

## Cycle routes from Kingham Station

# Cycle Route 2: From Bruern to BBOWT



A delightful short tour through Cotswold border villages, passing the site of an ancient abbey and visiting a beautiful secluded Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve. Quiet lanes and few gradients.

**Grade:** Easy, a few short climbs

**Time:** 2-3 hours

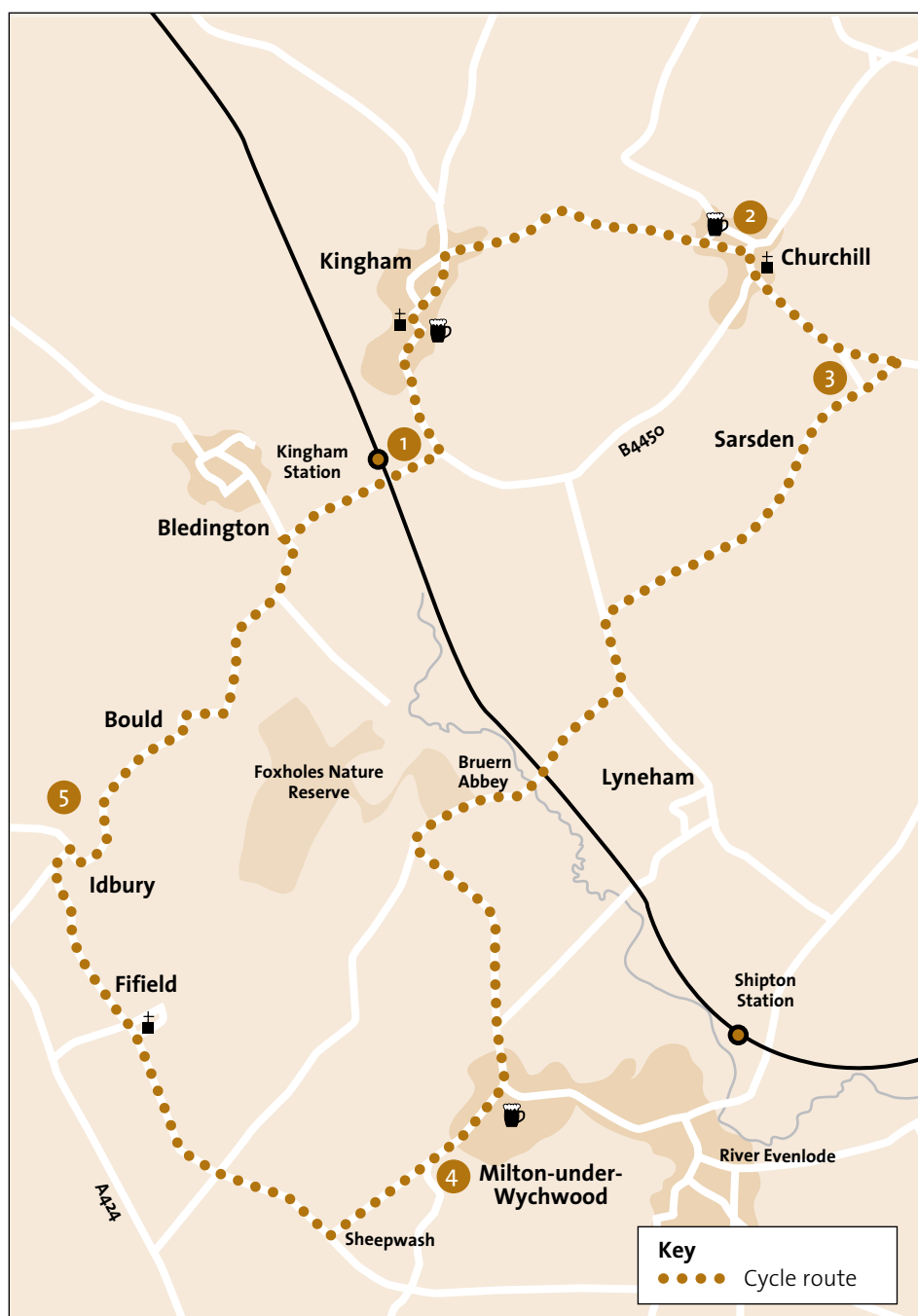
**Distance:** 22km/14 miles

**Stops/pubs:** Pub in Churchill, pub and shop in Milton

**Attractions:** Cotswold villages and churches. Signal box at Bruern level crossing, Foxholes Nature Reserve

### Highlights

- Kingham was voted 'England's Favourite Village' in 2004 by Country Life magazine.
- Churchill has a church tower visible for miles, a two-thirds copy of Magdalen College tower in Oxford.
- Bruern Abbey once a Cistercian Abbey and now a private independent day and boarding school for boys with dyslexia or other specific learning difficulties.
- Foxholes Nature Reserve is managed by the Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust (BBOWT). The reserve covers 159 acres and is mainly mixed uneven-aged semi-natural woodland (a remnant of the ancient Wychwood Forest). There are 350 species of flowers, 28 species of butterflies and over 50 breeding species of birds recorded in the woods.



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Foxholes Nature Reserve

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- 5 In Idbury turn right at T-junction, signed Foscot, then after a short distance turn right at T-junction, again signed Foscot. After descending through Bould and into Foscot turn right to visit the nature reserve, or continue on, turning right at the next junction signed Chipping Norton and return to Kingham Station.

### Milton-Under-Wychwood

Milton's history is tied up with Cotswold stone. Quarries were heavily used in the late 19th century supplying stone as far afield as Oxford. The village regularly had considerable rallies at that time as the early trade unionists attempted to raise the stone masons and labourers wages.

## Route Description

- 1 Turn left from station, after 1/4 mile turn left signed Kingham, go through Kingham and turn right after village green, signed Churchill.
- 2 In Churchill turn right at T-junction, signed Kingham Station. At the church turn left (appears straight on) signed Sarsden, then after 1/2 mile turn right, signed Sarsden.
- 3 Turn right, signed Merrinscourt then after 1 1/2 miles turn left at T-junction signed Lyneham, after 1/4 mile turn right, signed Bruern. After passing through Bruern turn left, signed Milton-under-Wychwood.
- 4 In Milton-under-Wychwood turn right, signed Library/Fifield, after 1 mile turn right at T-junction, and continue on through Fifield.

### The Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

This route takes you through part of the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The Cotswolds was designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) in 1966 in recognition of its rich, diverse and high quality landscape. It is the largest of 38 AONBs in England and Wales, covering 790 sq miles, stretching from the City of Bath and Wiltshire in the south through Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire to Warwickshire and Worcestershire in the north.

For more information about cycling in the Cotswolds, go to [www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/cycling](http://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/cycling)