

The Gardeners Arms

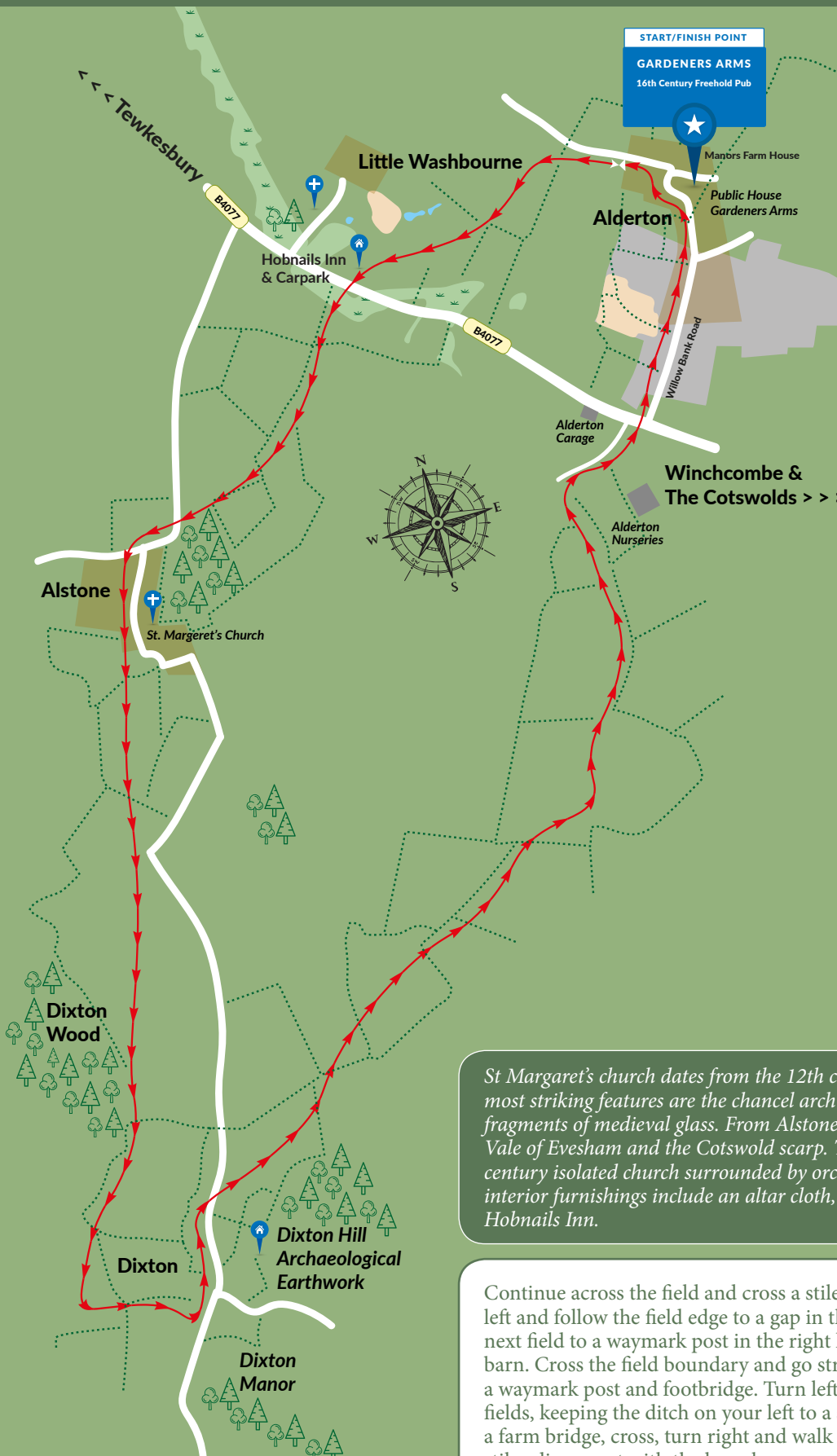
Alderton, Alstone & Dixton Walks

Walking Distance

Approx 7.6km / 4.75 miles

Easy walking pace - approx 80 minutes

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Beckford Rd, Alderton, Tewkesbury, GL20 8NL

- Breakfast, lunch & evening menus available
- Dog friendly including dog menu treats
- Vegan friendly & gluten free meals
- Fantastic gin menu - over 35 different gins
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Start: From The Gardeners Arms Pub, Continue along road and at the far end of the playing field turn left following a footpath sign through the field boundary and take the path across the field heading for an electricity pylon. Cross a ditch and over a stile. Turn left. cross the planked bridge and stile beside pylon. Diagonally cross the field to a stream on the left and follow round to footbridge. Follow the waymark round to the back of the Hobnails pub. Continue to pub car park.

Cross the B4077 and turn right to a finger post, turn left and over the stile. Follow field edge straight ahead over 2 stiles keeping the hedge on your right, then turn right over a stile and follow the path to another stile and cross. Go straight ahead with the hedge on your left and cross the stile onto a minor road. Turn left into Alstone and take the first left in the road through the village and past the church.

St Margaret's church dates from the 12th century with its wooden bell tower. The most striking features are the chancel arch with its 12 century columns and some fragments of medieval glass. From Alstone, there are good views all around to the Vale of Evesham and the Cotswold scarp. This is an extremely beautiful tiny 12th century isolated church surrounded by orchards and lovely views. Fine 18th century interior furnishings include an altar cloth, pulpit and box pews. Keys are held at the Hobnails Inn.

Continue across the field and cross a stile and plank bridge over a ditch. Turn left and follow the field edge to a gap in the hedge. Go through and cross the next field to a waymark post in the right hand boundary in line with a large barn. Cross the field boundary and go straight across the centre of the field to a waymark post and footbridge. Turn left alongside a ditch and continue over 2 fields, keeping the ditch on your left to a stile. Continue with a ditch on the left to a farm bridge, cross, turn right and walk with ditch now on your right to a further stile adjacement with the large barn.

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Turn right by a telephone box, go through the gate ahead and turn left around the edge of a garden. In the left hand corner of the field cross a stile then continue in the same direction towards some farm buildings. Keeping the buildings on your right cross 2 stiles and a farm track to a bridge. Cross the field diagonally to the top right hand side passing a clump of trees on your right towards some woodland. Cross a stile keeping woodland on your right.



Stay on a level plain along the natural track to a stile and cross. Follow the fence for 30 yards and then aim half left to the double power points in the middle of the field. At the pole, turn left along the track to a gate. Go straight ahead following the track and upon reaching the road at a farm gate turn left and walk up the road. Pass Manor Farmhouse on your right and walk over the brow of the hill to a finger post and stile on the right. Cross and walk left towards a waymark post in the middle of the field.

Look up to your right towards Dixon Hill where ancient man has left remains in an archaeological earthwork. It is at this point that you will have the best views of the whole walk and there is a ridge and furrow all around.

Carry on with the ditch on your right until you join a track to a gate and stile. Continue along the track through the back of Alderton Garage to the B4077. Cross and walk up Willow Bank Road, through the outskirts of the village turning left at the memorial and left again on reaching the signpost for Beckford. Here you will see The Gardeners Arms Public Inn and the end of the walk.

In many of the fields throughout this walk you will see the remains of medieval farming in the form of ridge and furrow. This walk is also particularly interesting

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