

# The Gardeners Arms

## Alderton & Dumbleton Walks

**Walking Distance**  
**Approx 8.8km / 5.5 miles**  
*Easy walking pace - approx 90 minutes*

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Start: From the Gardeners Arms pub, turn right and carry along the main road for approximately ½ mile, which turns into Dibden Lane. Continue out of the village until reaching a stile and footpath sign on the left. Cross the stile and then the field, in the direction of some farm buildings.

Cross the bridge and plank bridge. At next field boundary, follow the line of the path across the field to the right of the church and lodge to the corner and cross the stile into Dumbleton. Continue straight ahead along the village street, passing the church on your left and village shop on your right. Turn left into Dairy Lane, passing the village hall.

Go round the buildings clockwise, crossing two stiles. Cross the field diagonally onto a road track. Continue along the public road and pass through four gates to Naunton.

*Along here, if you look straight ahead you will see the steeple of Toddington Church.*

**START/FINISH POINT**  
**GARDENERS ARMS**  
 16th Century Freehold Pub

**THE GARDENERS ARMS**  
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- Breakfast, lunch & evening menus available
- Dog friendly including dog menu treats
- Vegan friendly & gluten free meals
- Fantastic gin menu - over 35 different gins
- Gluten free & vegan friendly beers

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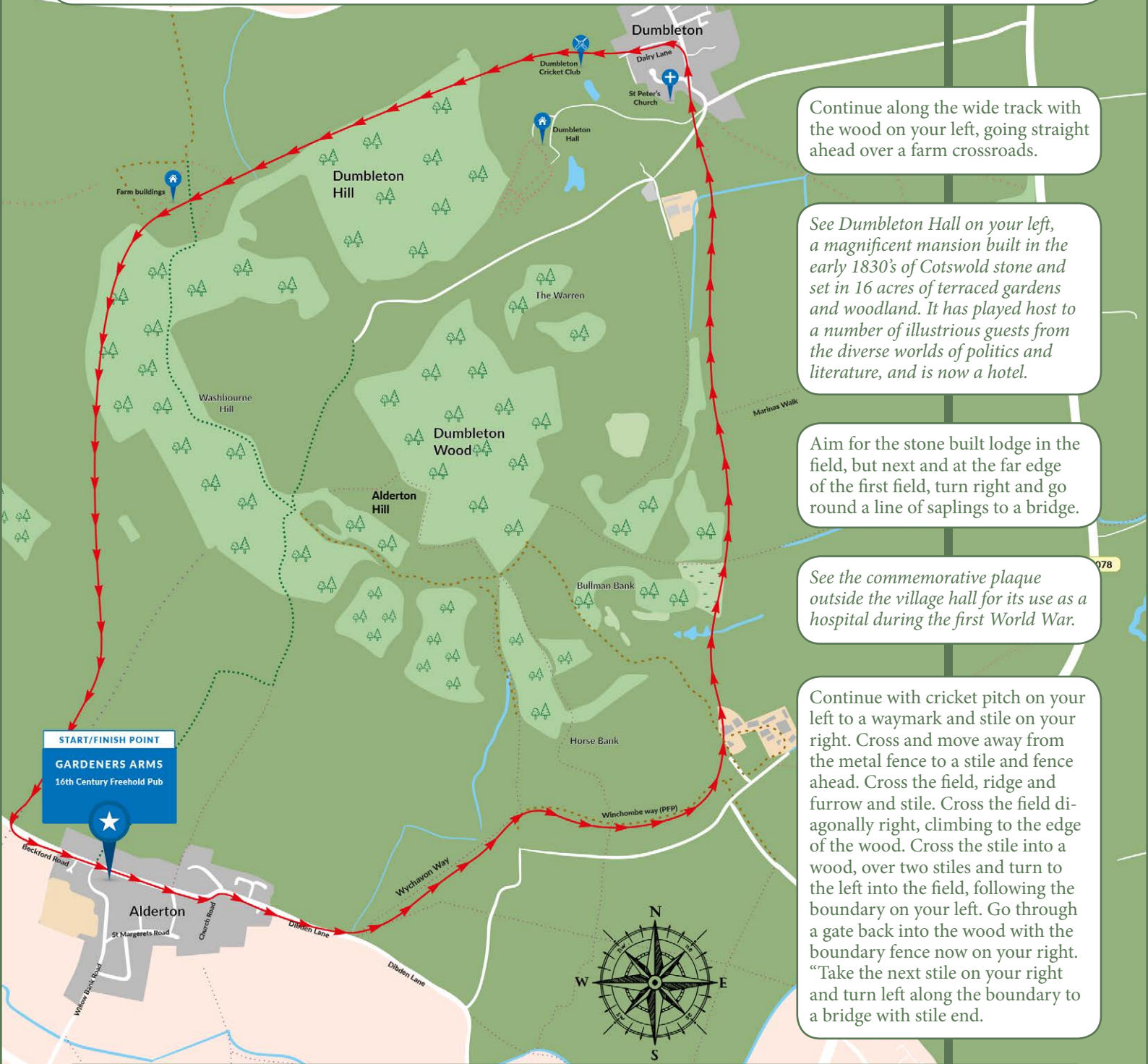
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Turn left at a finger post towards Nauncon Farm and continue on the track, passing the buildings on your right to a gate. Go through and keep the fence and hedge on your right to a second gate. Now keeping the hedge / fence on your left, follow the field boundary until you reach a stream and stile. Cross the stile and walk between the two ponds, looking out for pond life. Go through a gate and take the direction of the waymark to the next stile and path at the edge of a wood. *You may see a buzzard here.*



Continue along the wide track with the wood on your left, going straight ahead over a farm crossroads.

See Dumbleton Hall on your left, a magnificent mansion built in the early 1830's of Cotswold stone and set in 16 acres of terraced gardens and woodland. It has played host to a number of illustrious guests from the diverse worlds of politics and literature, and is now a hotel.

Aim for the stone built lodge in the field, but next and at the far edge of the first field, turn right and go round a line of saplings to a bridge.

See the commemorative plaque outside the village hall for its use as a hospital during the first World War.

Continue with cricket pitch on your left to a waymark and stile on your right. Cross and move away from the metal fence to a stile and fence ahead. Cross the field, ridge and furrow and stile. Cross the field diagonally right, climbing to the edge of the wood. Cross the stile into a wood, over two stiles and turn to the left into the field, following the boundary on your left. Go through a gate back into the wood with the boundary fence now on your right. "Take the next stile on your right and turn left along the boundary to a bridge with stile end.

Continue half right, with Didcot Farm on your right, to a stile beside a gate in line with a pylon. Contour around the farm to a stile in the next fence. Cross the next field, walking slightly left to a wide track and gate into the wood, which can be seen just in from the edge of the woodland.

Follow the right hand track and Dumbleton Estate sign on a track at the edge of the wood to the next waymark and Estate sign. Turn right over a stile and cross the field diagonally left over another stile. Turn left along the boundary to a gap in the next field boundary and continue diagonally right across two fields and keep parallel with the left hedge in third field, crossing two stiles to the corner of the third field. Go through the gap and with the hedge on your left, and head towards the road. Turn left along the road back to the pub. Finish off with refreshments or a wonderful hand-crafted meal from the Gardeners Arms cosy country pub.