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## **Ebrington Circular Walks: 12.5 Mile Route Description (OS Explorer OL45)**

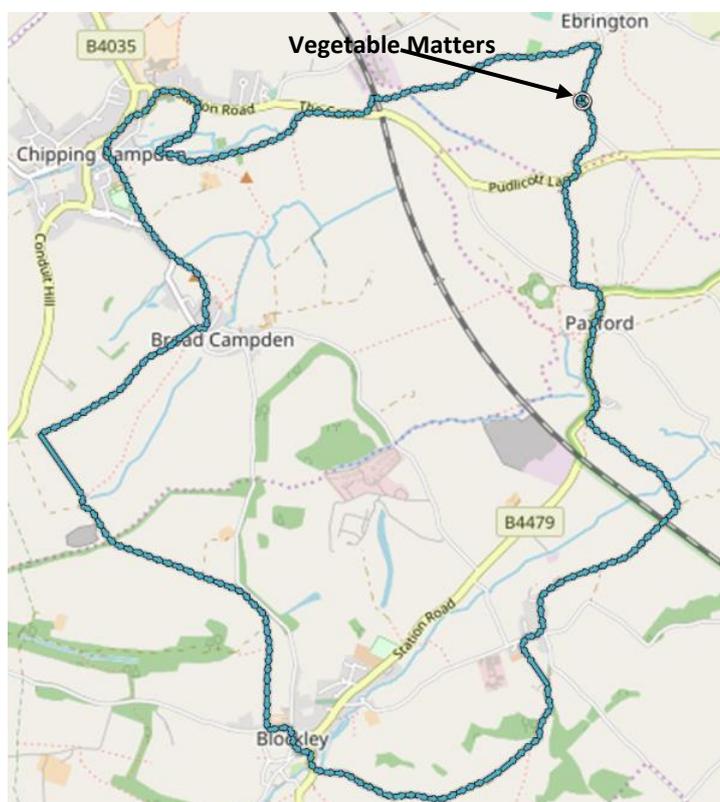
Starting from the Vegetable Matters car park, walk to the road. On reaching road (May Lane), turn left and proceed towards the village. Approximately 50 metres after passing the 30 mile per hour speed restriction sign, turn left down a stone track passing 1 May Lane on left. Continue along the track (hedge on right and field on left) until you reach the end where it turns into a yard. At this point continue straight on along a grass track shortly turning left and then almost immediately right and follow path between / across fields heading down towards a kissing gate in wooded area. Before reaching the kissing gate, the route of the path often becomes very muddy / wet so you may need to detour through the scrub to the right of the path.

After passing through the kissing gate, head half left across the field to reach another kissing gate entering a further field. Again, head half left across the field to the far corner

to reach a squeeze stile and wooden bridge. After crossing the bridge into another field, head slightly right of the two trees located close to each other to reach a further squeeze stile and bridge into another field. Now take the path along the edge of this field keeping hedge on your right to reach stile access to railway line. Cross the railway line with extreme care as trains appear very quickly and regularly along this stretch. Follow the footpath for a short way with line on right before turning left and passing over a stile, eventually turning right at a road.

Walk along this road (taking extreme care) for about 180 metres (passing Little Oak Vineyard on your right) and at first field entrance on left side of road, cross road to join footpath in field. Follow footpath along field edge with road on your right and on reaching field corner don't cross the bridge but follow field edge as it turns left and continue along the footpath to reach a waymark post indicating paths straight on and to the right (this may be hidden by overgrowth in summer). Take the right-hand route through a kissing gate and then follow field path with hedge on right to reach a further kissing gate in field corner. Pass through the gate and follow path directly across the field to reach another kissing gate into a wood. Follow the path across a bridge and through the wood to reach a further kissing gate to enter a field. Follow path with hedge on right and where field widens out at edge of wood, continue straight on to stile.

After crossing the stile follow the path through two kissing gates. After passing through the second gate, footpaths pass along both sides of the field. Take the path on the right-hand side of the field and walk towards Chipping Campden. Just prior to reaching an old stone arch turn right to cross a bridge into another field. Turn half right (towards waymark post in middle of field) to head across the field to reach wooden gate and bridge and across a further field towards houses to reach road. Cross road and turn left, staying on this



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road as it turns left to pass St James Church and continue past Court Barn Museum. At Calf Lane junction continue on same road passing the Eight Bells pub and at the end of the road turn left into Chipping Campden High Street.

