

A pleasant circular walk plus the chance to see where raindrops decide whether to flow into the Bristol Channel or the North Sea.

Distance: 6.4 km/ 4 miles
with ups and downs of 45m
or 147ft

Time: 2 hours

Start: War Memorial, High
Street, Moreton-in-Marsh
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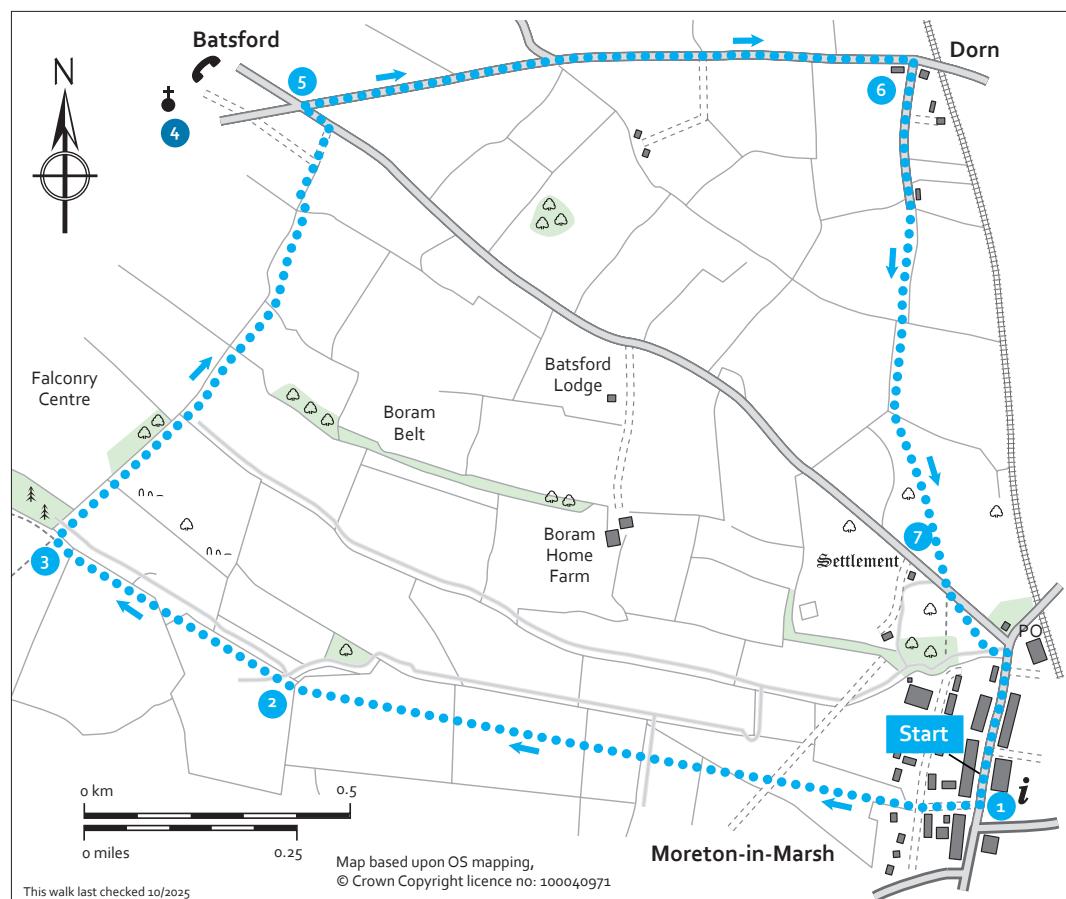
Transport: Moreton is served
by buses from Cheltenham,
Bourton on the Water,
Chipping Campden and
Stratford-upon-Avon

Route:

From the memorial walk south
towards the Redesdale Hall in
the middle of the High Street.
The Roman Fosse Way is one
metre below you. Turn right **1**
into Corders' Lane. At the end
cross a road, pass the allotments
and through the first of 7 gates
into a field. Straight on, with a
glimpse of Batsford House, and
look for a gate in the hedge on
your left.

Continue through five more
gates. At the fifth, continue
straight on to a gap in the
hedgerow then turn half right to
a sixth gate then onto a stone
bridge **2** over a stream which
flows to the Thames. With a
small wood on your right, after
two more gates, look for a long
wall on your right.

3 Here turn right through



a gate and follow the track
beside Batsford deer park. You
might spot a bird of prey being
exercised from the falconry.
After approx 1/2 mile (0.6km)
you should see Batsford House,
a Victorian building in the
Elizabethan style, where the
Mitford girls grew up. After a
gate, a track veers left toward
farm buildings, but keep straight
on through the metal gate, and
you'll reach a gate beside the
road.

Turn left and walk along the road
on the right (facing the traffic)
for 50 metres. At the crossroads

5 turn right into a quieter lane.
(You could detour to Batsford
Church **4** - a Victorian Norman
church).

It may look nothing but you are
now walking the watershed,
where raindrops turn left for the
Bristol Channel (via the Stour,
Avon and Severn) or right for the
North Sea (via the Evenlode and
Thames).

After the first house in Dorn
hamlet, **6** turn right on
a track which becomes a
footpath across the fields to
Moreton. At a gate entering the
last field (Moreton Showground)

turn half-left past two mature
trees framing a distant house.

Before the road, spot the low
mound on your right, **7**
the remains of a Roman fort.

Cross into the recreation ground,
bear left beside the playground
and climb steps to the road. Turn
right for the High Street and the
War Memorial.