

Walk Eleven Mills and Meadows



This is number 11 in a series of walks from the Cotswolds Conservation Board designed to allow people to make their way to the start point using public transport.

This walk crosses the meadow lands between Kingham and Chipping Norton.

Distance: 9km/5.5 miles

Time: allow 2-3 hrs

Buses: Take the X8 from Chipping Norton, West Street and ask for Kingham Station or arrive by train and return by bus from Chipping Norton

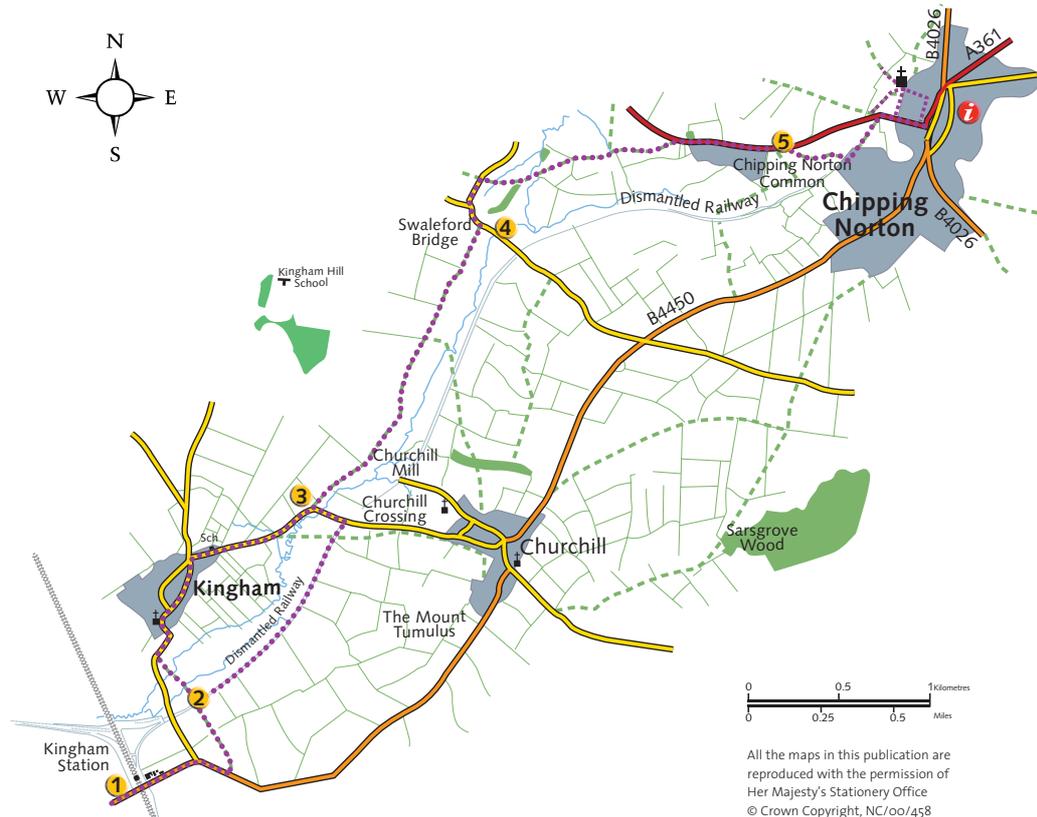
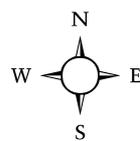
Trains: Rail Enquiries 08457 484950

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1 Turn left out of Kingham station over the bridge and past the Priory Workshops (formerly Langston Arms and the cattle market). Keep right at the junction then turn left along the track past the house. Cross the field to reach the dismantled railway - a permissive path, closed in winter. (To visit Kingham continue ahead through the village and turn right at the green).

2 Turn right along the dry, level railway track for a mile. At Churchill Crossing turn left on the road to the bend, crossing the stream.

3 At the bend turn right (left from Kingham). The track follows the general direction of the stream and the old railway for one mile, passing Churchill Mill with Kingham Hill School on the hill to the left.



4 Turn left, near Swaleford Bridge, then right for 200 metres. Take the path right, bearing left across meadows and then right to a footbridge. Bear left across the field and right alongside a plantation. Continue ahead on the track. At the road turn right. Behind the houses on the right are the Heythrop Hunt Kennels.

5 By the phone box turn right into the common. Ahead is the impressive local landmark of Bliss Mill, closed in 1980 and now a residential development. Go down left across the common. A gate leads across the access road onto a narrow path to 'Station Mill' antiques. Turn left opposite the Royal Mail building, turn right over a stile. Cross the common bearing left at the top onto the main road. Go up New Street to the town centre.