

Update: July 2011

Note re Walk 21: Please be aware that at the start of the walk there are now kissing gates where there were stiles and a designated path through a field of crops. After the paths cross near Upper Downton Farm, the stiles are quite hard to find and difficult to negotiate as they are overgrown with boundary hedge, thistles and stinging nettles. The path is then difficult to follow as no path has been cut by the farmer to follow the path diagonally across the fields nor any alternative path cut to go around. This has been reported to the County Council's rights of way team on 11 July 2011 and we hope that the access issues will be resolved or an alternative route offered very soon.

## Eastington and Beard's Mill

5.1 miles 8.2km



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### Start . . . Eastington Cross

*A walk that has only two small gentle inclines, taking in views of the Severn Vale and parts of the River Frome.*

From the cross take road towards A.38 for approximately 20 m then left up track, cross stile and follow left hand hedge, over stile in corner and along right hand hedge to next stile. Over stile to cross field diagonally to foot bridge in line with pylon, follow right hand hedge passed pylon and gate to further gate in opposite corner. Through gate, turn right along right hand hedge, through gate, over stile to gate in right hand hedge (do not miss this point). Turn half left and cross field diagonally to stile, 10m on left of corner of field.

Cross stile and continue diagonally across field to group of buildings containing white thatched cottage. Skirting right of cottage exit onto main road (taking the road right will lead to Frocester approximately 600m and the Gloucester Hussars).

Cross road and bridge/stile, bear left crossing field to corner of copse and foot bridge. Over foot bridge and ascend field to stile left of large tree. Cross next field to stile but do not cross, turn right and follow hedge to stile in corner, straight across next field to edge of Five Acre Grove. Skirt around Grove to left and passing between the two Copse, cross small field to gate, pass through and turn right, continuing down hedge to reach Railway fence.

Turn left and follow fence, then a track to railway viaduct at Beard's Mill. Here, cross river bridge and turn left into meadows

before viaduct and head diagonally across field to next mill. Follow River to Church End. On reaching lane turn right, around bend, over stile and left to again follow river to main road. Crossing road turn left over bridge, cross stile on right, bear half left and ascend across field to foot bridge in top right hand corner. Cross foot bridge and follow left hand fence, then hedge to main road at Alkerton Green. Turn left and return to Eastington Cross.

#### • Points of interest -

1. Nearby Frocester Tithe Barn.
2. River Frome.
3. Eastington Church.

#### • Alternative starting points -

Eastington Church.  
Eastington/Frocester Road between Osborne House and Elmtree Farm.

#### • Places to eat -

Kings Head, Eastington.  
Gloucester Hussars, Frocester.

- There is no off road parking in this area, but there should be no difficulty in finding a suitable parking place.

**Follow arrows with yellow dot.  
Sometimes plastic arrows with black  
centre dot may be used.**

*We advise that the relevant OS Pathfinder  
Map be used in conjunction with this leaflet*

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