

# 1. Ilmington

Easy 1.2km village walk on hard surface with a very gentle slope. Suitable for all wheels.



## Where is it?

Take signed minor roads from the A3400 three miles south of Stratford-upon-Avon or from the A429 four miles north of Moreton-in-Marsh. Park in Back Street near Saint Mary's Church, where the walk begins.

## The walk

This 1,200 metre circuit illustrates Ilmington's apple heritage, passing many small orchards and visiting the magnificent Apple Map in Saint Mary's Church. With very gentle inclines, it is mostly on quiet paths with two sections on public roads and pavements and 30 metres on compacted gravel.



## Directions

Facing the church noticeboard in Back Street, turn left and take the pavement alongside the churchyard (site of the old school) gently downhill, passing the Dower House on your left. See apple, cherry, pear, plum and nut trees. Where the pavement ends opposite the new school cross the road and follow the pavement for 250 metres. **1**

Just before a farmyard on your left cross the road and enter a signed footpath on a gravelled driveway between houses. **2** After the second house turn left onto a narrow tarmac path which passes the remains of a small stone stile through a 70cm gap. It then turns right alongside a restored drystone wall. The orchard beyond has many apple and plum trees, planted and grafted by a villager who learnt his skills in primary school over 70 years ago.

This lane leads to Lower Green, with the Howard Arms on your left. **3** Here turn right along Middle Street past the village shop. After a bollard at 150 metres the street becomes a traffic-free tarmac footpath between the manor and the fish ponds. In front of a thatched house, turn right, left and right again under the lime trees in front of the church to Back Street. **4** If you didn't see the Apple Map in the church before you started the walk, why not now?

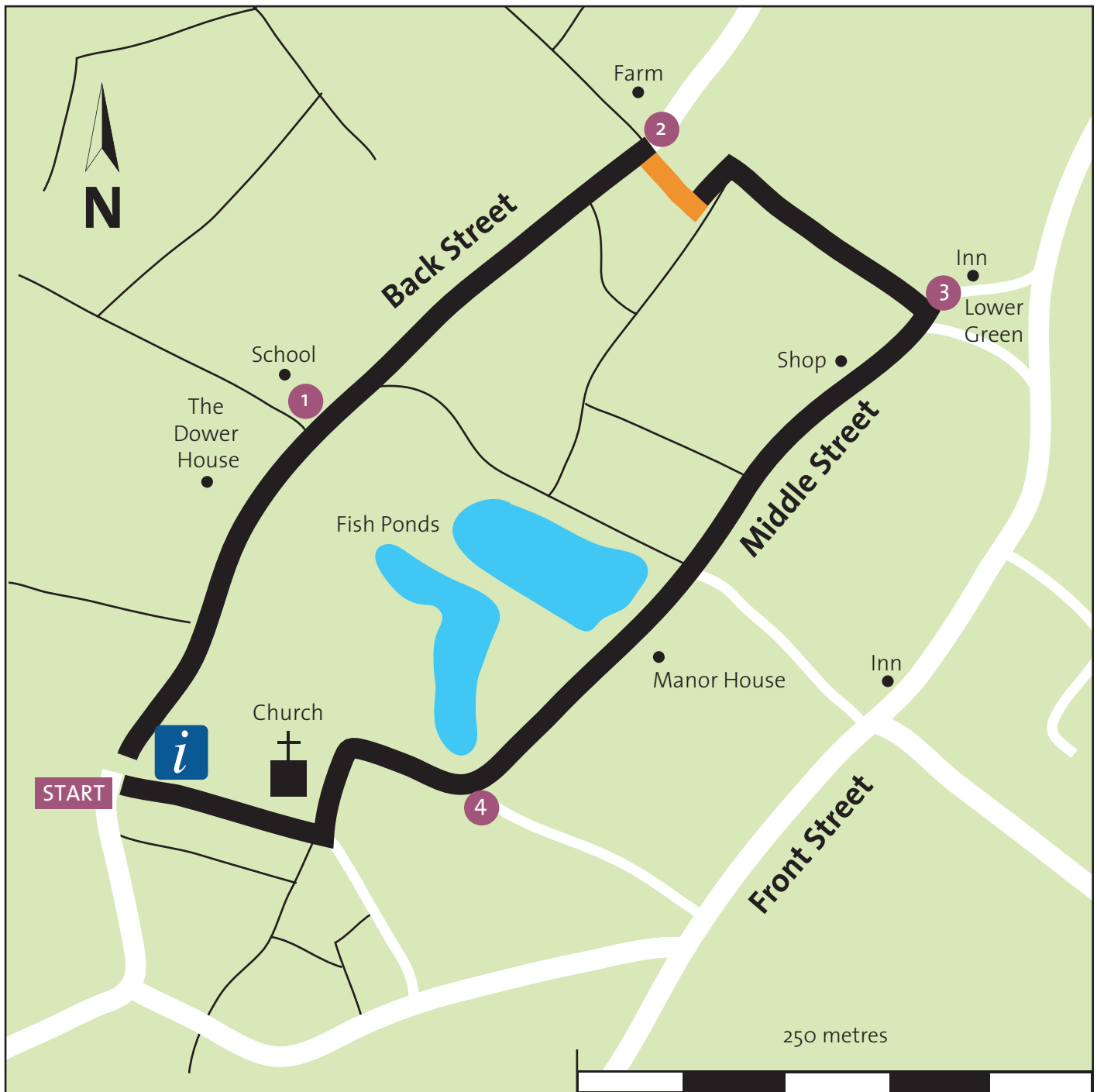
There is wheelchair access on a short paved path to a small door, which you will see on the right as you approach the church at the end of the walk. The door is opened only from inside, so you'll need someone to open it for you. If your scooter, buggy or wheelchair is too wide for the door, you are welcome to borrow a narrower wheelchair which is kept inside.

## Refreshments and toilets



The Howard Arms, Red Lion and the village shop. Public disabled toilets at Shipston-on-Stour and Chipping Campden.

**Walks on Wheels** was devised by the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens to mark their 40 years of helping to improve access to the Cotswolds and conserve its special landscape.

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## Key to map

-  Smooth hard surface
-  Rough (stone, rock, gravel, unmown grass)

## Key to symbols

-  Information

## Please Note:

Some of these routes may be difficult or impassable in bad weather and after rain. Always wear appropriate clothing and footwear and beware of traffic. The Cotswolds Conservation Board cannot accept responsibility for accidents or difficulties experienced by users of these routes.

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