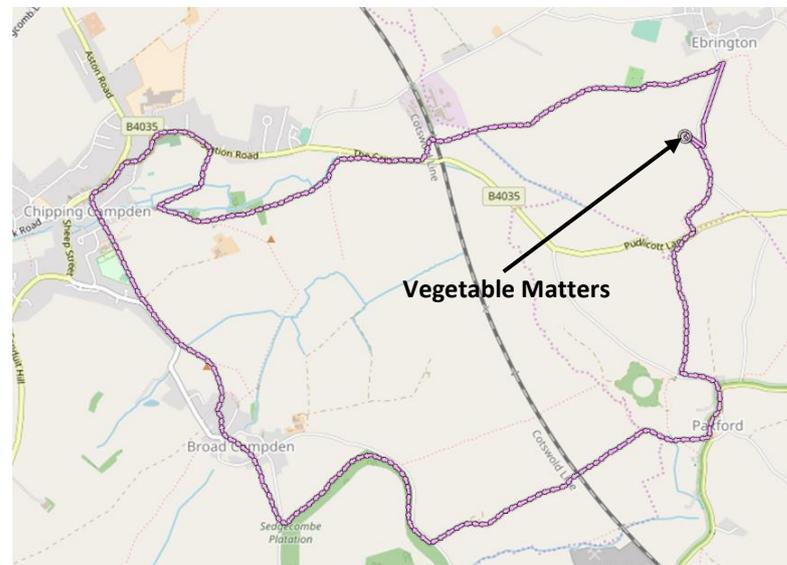


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## **Ebrington Circular Walks: 8 Mile Route Description (OS Explorer OL45)**

Starting from 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 small wooded area and eventually to a kissing gate. 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.



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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 to the right of the two trees located close to each in the middle of the field and continue in roughly that direction past the trees to reach a further squeeze stile and bridge into another field. 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 railway line on right before turning left and passing over a stile eventually passing a car workshop to reach a road.

At the road, turn right and walk along it (taking extreme care) for about 180 metres (passing Little Oak Vineyard on your right) and cross road to join footpath in field. Follow footpath along field edge 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. Take the right-hand route through a kissing gate (or the subsequent gap in the hedge if the gate is overgrown) and then follow field path with hedge on right to reach a further kissing gate in the 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. Take 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 before reaching an old stone arch, turn right to cross a bridge into another field. Turn half right to head across the field past a waymark post in the middle of the field to reach a wooden gate and bridge. Cross this into a further field and head towards houses on the other side to reach a road. Cross road and turn left, staying on this 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 down 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 continue 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. As you pass the large house, head slightly left to pass through a gate to enter an enclosed path between houses. At the end of this path, turn right and continue down hill to a church. As you pass the church, turn left and then slightly right beside two garages to follow enclosed footpath, eventually reaching a road. Cross the road to a further enclosed footpath then over stile and straight up the hill. Keeping the fence on your left, pass through the hedge gap into a second field gradually moving closer to the hedge on your left to reach a stile about 100 metres before the top of the field. Cross the stile and road to another stile and path entering a narrow wood. On entering the wood, turn left (note: the first waymark sign may only indicate right) and follow the path through a wood for about three quarters of a mile, eventually running parallel to a road on your left to reach a cross track waymark sign. At this point turn left to cross the road and enter the track to Greystone Farm. Follow the track towards the farm but before reaching it, turn right through gate with footpath sign, then cross field to pass through two further gates (with path between) into another field now turning left to follow the field edge and eventually passing through another gate turning right onto a farm track with hedge on right.

When the track turns right, turn left over stile and follow edge of field with hedge on right to reach stile to railway line. Cross line with care and over further stile into another field. Follow footpath with hedge on right and when field widens out at oak tree, continue straight on towards waymark post on other side of field. On reaching post, turn right to reach field corner and bridge on left over stream into another field. Head across field and large bridge towards a chapel and the Churchill Arms, Paxford. On reaching the other side of the field, turn left and follow road straight on past a right-hand turning towards Aston Magna to reach a junction at which 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.