

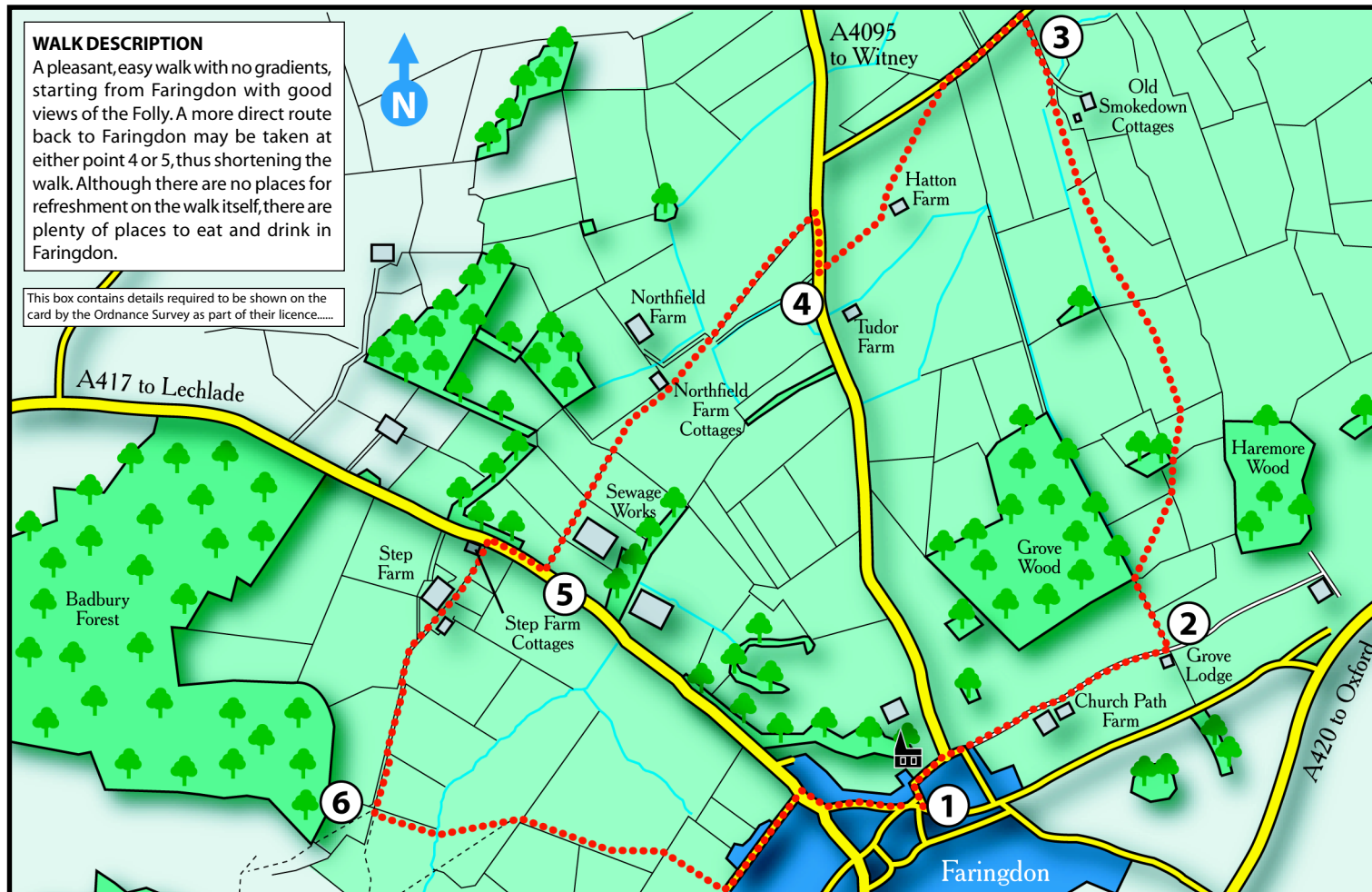
Walk 6 Faringdon, Thrupp and towards Lechlade

approximately 6.25 miles/10km

WALK DESCRIPTION

A pleasant, easy walk with no gradients, starting from Faringdon with good views of the Folly. A more direct route back to Faringdon may be taken at either point 4 or 5, thus shortening the walk. Although there are no places for refreshment on the walk itself, there are plenty of places to eat and drink in Faringdon.

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1) Start the walk in Faringdon Market Place and head uphill to Church Street, past the churchyard and past the A4095 to Witney. When the metalled road turns 90 degrees right, **Carry straight on** to a farm track. When it starts to bend, continue straight on to an enclosed footpath (*Church Path*).

2) At the footpath junction, turn left, (*Grove Cottage is on the right*) then follow field-edge path down hill. Continue walking on a well marked footpath across two large arable fields, first diagonally towards the right of Haremoor Wood, then on to a footbridge and head towards Smokedown Cottages. **Near the cottages, join a track which takes you to the Thrupp road** (*signed Faringdon 2 miles*).

3) Turn left onto road and just over the bridge, turn left through a gate. Cross the meadow to a stile to the right of Hatton Farm then follow the enclosed path (*waymarked*) onto a track to Hatton Farm leading to Radcot Road. Before you reach the road turn right over a stile.

4) Turn right for some 200m and then cross the road to a field-edge bridleway. Continue following the bridleway across a track (which leads to Northfield Farm and Cottages) passing the farm cottages on your right and after a while, the Faringdon Sewage Works to your left. Continue to follow the bridleway until you reach Lechlade Road.

5) Turn right along the roadside for about 400

metres **and then left onto a bridleway** (*farm track*) which passes straight through Step Farm.

6) Continue for some time to a path junction (*where there are 2 entrance gates to fields*), **and turn left onto a field-edge footpath** which leads to a wooden bridge (*with stiles*). Follow a path, along electricity poles across the field to another small wooden bridge with stiles, over to the left. Go back onto the field-edge path which then cuts across the field corner to a stile. **Continue on an enclosed path** (*called the Glories*) and at the top **turn left leading onto Canada Lane**. Go straight on past school.

7) At the main road (A417) turn right and then bear left at the mini-roundabout into Gloucester Street and back to Market Place.

Accessibility

If you see any part of the walk that needs attention (eg stiles, gates, vegetation, surfaces, signage etc) please report this to Oxfordshire County Council Tel: 01865 810226 or email countryside@oxfordshire.gov.uk.

Countryside Code

- Be safe - plan ahead and follow any signs.
- Follow paths across land that has crops growing on it, wherever possible.*
- Leave gates and property as you find them.
- Use gates and stiles wherever possible.
- Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home.
- Keep dogs under close control.
- Consider other people.

* Follow the walk directions where possible as this is the legal right of way. If because of an obstruction, animals, or the path is obscured, you are allowed to take as little avoiding action as is necessary to continue your journey while not causing criminal damage.

For more information on the countryside code see: www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk/countryside_code and for walks in the area www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/countryside.

This walk is one of set of eight produced by volunteers from Faringdon. The walks (and their companion cycle routes) are also available on www.faringdon.org