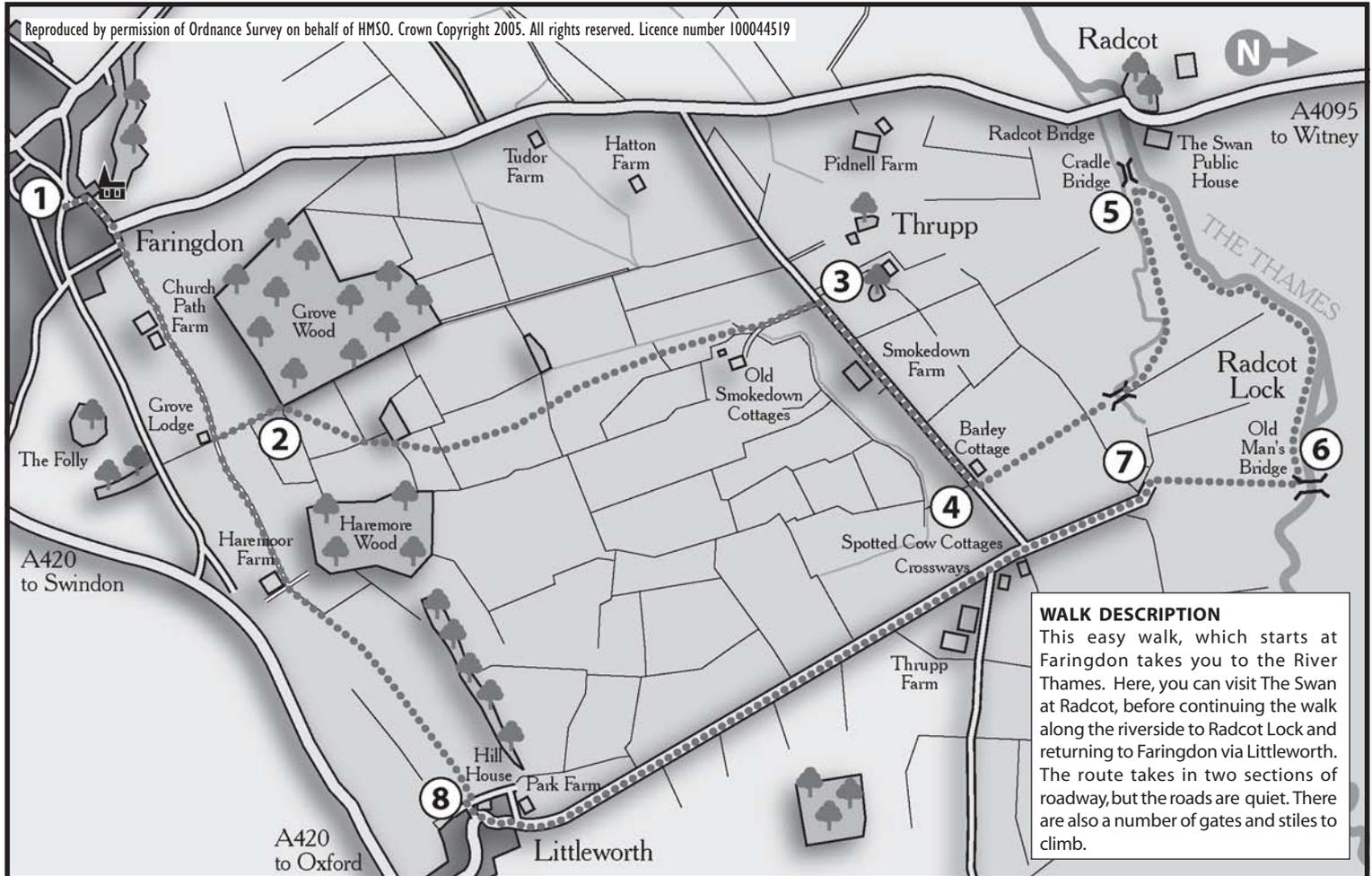


Walk 1

Faringdon, Radcot and Littleworth

approximately 7 miles/11km



WALK DESCRIPTION

This easy walk, which starts at Faringdon takes you to the River Thames. Here, you can visit The Swan at Radcot, before continuing the walk along the riverside to Radcot Lock and returning to Faringdon via Littleworth. The route takes in two sections of roadway, but the roads are quiet. There are also a number of gates and stiles to climb.

For a shorter walk drive to Radcot and follow points 5 and 6, and turn right instead of straight on to Littleworth. Then follow points 3 and 4 to return to the river.

1) Start the walk in Faringdon Market Place and head uphill to Church Street, past the churchyard and past the A4095 to Witney. When the metalled road turns 90 degrees right, **Carry straight on** to a farm track. When it starts to bend, continue straight on to an enclosed footpath (*Church Path*).

2) At the footpath junction, turn left (*Grove Cottage is on the right*) then follow field-edge path down hill. Continue walking on a well marked footpath across two large arable fields, first diagonally towards the right of Haremore Wood, then on to a footbridge and head towards Smokedown Cottages. **Near the cottages, join a track which takes you to the Thrupp road** (*signed Faringdon 2 miles*).

3) At the Thrupp road (very quiet) turn right and walk along the road to Barley Cottage on the left. Just past the cottage take the footpath signed Radcot 1m.

4) Walk along the field edge with the hedge on your left. Continue straight on to the next field over a plank bridge. Continue along the left field edge and over another wooden bridge over a stream. Continue along left field edge, over a stile. **From here you can see Cradle Bridge and the Thames.** Continue to Cradle Bridge. To visit *The Swan Public House*, cross Cradle Bridge (a wooden structure), continue to the road and turn right over the bridge. *The Swan provides food and*

drink, a garden to sit in and bicycles to hire if you want to explore the area further!

5) If you choose not to visit The Swan, don't cross the bridge but take the path immediately right, and follow the river on your left until **Radcot Lock** is reached. **Beyond the lock take a wide, metalled track to Old Man's Bridge.**

6) Take the sign right, (marked Littleworth 2 miles). Continue along field edge and climb gate or fence. Bear left on gravel path to meet the Thrupp Road.

7) Follow this straight, quiet road, past Spotted Cow cottages all the way into Littleworth. The road winds past Park Farm on the right. In the village, look for a footpath sign on your left (*Church Walk Faringdon 1.5 miles*) just outside Hill House.

8) Follow this path round to the right, over stile at a footpath sign. At this point you should see Faringdon Folly in the distance. Take the footpath over fields to Haremore Farm and onto Grove Lodge. Return to Faringdon Market Square via Church path.

Comments about these Walkcards are very welcome, and can be emailed to: walkgroup@faringdon-online.co.uk

Accessibility

If you see any part of the walk that needs attention (eg stiles, gates, vegetation, surfaces, signage etc) please report this to Oxfordshire County Council Tel: 01865 810226 or email countryside@oxfordshire.gov.uk.

Countryside Code

- Be safe - plan ahead and follow any signs.
- Follow paths across land that has crops growing on it, wherever possible.*
- Leave gates and property as you find them.
- Use gates and stiles wherever possible.
- Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home.
- Keep dogs under close control.
- Consider other people.

* Follow the walk directions where possible as this is the legal right of way. If because of an obstruction, animals, or the path is obscured, you are allowed to take as little avoiding action as is necessary to continue your journey while not causing criminal damage.

For more information on the countryside code see: www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk/countryside_code and for walks in the area www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/countryside.

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