Continue along the left-hand side of the high street, passing the 17<sup>th</sup> century Market Hall, until you reach the Noel Arms. At this point turn left through an arch and walk straight-on, through the car park and small estate



to reach George Lane continuing up road to a footpath (commencing with a No Through Road sign). Follow the footpath past playground and tennis courts on right to reach road. At this point go slightly left to enter field and follow field path with hedge on right reaching a second field at the corner of the adjacent road and continuing straight on to a waymark in the middle of the field. At the waymark, take the right-hand route to cross field to a wooden kissing gate to a drive. Head slightly left to pass through a gate on the left at the end of the drive to

enter an enclosed path between houses. At the end of this path, turn right and continue down the road and then along a grass path in front of a row of the Cotswold stone houses to reach another road. At this point, turn right and continue up the road with a sculptured hedge on your left.

Ignore the first left turn at the end of the wall (opposite Bakers Arms) and take the second turning up a hill between a fence and dry-stone wall, eventually reaching gate to Northwick Estate. Pass through gate and continue along the track (Monarch's Way). Follow the track for about two thirds of a mile and then turn left at a footpath sign. Continue along this path to edge of the field until you reach a gate in the field corner. Pass through gate and turn right to follow path to a gate and track. Turn left to follow the track up hill. On reaching cross-tracks and quarry site, continue slightly left of straight on along main track on field edge with hedge on right (heading approximately east).

When the track turns left, carry straight-on down edge of field with hedge on right. At field corner continue straight-on eventually reaching gate opening (gate broken). After passing through gate, turn right and then immediately left and then through a field gate continuing in the direction indicated on the waymark sign for the Heart of England Way. At the bottom of the hill, cross a stile and continue to follow the Heart of England Way, up the hill not along the track. At the top of the hill head for a stile in the far corner of the field. Cross the stile and follow path straight-on down edge of field eventually reaching stile and enclosed path to road. You have now reached Blockley.

Turn left at road (ignore the footpath sign indicating straight-on) and at end of road turn right and walk down the hill where you will find a pleasant café and shop as well as the local church. Continue left along the path with the church on your right eventually passing through a metal gate and continuing straight on down the hill to reach a road junction, at which point turn right and continue down the hill. At the bottom of the hill, turn left at a bridleway sign (also sign to Pasture Farm), and proceed up hill, through an estate gate, reaching a barn near the top of the hill. Take the path to the left of the barn, continuing on the farm track eventually passing Pasture Farm. Continue on the track along edge of field, over stiles following footpath signs. After going through the second stile (adjacent to a gate), turn half left to cross the middle of the field eventually reaching stile next to a gate into further field (**note: if the field is blocked by crops, it may be easier to walk along the top edge and turn left along the edge of the next field**).

After passing over (or locating the position of the stile), keep to the left edge of the field to reach a further stile. Cross the stile and head half right across the next field to a squeeze stile and bridge. On crossing the bridge into the next field, follow the footpath along the side of the field keeping the hedge on your left. Before reaching the edge of the field and the road, turn left across a footbridge and through a squeeze stile

to reach a drive. Cross the drive, turning left to pass through the gate to Springfield Farm and head to the corner of a small area of grass edged by trees where you will find a (somewhat hidden) stile. Head directly across the next field to the nearest corner (field is not rectangular). On reaching the corner continue for a few metres with the hedge on your left where you will find a stile (probably well hidden by overgrowth in summer). Cross the stile and follow path to short road. On reaching it, turn right and at junction turn right to follow road until reaching a cross roads.

At cross roads, turn left (signed Draycott Village only). Continue up this road and where it turns left, continue slightly right along track towards farm (don't take paths to right of left). Pass between the farm barns and continue along field track with hedge on right. At track junction, turn left towards railway bridge. After passing under bridge, walk along field edge for about 200 metres, just past line of telegraph poles, turn left to reach a footbridge on the other side of the field (there is no waymark and the route of the path is not obvious). Cross the footbridge and follow path on other side with stream on left to reach a stile with waymarks pointing in three directions. Turn right towards laurel hedge and on reaching the end of the hedge, head diagonally on track across the field. Continue on the track until reaching a road at which turn right to walk through Paxford village, keeping to the same road, passing the village hall, church and Churchill Arms, reaching a road junction as you leave the village. At the junction, turn left towards Chipping Campden.

After about 1/10<sup>th</sup> mile along the road take the signed footpath on the right passing over a stile and then through a (broken) gate to join path along the right-hand bank of a stream with field on right. Follow this path along the route of the stream and then a field edge and through two gates until the path bends right at the edge of a second field and after about 50 metres take the path through a wood and across bridge to reach a road. Cross road with care to a gate, slightly right on opposite side. Go through gate and follow path around large garden, through a gate into a small field adjacent to a pond, finally reaching a gate to a field. Turn right along track alongside of field to reach road (May Lane) and then turn left and walk up May Lane to the entrance to Vegetable Matters. Now you can enjoy coffee and cake in its café to reward yourself for all your efforts.