THAMES PATH
NATIONAL TRAIL

EYNSHAM WALK

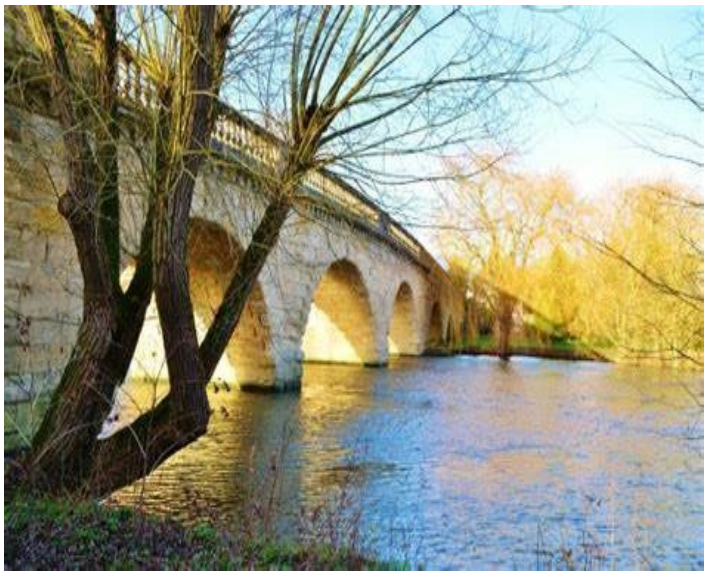
Description: This route follows the Thames Path for a little over half the walk. We can take a short detour at the halfway point to stop for refreshments at the famous Trout Inn at Godstow, overlooking the river. The return route takes us across pretty meadows and skirts Wytham Great Wood before we rejoin the Thames Path, bringing us back across Swinford Toll Bridge. The Talbot Inn is on our right, for a toilet stop, or further refreshments as we return into Eynsham.

Distance: 8 miles **Duration:** 4 hrs (allowing for pub lunch stop)

Difficulty: Moderate (mostly flat, can be muddy and slippery)

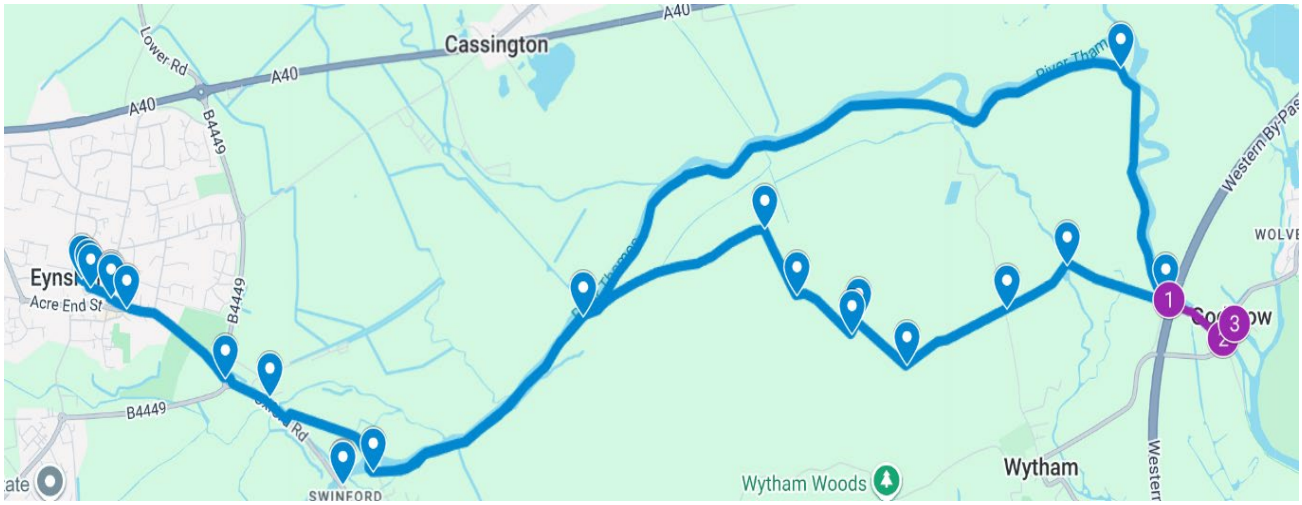
Refreshments / toilets: Refreshments in pubs at start, middle and end.

Start point: Back Lane Car Park, Eynsham, OX29 4QL.
The car park is in the centre of Eynsham, which can be reached from either Clover Place or Back Lane. The car park is free (at time of writing).



Swinford Toll Bridge

Map of route



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Route Description:

By the Eynsham parish council noticeboard at the back of car park, follow the sign to the village centre (right), then turn left along a walled lane leading to Mill Street.

Continue directly across Mill Street to Thames Street and carry straight on down the Oxford Road over roundabout and past the Talbot Inn. If you wish to see the Swinford toll Bridge you can continue straight here, however there are parts with no pavement. We recommend turning left after the Talbot Inn onto a marked footpath across the meadow. Follow this through a kissing gate until you hear and see the weir then cross the bridge to the lock keepers cottage.

With the river on your left pass alongside the lock and continue on the Thames Path for 3.5 miles, passing the weir bridge of Seacourt Stream and the lock at King's weir.

Optional Detour: *At the point where the ring road bridges the Thames, you may like to make a small detour of a few hundred metres along the river to Godstow to visit the famous Trout Inn overlooking the river.*

Follow track until you cut between the Wytham Mill buildings. Continue here onto a paved road (which leads to University Field Station). When you reach a road go straight over and up the edge of a field to the corner.

Bare right through a gap in the hedge then follow the left hedge line over two more fields. Turn left to follow the track to the edge of Wytham Great Wood. Then Turn right to follow the track along edge of wood on your left and then follow left hand field edge around to a stile.

Turn right onto field edge alongside the woods and then through the edge of the woods. Keep walking until you reach the Thames Path again.

Follow the Thames Path back to the bridge and then turn right onto the bridge to re-trace your steps back to the car park in Eynsham and the end of the walk.