

## Follow the Country Code - Respect, Protect, Enjoy

- Park sensibly - don't block gates or drives.
- Leave gates as you find them.
- Leave farm animals and machinery alone. If you think an animal's in distress, alert the farmer.
- Keep to the public right of way.
- Leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home.
- Keep your dog under effective control and pick up after your pet - dog mess can harm livestock.
- It is good practice to keep your dog on a lead around livestock; however, if cattle or horses try to chase your dog, it's safer for both of you to let your dog off the lead to run away.
- Plan ahead, dress for the weather, and wear appropriate clothing.
- Be aware you may not have a mobile signal in places during your walk.

## About this walk

This on-road route takes you on a delightful country walk between the ancient villages of Oldbury and Kington. You'll pass farm houses that are hundreds of years old, some offering eggs and other products in season; just leave your money in the honesty box. You'll return to Oldbury past the stunningly sited St Arilda's church from which there are beautiful views across the estuary.

## Length

6 km - about 2 leisurely hours, starting in Oldbury-on-Severn.

## Under foot

The walk follows quiet country lanes. Although the lanes are quiet, do take care as they are narrow in places and there are some sharp corners where visibility is limited. You may encounter cyclists and horse riders as well as cars. There are no stiles along this route. It makes a decent alternative to muddy fields in winter. But beware going out on Oldbury's Fun Day - it's the Fun Run route!

## Food and drink

Oldbury has a Community Shop with a small café and excellent cakes. The Anchor Pub in Oldbury serves, amongst other things, local dishes Putter Pie (serves 8! orders in advance only) and Oldbury Tart (gooseberry season only).

## Parking

You can park in the village; please park sensibly. If you'd like to use The Anchor's car park, please ask first. There's a free car park at the playing fields in Westmarsh Lane; just be aware it is open between 8am and 7pm only.

## Regular Walk

# Oldbury-Kington Loop

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### Easy Access Routes


Buggy and wheelchair friendly routes

- 1 Little Littleton Loop 2km
- 2 Severn Beach Short North 2.5km
- 3 Severn Beach Short South 3km
- 4 All Around Avonmouth 2km
- 5 Lamplighter's Walk 2km

### Regular Walks

Different lengths, mostly off-road

- 1 Hill Hike 5.5km
- 2 Windbound Wander 3.5km
- 3 Oldbury Outing 5km
- 4 Oldbury-Kington Loop 6km
- 5 Long Littleton Loop 7km
- 6 Two Bridges Loop 10km
- 7 Severn Beach Stride 5.5km
- 8 Spaniorum Skyway 9km
- 9 Lawrence Weston Moor Loop 2.5km
- 10 Shire Stroll 2.5km






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The representation on this map of a road, track or footpath is no evidence of the existence of a right of way.



Oldbury Rhine

Regular Walk 

# Oldbury-Kington Loop

**Start:** At the foot of the Sailing Club drive, BS35 1QB.

The description assumes you are going clockwise around the route, but it is signposted in both directions.

With the Anchor at your back, head north through the village, passing the Community Shop. Notice the old saw pit **A** immediately after the shop. Follow the road around to the right. Some of the buildings on your left, like Rook Farm and Yew Tree Farm **B** were first built in the mid 1600s. A popular architectural design feature at this time was building offset brick chimney stacks, so the stacks are a quarter-turn from the chimney below - look out for this on some of the houses as you go!

Bear right at the junction with The Naite, over the bridge, and right again at the junction with Pickedmoor Lane; you are now in Kington Lane. You'll cross a large rhine, one of the main drainage ditches in this watery landscape. On your left you'll see the field's surface has a giant corrugated appearance; the legacy of mediaeval ridge and furrow ploughing **C**.

Carry on along Kington Lane. Various views come up; to the right, St Arilda's in the distance; a little further on, to the left, Thornbury Church. More beautiful old houses appear like Kington House and Kington Mead Farm **D**.

Eventually Kington Lane ends at a T-junction at Cross Hands Farm. Go down the road to your right. Pass more lovely old farmhouses **E** - behind St Arilda's Farm lies the saint's holy well (not public) - and bear right at the next junction of three roads. This road will take you all the way to Oldbury via the hamlet of Cowhill.

But before you get to the village, you'll come to St Arilda's Church **F**, dating from the 1300s. Legend has it that, unable to decide where to build the church, instead of arguing its builders agreed to yoke together two oxen at sunrise and let them to roam where they will. Wherever the oxen rested at sunset would be where the church would be built. Guess where they rested?

You can rest here too, learn more about this Anglo-Saxon saint, and take in the wonderful views from her churchyard before heading back downhill to Oldbury. You can complete your tour of historic houses at The Anchor if you need refreshment!



Lane on the route



Hamlet of Cowhill



A warm welcome at Oldbury Community Shop



Kington House