

# A Walk in the Wylye Valley

**7 kilometres (4½ miles)**

**Start Point: The Collegiate Church of St Peter and St Paul, Mill Street, Heytesbury**  
**Grid Ref: ST 9252 4254**

**1.** From Heytesbury High Street a signpost saying Tytherington 1 takes you about 50 metres to the main churchyard gates. From these gates cross the Tytherington road into Mill Street. After about 200 metres Mill Street turns left. At this point turn right on to a signed footpath. Continue along this path with the River Wylye on your right. Go through a wooden kissing gate, keeping close to the fence on your right. Cross a wooden footbridge made of three railway sleepers. At the mill pond turn sharp left, staying by the fence and keeping the pond on your right. After about 20 metres, turn right and go through a way marked kissing gate. 80 metres further on a gate takes you onto a tarmac road.

**2.** Turn right, crossing the river. Follow the road round as it curves right then left past the Mill. Continue on the road as it turns right again and at the junction follow it round to the left, keeping the barn on your right. As the road curves to the right again take the first path on your left entering a small copse. Cross a wooden footbridge and immediately go right into a field, indicated by a yellow arrow. Continue along the right hand edge of the field for nearly 300 metres, and where you reach a white arrow in the hedge and a staggered gap in the fence, bear left towards a house on the left of a thatched cottage.

**3.** On reaching the far side of the field bear right. Continue along the river bank with the river on your left. Do not cross the river. Pass through the gap next to the stile and turn right away from the river. Cross a concrete footbridge with metal handrails, and go through a wooden kissing gate into a field. Fork left across the middle of the field to a footbridge and on to the far corner, where a kissing gate and a footbridge lead you out onto the path. Continue straight across a farm track and through a series of metal gates. Keep straight ahead between the hedges and go under the railway. Continue straight on through the village, ignoring a left turn.

**4.** When you reach the road junction, where there is a triangular grassed area, turn sharp left to go towards the Dove Inn (known for its food and beer!). Continue on this lane through Corton, ignore a right turn. The lane bears left past Corton House, and almost immediately a footpath sign to the right leads you down a narrow path to the railway. Cross the railway line with care,



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and continue along a narrow path. When you get to the kissing gate turn right keeping the meadow on your left and the fence on your right, until you go through a gate onto a footbridge. (Ignore the gate to the right).

**5.** Continue between the fence and hedge to emerge on a tarmac drive, at the end of which turn left onto a tarmac road. You are now in Upton Lovell. Continue along this lane for about 700 metres, passing The Prince Leopold pub on your left. The track eventually becomes narrower and enters a field through a metal gate. Go straight ahead, with the hedge on your left, and continue through a gate onto a track. Pass between cottages and farm buildings to reach a cross roads. You are now in Knook.

**6.** Go straight ahead at the cross roads on to a track. Continue straight along the track until you enter a small woodland next to the river. Follow this narrow shady path until you reach a staggered wooden opening into a field. Continue along the right hand edge of the field, with the woods on your right. An old iron kissing gate leads you through to a path alongside the A36. Turn left, and after 50 metres left again onto Park Street and then on to the High Street. Continue ahead, passing The Angel pub on your left before you reach the church again.