

Walks on Wheels - for wheelchair, mobility scooter and children's buggy

Ilmington

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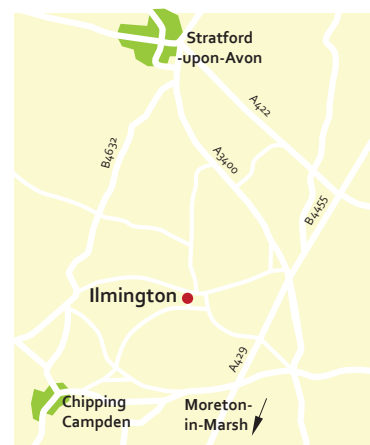


Where is it?

Take signed minor roads to Ilmington from the A3400 three miles south of Stratford-on-Avon or from the A429 four miles north of Moreton-in-Marsh. Park in Back Street near Saint Mary's Church.

The walk

This 0.75 mile (1.2km) circuit illustrates Ilmington's apple heritage, passing small orchards and visiting the magnificent Apple Map in Saint Mary's Church. With gentle inclines, it is mostly on quiet paths with two sections on a public road or pavement and 30 metres on compacted gravel.



Distance: 1.2km/0.75 miles with ups and downs of 19m or 62ft

Start: St Mary's Church, Ilmington. SP 208/435 (CV36 4LB)

Refreshments: Howard Arms, Red Lion and the village shop/ café on Upper Green

Directions

Facing the church notice board in Back Street, turn left and take the pavement alongside the churchyard (site of the old school) gently downhill past the Dower House on your left and a sheep field on your right. See apple, cherry, pear and plum trees. At the village school **1** cross the road and follow the pavement for 250 metres.

Just before a farmyard on your left **2** cross the road and enter a signed footpath on a gravelled driveway between houses. After the second house turn left onto a narrow path past the remains of an old stone stile then turn right alongside a restored drystone wall. The orchard on the left has apple and plum trees that were planted and grafted by a villager who learnt his

skills in the village school nearly 100 years ago. Soon you arrive at Lower Green, with the Howard Arms on your left and the village notice board facing you **3**.

Here turn right up Middle Street. After a bollard at 150 metres the street becomes a traffic-free footpath beside a stream and the fish ponds. Facing a thatched house **4** you turn right, left and then right again to follow the avenue of lime trees past the church to Back Street.

If you didn't see the Apple Map before you started the walk, why not now? There's wheelchair access to the church via a short path to a narrow door near the large stained glass window. The door is opened only from the inside via the main entrance, which has three steps. If your wheelchair is too wide you are welcome to use a narrower wheelchair (and a ramp) kept inside.

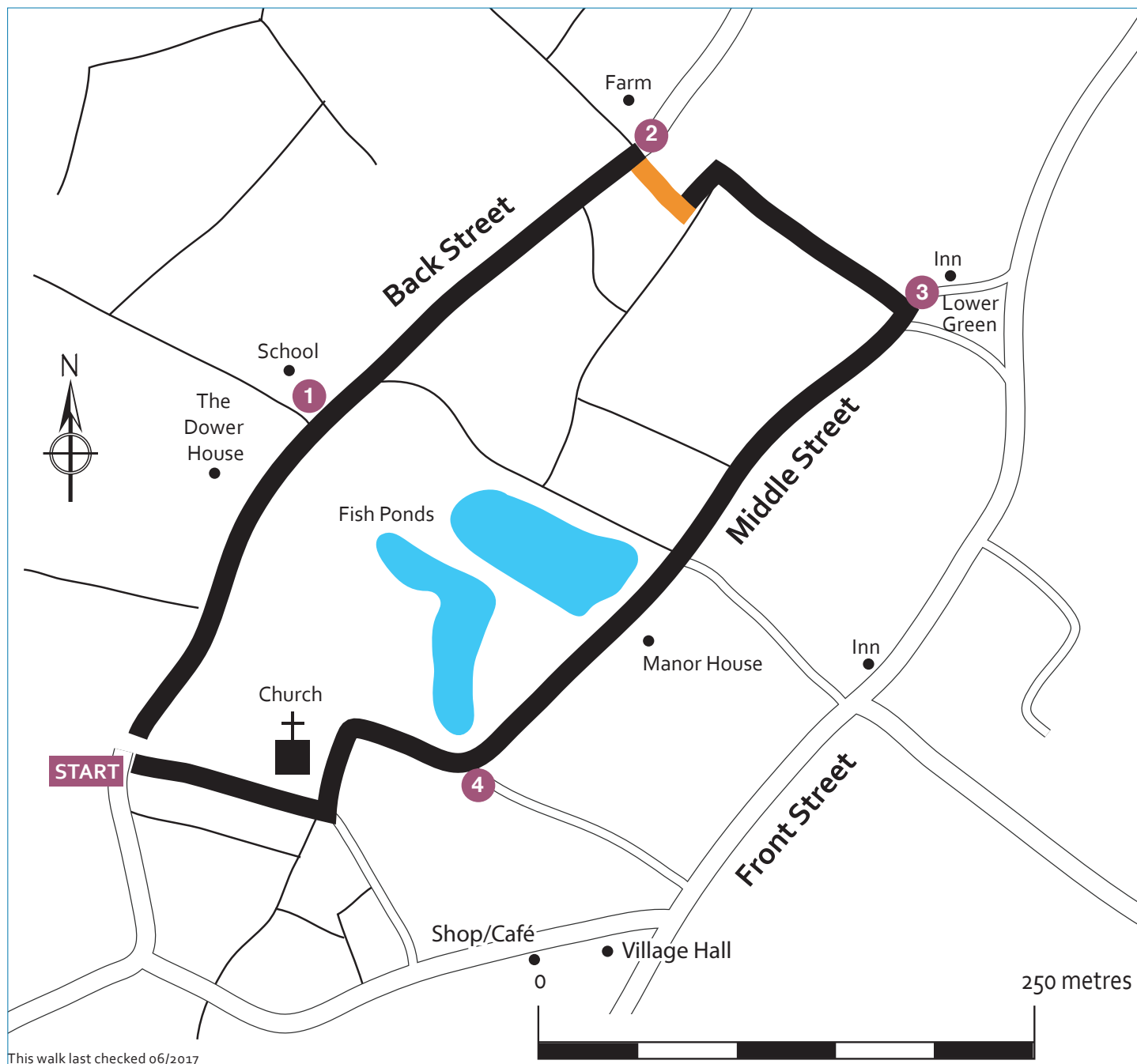
Refreshments and toilets

The Howard Arms, Red Lion and the village shop/café on Upper Green. Public accessible toilets are at Shipston on Stour and Chipping Campden.



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Key to map

-  Smooth, hard surface
-  Gravel

Key to symbols

Please note:

Some of the routes may be difficult or impassable in bad weather and after rain. Always wear appropriate clothing and footwear and beware of traffic. The Cotswold Conservation Board cannot accept responsibility for accidents or difficulties experienced by users of these routes.