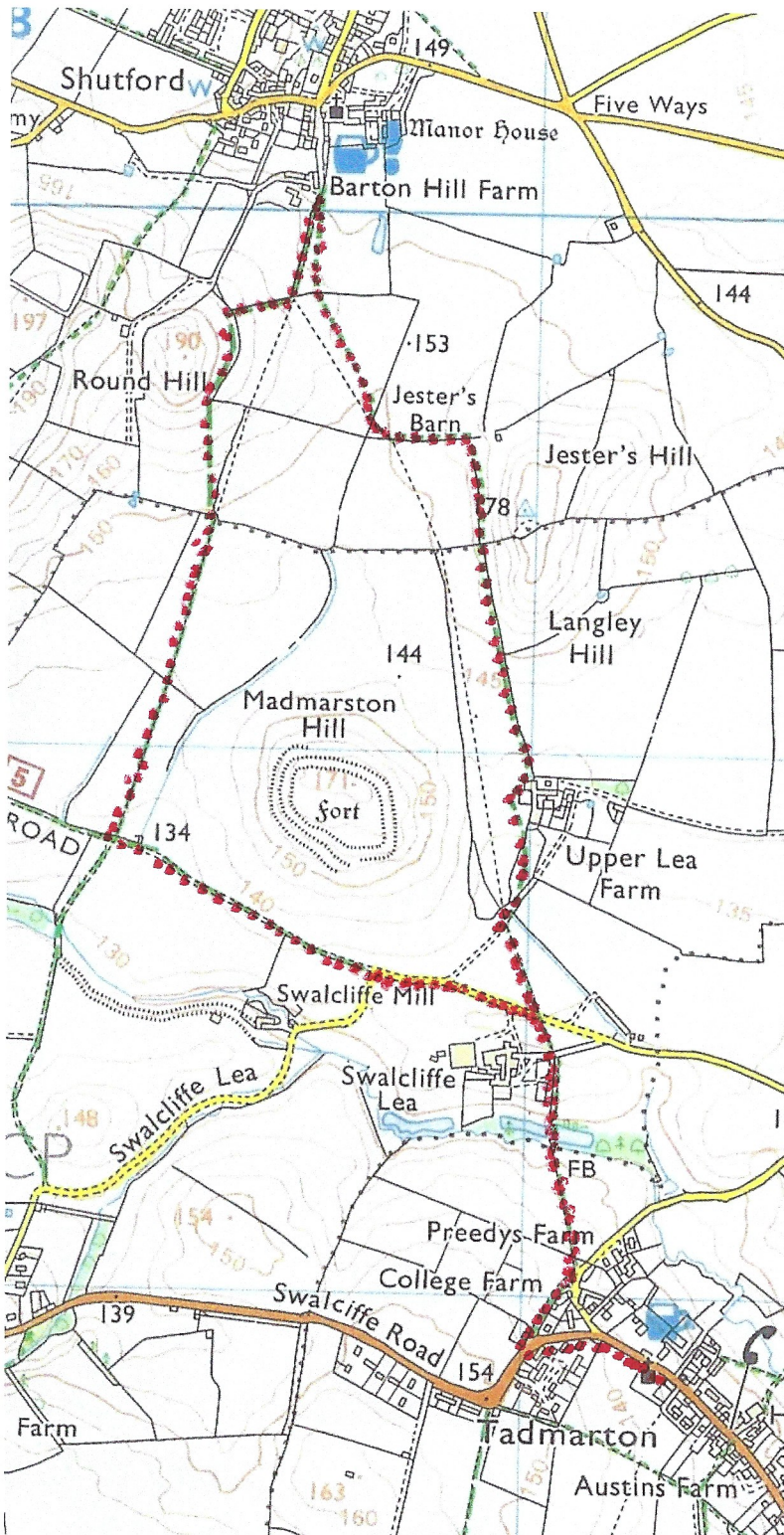


Tadmarton to Shutford Circular Walk

Tadmarton Village Hall – Stant Hill Spring – Swalcliffe Lea – Shutford – Swalcliffe Lea – Stant Hill Spring – Tadmarton Village Hall

Approx. 3 ½ miles – allow 1 ½ hours – moderate walking



Route

Exit the village hall and turn left. Walk through the churchyard and re-join the footpath by the road. The lane signposted to Swalcliffe Lea and Shutford is on your right. Follow the footpath to the bend and cross the road to the gate. Go through the gate and down the hill to the Stant Hill Spring. Continue to the footpath sign and kissing gate on your left. Pass through the kissing gate. Across to your right is another kissing gate, pass through (or round ☺) this into the field. Follow the path across the field down to a wooden bridge. Cross the wooden bridge and continue following the footpath between the lakes in the grounds of Swalcliffe Lea House. Continue up the path through a small copse and then along the footpath by the hedge. At the corner of the field, go across the private drive and through a small metal gate located in the beech hedge.

Continue straight across the next field until you meet the Swalcliffe Lea Road. The footpath signpost points straight across the field which has been planted with a crop so turn left onto the Swalcliffe Lea Road. Some 30 metres on your right you will see a path way between the 2 fields. Take this path to the gate ahead of you. Follow the public footpath way-markers through this gate and a 2nd gate off to your left. You will see Upper Lea Farm ahead of you. Follow the path to the left edge of the field, and exit via the gate in the left-hand corner. Follow way-marker, keeping parallel with the post and rail fence on your left and the buildings on your right.

You will see a track rising alongside a hedge in front of you. Follow this, passing Langley Hill and Jester's Hill, until you reach Jester's Barn on your right. Turn left here and follow track, passing some young trees on your right. At the junction with another path, go straight ahead – A BIT MUDDY HERE. Take path across field to stile. Shutford Manor faces you. Cross stile and turn immediately left to pick up bridleway. Go through gate and turn right, following bridleway to gate ahead of you. Pass through gate and turn left following way-marker and hedge. At the end of the hedge, take path to gate. Pass through gate and across field to exit on other side. Go through this gate and turn right, following edge of field. Go through gate in corner, following way-marker. Turn right here and follow entire edge of field until it meets up with the track. Madmarston Hill is on your left.

Turn left onto track. Go through gates and carry straight on onto wider track. Madmarston Hill is still on your left. The track joins the Swalcliffe Lea Road. Bear left here and return to the footpath sign by Swalcliffe Lea. Turn right onto footpath. Retrace your steps through metal gate, crossing private road into field leading to copse and lakes. Continue on this path, crossing over wooden bridge and up the hill to kissing gate. Pass through kissing gate and bear left to second kissing gate. Exit onto lane, turning right. Continue up the hill until you reach the gate. Go through the gate and take care to cross the Main Road onto the footpath opposite. Turn left and return to the village hall, keeping the church on your right.