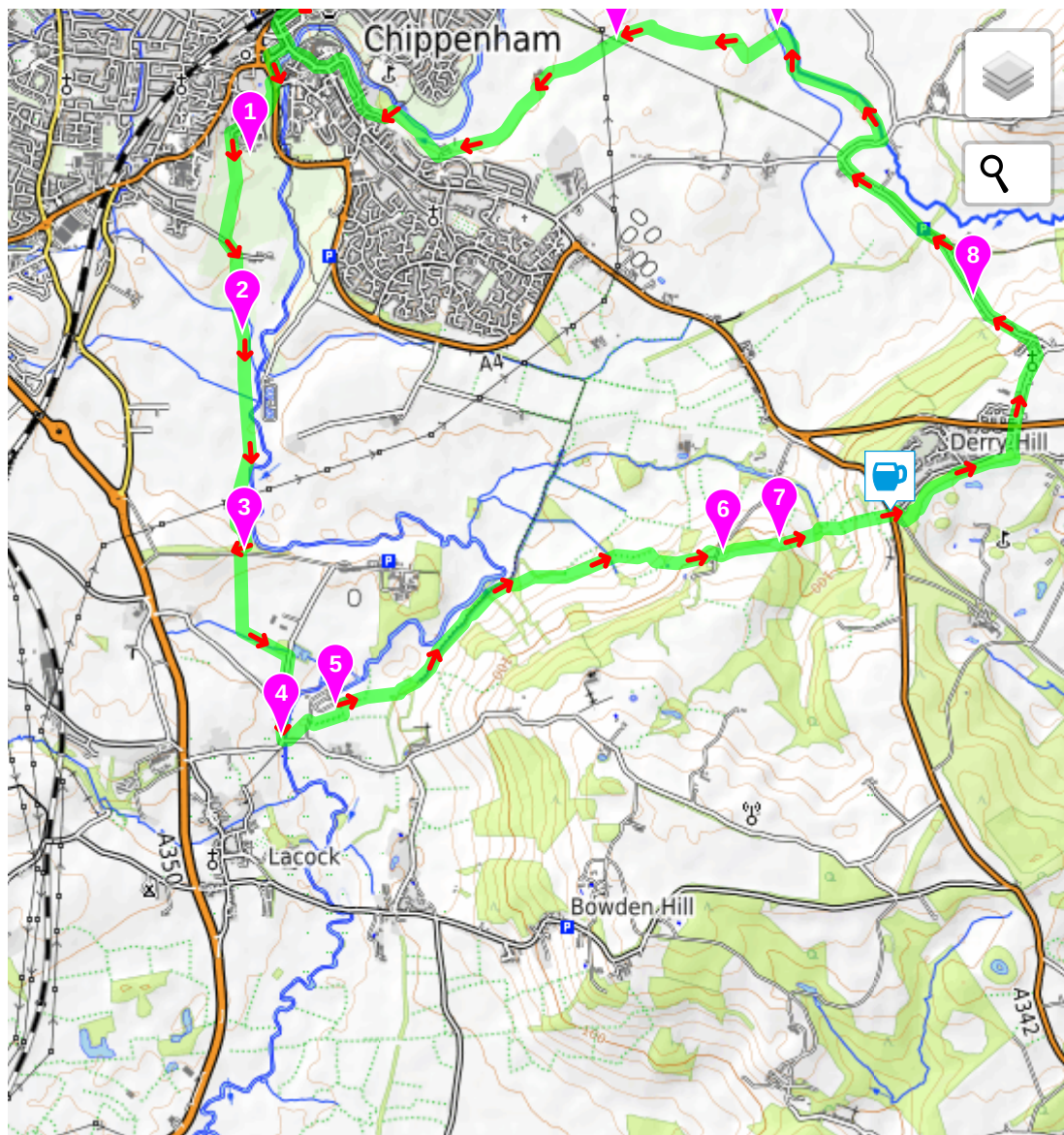
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Walk Directions

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1. Exit Chippenham station through the main entrance. After 50m, *turn right* along Cockleberry Road, 250°
2. In 250m at the bottom of the road, *turn left at a T-junction*.
3. In 180m *turn right a mini roundabout just before the bridge over the river* to go along Bath Road.
4. After 80m *turn left along Lovers Walk passage way* and in 100m fork right over a footbridge to come up to a pelican crossing over the A4.
5. Once over turn left and in 50m follow the tarmac path into a park as the path veers right away from the main road, passing by a play area on your LHS.
6. In 180m follow paths, small roads west through a residential area and in 200m at the end of The Cloisters next to a footpath (FP) post **[1]** (ST 91590, 72865)

Map 1



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6. Turn left into a field to go along LHS of two fields, south. After 650m turn left along a tarmac lane for 100m to then turn right over a stile.
7. Take a direct route across this field, (do not be tempted to follow path along RHS of field), 170°, aiming for a hidden FP exit in the hedgerow (ST 9163, 7183). **[2]**
 - At the FP exit go along a plank walkway to fork right to cross a footbridge flanked by two metal gates to continue in a southerly direction.
 - In 200m cross a stile (ST 91670, 71605) and corrugated footbridge. Go past a sewage plant off to your far LHS. Go over a stile (ST 91680, 71254).
 - Cross a car wide bridge over a ditch stream (ST 91710, 70900)
 - Cross a stream flanked by 2 stiles (ST 91631, 70563)
8. Cross a stile **[3]** (ST 91653, 70324) right of a metal field gate(FG) and cross a car wide tarmac lane.
9. At a lane junction **[4]** (ST 91899, 69139) with a bridge off to your left.
10. If skipping lunch at Lacock, turn left over the bridge and pick up at [*].

- Otherwise for lunch at Lacock, continue ahead.
 - In 50m continue ahead up an initially car wide tarmac track.
 - In 60m go through a wooden kissing-gate to cross a field via a tarmac path, to then go through a wooden kissing-gate and turn left down a lane towards Lacock.
 - After lunch retrace your steps back to the junction with the bridge now on your right; turn right over the bridge.
11. **[*]** Having crossed the bridge turn left through a metal kissing-gate to cross a field, NE.
- At ST 93293, 70092 cross over a stile with The Old Canal on your LHS and fork right up through a small wood.
 - Cross a stile (left of a metal FG (ST 94316, 70218)) and fork left towards the lower house.
 - About 40m from the lower house, turn left through a metal FG into the next field.
12. Continue up the RHS of the field to then cross a stile to reach a car wide track **[6]** (ST 94576, 70284) which you cross to then go through a metal FG to go along LHS of a field.
- 600m further on you cross the A342 to reach the Lansdowne Arms PH on your left, the recommended later lunchtime stop.
13. Cross a stile (ST 95090, 73224) (with a stream on your right), to continue along the RHS of a narrow overgrown field.
14. Towards the end of the narrow field curve round to the left into wooded area border of the field to cross a car wide bridge **[9]** (ST 94951, 73467)
- Then go through a metal FG (ST 94930, 73442) to come out into a field.
15. Cross a stile **[10]** to exit the field to go over cycle route 403 to continue along a farm track towards Harden's Farm
16. Just past Harden's Farm buildings where the car wide track curves to the left, turn right over a stile (ST 93485, 73107)

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