

The Lamb Inn, Burford

Christopher Fisher continues his series of features looking at the area's important teawalks with a cuppa in Burford. This Inn has a secret garden.

WALKING INFORMATION:

an easy ninety minute walk following the River Windrush. Be careful when crossing and walking along the A361.

1. The walk starts outside The Swan Inn, Swinbrook. Leave the pub, turn left onto the minor road and walk straight ahead onto Pebble Court.
2. Look out for a footpath leaving on the left; it is also located on a bend. Take this. The footpath will go straight ahead, run parallel to the River Windrush and will also pass by Swinbrook Manor Farm. The Windrush is part of the Thames catchment, starting near Taddington in Gloucestershire and running for 40 miles through beautiful Cotswold countryside.
3. The footpath will connect to a minor road. Follow the road to a minor road junction, turn left and walk straight ahead to a T-junction. This road crosses The River Windrush.
4. Turn right at this junction walking briefly along the minor road until you reach a footpath leaving to your right. Take this. The track will follow the River Windrush for a time, before reconnecting to a minor road.
5. Now follow the road into Burford. Burford is known for its 13th Century Augustinian hospital, which once stood on the grounds where Burford Priory stands today. The town has international recognition as the sixth best place to live in US magazine Forbes' "Europe's Most Idyllic Places To Live". The road should lead you to Tannery Close. Ignore a turning to Chapmans Piece, but continue on to Witney Street. Cross over the Guildenford-Pytts junction and walk to the High Street junction. Cross over the High Street carefully and walk onto Sheep Street. Look out for the Lamb Inn on your right. The Lamb Inn's special



River Windrush

- delight is the garden, which is the perfect place to soak up the last summer rays over honey roasted ham with mustard and cucumber.
6. Once you have emptied The Lamb Inn's teapots, return to the High Street junction. Now turn left onto High Street. You will pass by Burford Primary School on your left and right. You will cross over the river and then reach the A424/A361 junction. Turn right here, be careful when walking along this stretch of road.
 7. Ignore a minor road leaving to your right and a cluster of streets leaving to your left and right surrounding the settlement of Fullbrook. At the junction with Orchard Row you will find a minor road leaving to the right off the A361. It passes Arkel Close on your left and Beech Grove Farm on the left.
 8. You should soon pass Beech Grove Farm on your left, Beech Grove to your right. Look out for a further minor road leaving in the direction of Furzyleaze Lodge on your left.

9. Now ignore the first footpath leaving to your right, but take the second. The track will travel through woodland and run straight ahead but will bend slightly to the left. It will also pass by a church on your right.
10. You should have a minor road to your right. Do not take this. Instead turn left. The footpath will travel passed Swinbrook Manor Farm to your left. The track should lead you to Pebble Court.
11. Go straight ahead, turn right onto the minor road until you reach your starting point at The Swan Inn. But, before heading home, make sure you pop in, relax your aching feet, and have a pint of Cotswold Lager.

The Lamb Inn: (01993) 823155.

A full Afternoon Tea (for two people) is £14.95.
The Champagne Tea (for two people) is £29.95.