

JUBILEE WALK MILES WITHOUT STILES

Ebrington and Foxcote

A series of Cotswolds walks to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012



A delightful circuit based on a small village and a big house. Look out for a mosaic sundial, an owl on a roof and perhaps buzzards, pheasants and deer.

Distance: 6 km/
3 ¾ miles with a climb and descent of 110m/360 ft.

Time: 2 hours

Start: Three Oaks triangular green in front of the pub at Ebrington, near Chipping Campden. ST110/360

Route:

With your back to the Ebrington Arms turn right and walk downhill on the pavement. Pass a cottage with an owl on the roof, then a spring flowing into a trough. Carry on uphill to a junction, **1** and take the middle lane of three out of the village, passing modern houses on the right. Where the tarmac ends bear right onto a wide track with a hedge on your left, then right again through a gate.

Follow the track ahead and left **2**. You climb gently to a group of trees, and turn right on a path between crops down to a line of trees hiding a stream. Turn left alongside the trees and where the track turns right over the stream go straight on for a few metres to a footpath sign and turn right onto a wooden footbridge over the stream **3**.

After the bridge pass a deep pond on your left and strike diagonally uphill across the grass to the right of the prominent Hoarston stone barn. Here turn left onto a

wide track, with a ruined farmhouse above right.

Follow the track up the valley, parallel to the stream but well above it. With the wood always on your left go straight on through a wooden gate, ignoring the track uphill right. Carry on over the grass and you'll soon see Foxcote House above a lake on your left **4**.

Go through the gate ahead into the woods (pheasant

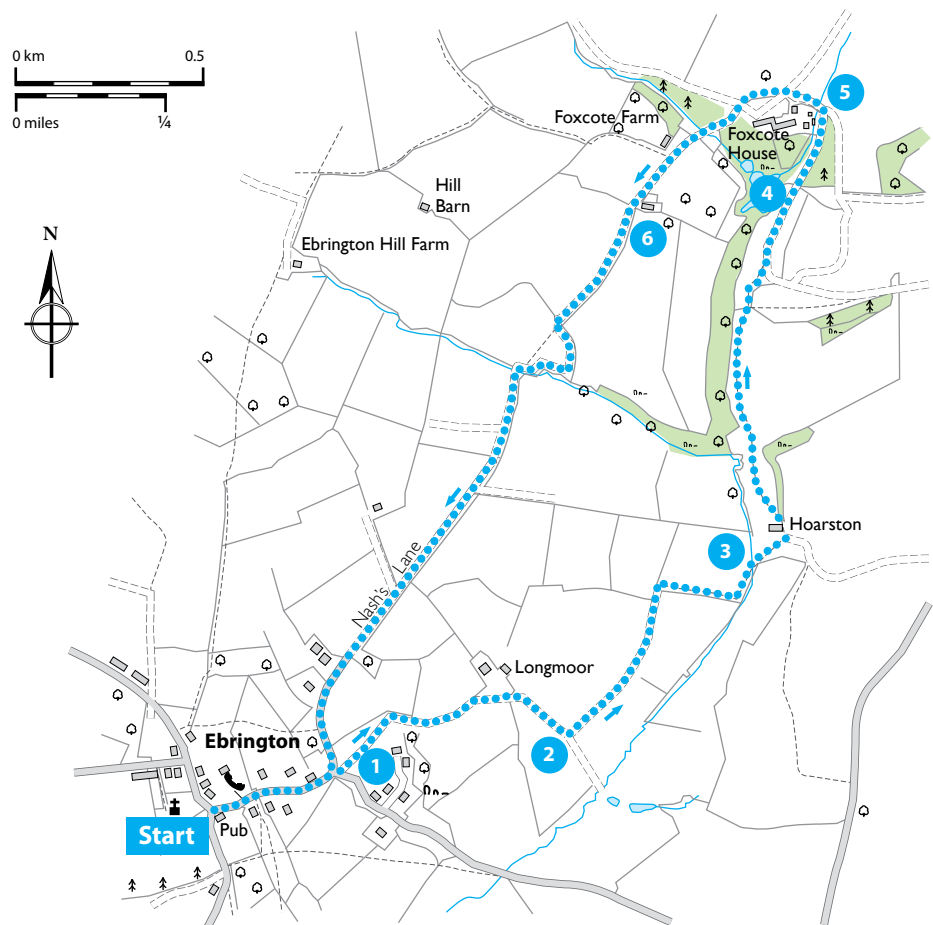
pens) and follow the path winding under the trees to a T junction. Here turn left down a track over a cattle grid/gate. Go uphill and by a small tree bear left onto the tarmac drive, passing the Foxcote House gate **5**.

Continue on tarmac with the high hedge on your left, then downhill (cattle grid/gate) and up again passing a farmhouse on the right, then modern barns and a helipad on the left **6**.

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Follow this wide track, dipping left and right into a small valley and uphill to pass some old barns, then keep straight on to Ebrington.

After a large house and a small nursery on the right you reach junction **1** and turn right back to the start point.



Where Englishmen fought Englishmen

Things to see in Ebrington

At the start don't miss the mosaic sundial under the oaks. If you put a thin stick in the middle hole it will tell you the time.



Walking through the village, spot an owl on the roof of the taxidermist's cottage.



And in the church learn about the 1632 will of William Keyt Esq, who left "the milk of ten good and sufficient milch kine to the poor of Ebrington annually for ever."

Safe walking on the Foxcote estate

All the paths and tracks are public rights of way, marked with yellow or blue arrows.



The going is firm, and you won't need wellies. But keep to the right of the pond in the picture.



The estate has occasional shoots from September 1st to February 1st, but never on Sunday. Many of the pheasant and partridge survive and breed for years on nearby farmland.

