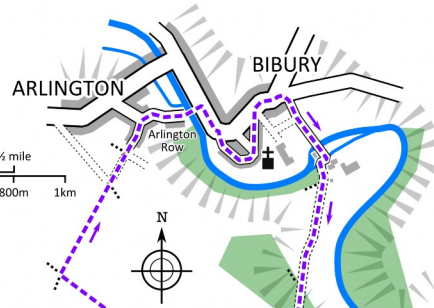
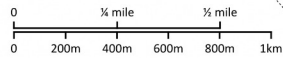




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An attractive section of bridleway between Arlington and Coneygar, leading to **Akeman Street**, a Roman road.



The **River Coln** rises at Brockhampton near Cheltenham and flows into the Thames at Lechlade.



This rare **Saxon gravestone** is embedded in the external wall of the church at Bibury. Inside the church are replicas of two others – the originals are in the British Museum.



Arlington Row must be one of the most-photographed spots in the Cotswolds. It was originally a monastic wool store, and converted into weavers' cottages in the 17th century. It appears on the inside cover of the UK passport, and featured in the film *Bridget Jones' Diary*.



The **Church of St Swithin** at Quenington is famous for its two fine Norman doorways, described as "one of the very best collections of Romanesque carving in England."



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Coln St Aldwyns
1¼ miles: Easy
A short stroll round this pretty Cotswold stone village on the River Coln.

Quenington and the Coln
4 miles: Fairly easy
To a historic village with a medieval gatehouse and Norman church, with a riverside return.

Bibury and the Coln valley
6¼ miles: Moderate
A high-level route to picture-perfect Bibury, returning along the Coln valley.

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For a longer walk of **8½ miles**, follow steps **1–21** of the **Quenington and the Coln** walk, then join the **Bibury and the Coln valley** walk at step **8**. For a **3½-mile** walk, follow steps **1–7** of the **Bibury and the Coln valley** walk, then join the **Quenington and the Coln** walk at step **22**.

Coln St Aldwyns

1¼ miles: Easy

Allow 1 hour. Wet grass and possibly muddy sections after rain.

1 From the front door of the New Inn, turn left down the main village street, crossing a mill-stream and bearing right to leave the village. **2** Just before the river, turn right along a driveway. **3** Pass a house entrance on the right then, opposite a gate on the left, turn right over a footbridge across the mill-stream in front of the mill house. **4** Follow the walled path half-left then right, uphill, to meet a lane. **5** At a junction, turn left to visit the church. **6** Returning to the junction, keep straight on past the Memorial Cottages almshouses. **7** At the next junction, turn right then left before the triangle. **8** Beyond the last house on the right, turn right over a stone slab stile. **9** Head downhill across the field to a step stile to the right of a stone lodge. **10** Cross the road and pass through a gate. **11** Bear slightly right, keeping the trees on your left, to reach a gate at the bottom. **12** Walk out to the village street. **13** Turn right to return to the New Inn.

Quenington and the Coln

4 miles: Fairly easy

Allow 2½ hours. Some paths may be muddy after rain or impassable in flood conditions.

1 From the front door of the New Inn, turn left down the main village street. **2** Before the mill-stream, turn left between stone gateposts. **3** Go through a gate at the end of the lane into a field. **4** Aim to the left of some isolated trees to reach a gate. **5** Cross the road and turn right down the pavement. **6** Beyond the Hatherop sign, turn right to cross an iron footbridge over the River Coln. **7** Beyond a gate, cross a field. **8** Go through a gate and to the right of a small patch of woodland, then continue below the slope through a second gateway. **9** At the end of the field a gate by a house leads out to a road; turn right. **10** At the junction with Victoria Road, ignore the obvious track ahead, instead crossing a stone slab stile slightly to the left. **11** Climb the hillside, then pass between houses to another slab stile into a village street. **12** Turn left and walk down to a T-junction. **13** Turn right and walk along Victoria Road. **14** At the next junction, the way on is straight ahead, but a short detour left to the church is strongly recommended, passing the Knight's Gate (the 14th-century gatehouse to a former Preceptory of the Knights Hospitallers). **15** Returning to the end of Victoria Road, turn left between farm buildings. **16** Beyond an unusual pivoting metal stile, turn right uphill, passing above a wood. **17** Follow the footpath right, along a field edge out to the road. **18** Turn right and immediately

