



Hit the Shires

Kingham, Daylesford and Chastleton House



Walk 6hrs (22km)



Total Ascent 251 m



Highest Point 214 m

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Download this guide on your device

This contains all the handy information: how to get there, points of interest and pubs, taxis etc. Make sure you have plenty of battery!



HIT THE SHIRES

Tap here to access your digital OS Map

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(Make sure you have OS Map App downloaded)

Getting There



Train

Take a direct train from Paddington to Kingham in 1 hour 20 minutes. Trains run regularly.



By Car

Parking at Kingham station (OX7 6UP) costs up to £4.30 per day via a cashless meter. Alternatively, park at the King's Head Inn in Bledington (OX7 6XQ) to shorten the route by 1.7km each way.

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Hike Summary

A scenic journey through the enchanting Cotswolds.

This 22-kilometre hike through the Cotswolds and Oxfordshire feels like stepping into a living postcard. Though it's a long day-hike, the gentle hills and breathtaking landscapes will keep your spirits high. You'll encounter stunning country houses, quaint villages and picturesque churches along the way. With numerous inviting coffee and pub stops, resisting them all is a challenge – especially the King's Head Inn in Bledington, our personal favourite.



Points of interest

[Tap here](#) and find the waypoints in the OS map app.



KINGHAM STATION

Our starting point, Kingham, was once voted “England’s favourite village” by Country Life magazine!



DAYLESFORD HOUSE

Pass by the formidable Palladian stables of this Grade I listed estate by 17th-century architect Hugh May.



NIC FIDDIAN-GREEN SCULPTURES



Spot the Daylesford Estate's striking bronze horse head sculptures by Nic Fiddian-Green, the same artist behind the one at Marble Arch.



TAP HERE SHORT CUT

Head straight to Adelstop after the Daylesford Estate to cut 4km off your hike.



CHASTLETON HOUSE



This imposing Jacobean mansion, now owned by the National Trust, is the birthplace of croquet.



MACMILLAN WAY

Part of this route follows the Macmillan Way, a 290-mile footpath from Lincolnshire to Dorset, created in 1997 to support Macmillan Cancer Relief.



ADELSTROP

Adlestrop station inspired acclaimed poet Edward Thomas and its park is said to have influenced Jane Austen's novel Mansfield Park.



UPPER AND LOWER ODDINGTON

These adjoining villages epitomise Cotswold charm. Don't miss St Nicholas Church and its extraordinary 14th-century murals.



ANDDDD... RELAX AT THE KING'S HEAD INN

Grab a pint and a roast at the King's Head Inn. You've earned it!



TAKING IT ALL IN

Sometimes, we can get so caught up in reaching our destination that we forget to take in our surroundings. When in fact, some of the best moments on a walk are the ones spent not walking. It is not until you stop and look a little closer, that you truly see the magic of where you are.

Our hikes are not about how fast you walk, but about how much you take in. We share these beautiful trails with an abundance of wildlife and there's always something to marvel at – so long as you take the time to look around.

Here are a few of our favourite bits of flora and fauna to look out for on this hike:



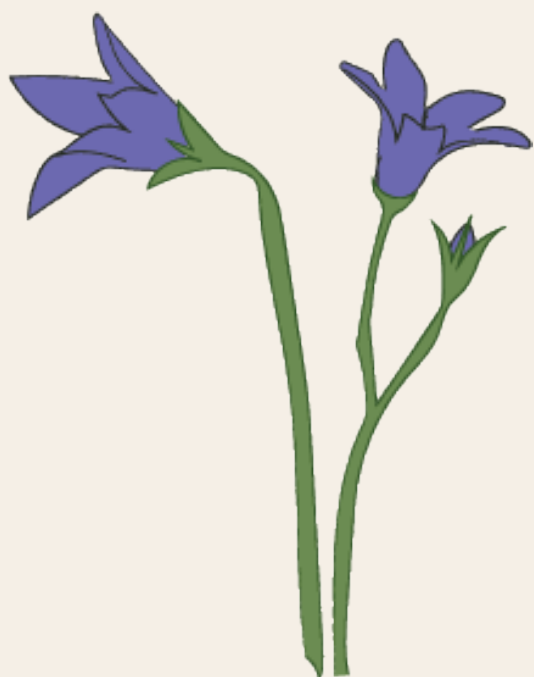
Kingfisher

On the Evenlode River – noticeable for their brilliant turquoise backs



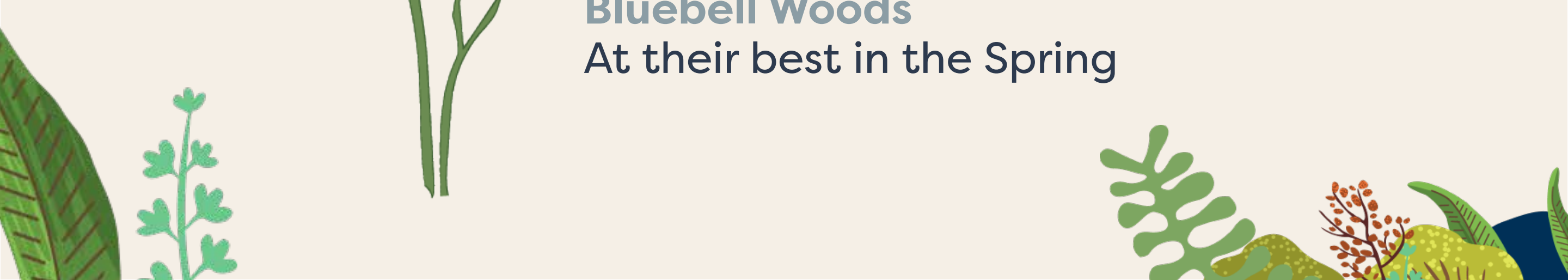
Wild Garlic

From April to June



Bluebell Woods

At their best in the Spring



Plan B

CALLING IT A DAY?

If you've decided that's quite enough for you, there's absolutely no shame in calling it a day.

Our recommended short cut options are either missing out Chastleton House and heading straight into Adlestrop, which shortens the walk by 4km, or cutting out Upper Oddington altogether, shortening the route by 2km.

Chipping Norton Taxi:

07492 300001

Excelsior Taxis:

01608 643721



Thank you

**WE HOPE YOU'VE ENJOYED YOUR WALK.
CREATED BY OUR LOCAL CURATOR, CARO.**



THE INSIDERS' GUIDE:

The Shires



EAT

- ✕ Dalesford Farm Shop
- ✕ The King's Head Inn
- ✕ The Wild Rabbit



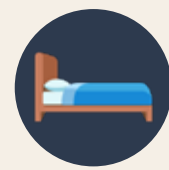
DRINK

- ✕ The King's Head Inn
- ✕ The Fox at Oddington
- ✕ The Kingham Plough



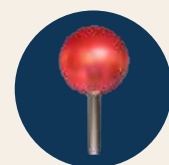
MORE WALKS

- ✕ Corner of the Cotswolds
- ✕ The Heart of England



SLEEP

- ✕ The King's Head Inn
- ✕ The Fox at Oddington
- ✕ Check Air bnb for quaint cottages and Shepherds huts



DO

- ✕ Batsford Arboretum
- ✕ Cotswold Wildlife Park
- ✕ Visit Stow on Wold
- ✕ Spa Day at Bamford Wellness Centre

What's next?

We hope you enjoyed your walk as much as we've enjoyed bringing it to you. And we've got plenty more where that came from!

Check out the full range of walk available to you on:
[link to their portal](#)

STAY IN TOUCH

We love hearing about your adventures, so please do get in touch with any feedback you have from your walk.

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