

Beyond Bath, Bristol & the Cotswolds

# Near Bristol: The Chipping Sodbury, Old Sodbury & Little Sodbury walk

Escape to the beautiful Cotswold countryside and explore the three quaint villages of Chipping Sodbury, Old Sodbury and Little Sodbury. Located near Bristol, this Cotswold walk enjoys lovely views of the Cotswold hills, the Frome Valley and the Severn Vale.

**Location**: Chipping Sodbury, S Gloucestershire

Walk difficulty: Intermediate

**Time**: 3 to 3 ½ hours

**Distance**: 7 miles (11 km)

Walk guide: Chipping Sodbury walk by

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## **Chipping Sodbury, Old Sodbury & Little Sodbury walk instructions**

- 1. Walk down Chipping Sodbury's high street to the war memorial. Turn left onto Hatters Lane and immediately before the bridge, turn right onto the riverside path. Cross the road and follow the river, keeping it on your left.
- 2. At the brick wall, cross the metal bridge and follow the man-made footpath through the meadow, keeping the river to your right. Go through the gates into the next meadow and continue straight ahead. Then go through the kissing gate, turn right and follow the path round the field
- 3. Go through the next two gates and continue straight ahead following the man-made paths through the meadows. Go through the following kissing gate and cross the road. Then go through the wooden kissing gate and follow the path. Go through the next gate and veer left aiming for the wooden post.
- 4. Go through the kissing gate and continue straight ahead. Then go through the next kissing gate and aim for the houses. Go through the following gate and cross the farm yard. Go through the next gate and follow the road to the junction. Turn sharply left and follow the road.

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- 5. Detour to St John's churchyard for fantastic views: At the junction, turn left and then left again into the churchyard.
- 6. At the junction, cross the road to the footpath. Follow the uphill path and the signs for the Cotswold Way. Go through the next two gates and follow the paths straight ahead. After the tall tree, go through the kissing gate following the signs for the Cotswold Way and cross the field, keeping the boundary to your right.
- 7. At the end of the field, go through the kissing gate and turn right onto the uphill path. Go through the following kissing gate into Woodcote Farm and cross the hill fort. Turn left, go through the kissing gate and follow the downhill path. At the junction, turn left, then fork left and go through the gate to the orchard.
- 8. Go through the next gate, turn right onto the country road and walk through the hamlet of Little Sodbury. After the church but before the junction, turn left onto the country path following the signs for the Monarch's Way, cross over the stone stile and go through the gate.
- 9. Continue straight ahead through the field. Go through the gate and over the wooden plank and continue straight ahead to the next field, keeping the field boundary to your right. Cross over the stile and aim for the top right corner of the field. Then cross over the following stile into the next field and continue straight ahead.
- 10. Cross over the stile and continue straight ahead, aiming to the middle of the opposite fence. Go through the kissing gate and veer left aiming for the middle of the left fence. Cross over the stile and then the field diagonally. In the field corner, cross over the stile, turn left and go round the field to the gate. Then go through the gate and turn right, keeping the field boundary to your right.
- 11. Go through the kissing gate, cross the farmyard and go through the next gate before continuing straight ahead and keeping the fence to your left. Go through the following kissing gate and continue straight ahead to the road. Cross the road, go through the next kissing gate and follow the path.
- 12. Go through the gate and veer right towards the wooden stile. Cross over the stile and the bridge and turn right, keeping the river to your right. Cross the road and follow the river path. Once again, cross the road and the bridge and continue along the river path. At the fork, turn left and then turn left onto the road. At the junction, you've reached Chipping Sodbury's high street.

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## Chipping Sodbury, Old Sodbury & Little Sodbury walk details

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Walk GPX file: Chipping Sodbury walk on outdooractive.com

**Location**: Chipping Sodbury, South Gloucestershire

Walk difficulty: Intermediate

**Time**: Approximately 3 to 3 ½ hours with regular stops

**Distance**: 7 miles (11 km)

**Ascent**: Somewhat steep

**Trail condition**: Good, but muddy in wet weather

**Accessibility**: Not suitable for pushchairs, wheelchairs or bikes

**Parking**: Streets of Chipping Sodbury (BS37 6BA)

**Facilities**: Toilets, shops and pubs in Chipping Sodbury and Old Sodbury

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