

BURLEIGH COURT TO HYDE CIRCULAR WALK

1hr15mins Distance 2.5 MILES /4KM

Level of difficulty: Easy

This easy walk takes you through the beech woods and fields above the hotel, following a quiet path to the tranquil hamlet of Hyde, with its elegant old houses and gardens - the perfect quick stroll for the morning, midday or the evening!

1. Turn right out of the hotel driveway and walk up the hill to the white gates and cattle grid.



2. Note the elegant Cotswold stone Georgian house to your right.

3. Turn left onto Love Lane, Continue along

Narrow Lane.

4. Turn left into Besbury Lane and continue up the lane.

5. Just after the footpath sign on the right, turn right beside the gate; you are now on National Trust land that forms part of Minchinhampton Common. The Cotswold's largest area of open grassland. (see our *Minchinhampton Common self-guided walk*) Continue on the grassy path, under the beech trees with a field and a modern wooden cube house on your right.



6. Continue until path splits, taking the path to the right.

7. Pass 2 lichen-covered standing stones.



8. Take in the view over to the Toadsmoor Valley, on your left

9. Continue with a fence on your

right.

10. Cross over the tarmacked lane, go straight over, up the stone steps and over the stile, into the field.

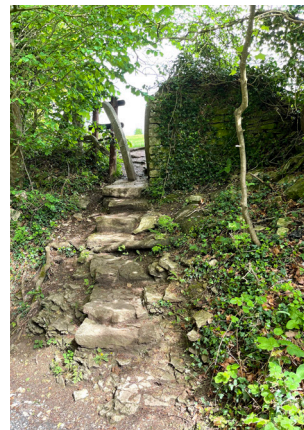
11. Follow the path beside the beech trees to the gate

12. Continue straight on and go over wooden stile.



13. Arrive at a metal gate, where the path splits, take the right hand path, through the woods.

14. On reaching the road, you will see Hyde Grange in front of you (dating from the 1690's)



15. Hyde Hamlet is a beautiful oasis of calm overlooking the once busy industrial Chalford Valley. It is a collection of farms, farm worker cottages and substantial 18th and 19th Century grand houses with glorious gardens in the English style.

16. There are several lovely houses further on, if you follow the lane down, in front of the Grange (we offer a whole-day guided walk, with pub, that explores the woollen mills and canal wilderness of Chalford's Golden Valley, ask at reception for further details).

17. To return to the hotel: (if you have explored further down into Hyde, go back up to the lane to the Grange) passing along the wall of the Grange. Turn right on the lane.

18. Go back past the path you came in on. Do not take it!

19. Pass Hyde House (built in the early 1700's) on your right. Take the next signed footpath on your left, into the field and pass the barn and TV mast.

20. Continue over this small grassland common, until you reach a stile. Cross

into the next field and over the 2nd stile at the cottage with a new extension.

21. Turn left up the small lane and follow it round to the right.

22. Where the lane splits, continue to the right.

23. After a few minutes, you will find yourself back at the gate in step5!

24. Continue on Besbury Lane as it turns to the right.

25. Turn right into Love Lane.

26. Go through the white gate and continue on down the hill until you see the Burleigh Court sign.

Welcome back!!