left, along a track that follows a field edge below power lines. **19** When you meet a crossing track, turn right and walk past an isolated house, following the concrete drive out to a road. **20** Follow the lane opposite, between a house on the left and a farm and forge on the right. **21** The lane leads through a wood to a T-junction, where you turn left. **22** Between two houses on the right, turn right down a grassy track, passing a small barn on the right. **23** The track leads between fields to the corner of a wood, where a path leads half-left down through the trees. **24** Leave the bottom of the wood via a gate and cross the field to a footbridge. **25** Do not cross into the wood, but turn right, along the bottom of the slope to a metal gate. **26** Walk along the bottom of the wood, with the river on your left. **27** The path continues between the river to your left and a grassy slope on the right, passing a private footbridge. **28** Follow the riverside beyond a gate, then leave it to follow an overgrown hedge on the right (if you reach a weir over a side-stream, you've gone too far). **29** Follow the hedge then walk below a wooded bank. **30** Follow the track through a wood and exit through a field gate; cross the field beyond, with the river to your left and woodland to your right. **31** A gate at the end leads past a house to the road. **32** Turn left over the river, and keep right along the road to pass the Old Mill and return to the New Inn.

Bibury and the Coln valley

6¼ miles: Moderate

Allow 3–4 hours. A few minor climbs. Some paths may be muddy after rain or impassable in flood conditions.

1 From the front door of the New Inn, turn left down the main village street, crossing a mill-stream and bearing right to leave the village. **2** Bear left to cross the river, then turn immediately right past a small stone house. **3** Beyond a gate, follow a line of trees ahead, up the slope and away from the river. **4** Go through a gate and between some beech trees, then bear left past some small disused quarries. **5** Follow a Cotswold stone wall to a gate, then cross two arable fields to a farm cottage. **6** Pass in front of the house and go through a gate, and cross the field to another. **7** At the far end of the next field the path approaches another house then joins a lane via a gate on the left. Turn right. **8** Walk past two houses on the right, ignoring the track between them. **9** About 100 yards beyond the houses, turn right on a signposted footpath along a field edge. **10** Beyond a gate, descend a dry valley. **11** After another gate, climb the hill along an enclosed trackway and then follow it along a field edge and along a further hedged stretch. **12** When you come to a crossroads of tracks, turn right. **13** Go straight ahead at another crossroads, then, when the track bears right, go through a hand gate straight ahead. **14** Join a lane, which passes between houses to a triangular junction (Awkward Hill). Turn right and descend to Arlington Row. **15** Walk in front of the Row and cross the River Coln to the road. **16** Turn right, and when the main road leaves the river take the road on the right with the no-entry signs. **17** At the end of the road, by the church and school, take the second left in front of Church Barn (marked as a no-through road). **18** Walk up between

the houses back to the main road, where you turn right. **19** Take the next right (with a brown sign for the New Inn At Coln). **20** After a house on the right, turn right into a driveway and walk down to Bibury Mill, with views to Bibury Court on your right. **21** Cross the river and follow the track as it winds between the mill buildings to a field gate. **22** Ignore the track to the right and head straight on, parallel to the river on your left. **23** Beyond a gate and walled sheepfold, the track climbs through trees. **24** At the top, bear left along the top of the wood to a gate, before descending to a footbridge over a stream (often dry). **25** Turn left across the field along the bottom of the slope to a metal gate. **26** Walk along the bottom of the wood, with the river on your left. **27** The path continues between the river to your left and a grassy slope on the right, passing a private footbridge. **28** Follow the riverside beyond a gate, then leave it to follow an overgrown hedge on the right (if you reach a weir over a side-stream, you've gone too far). **29** Follow the hedge then walk below a wooded bank. **30** Follow the track through a wood and exit through a field gate; cross the field beyond, with the river to your left and woodland to your right. **31** A gate at the end leads past a house to the road. **32** Turn left over the river, and then immediately left into a drive. **33** Pass a house entrance on the right then, opposite a gate on the left, turn right over a footbridge across the mill-stream in front of the mill house. **34** Follow the walled path half-left then right, uphill, to meet a lane. **35** At a junction, turn left to visit the church. **36** Returning to the junction, keep straight on past the Memorial Cottages almshouses. **37** At the next junction, turn right. **38** Turn right by the post office and walk down the main street back to the New Inn.



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