

# Miles Without Stiles

## Mickleton and the Hidcotes



After a steady climb you'll enjoy great views over the Vale of Evesham, then amble through two pretty hamlets, passing two famous gardens open to the public.

**Distance:** 6.4km/4miles  
with a climb of 135m /450ft

**Time:** 2 hours

**Start:** Mickleton (near Chipping Campden) in Church Lane off the High Street. Pubs and shops in the village. SP162/435

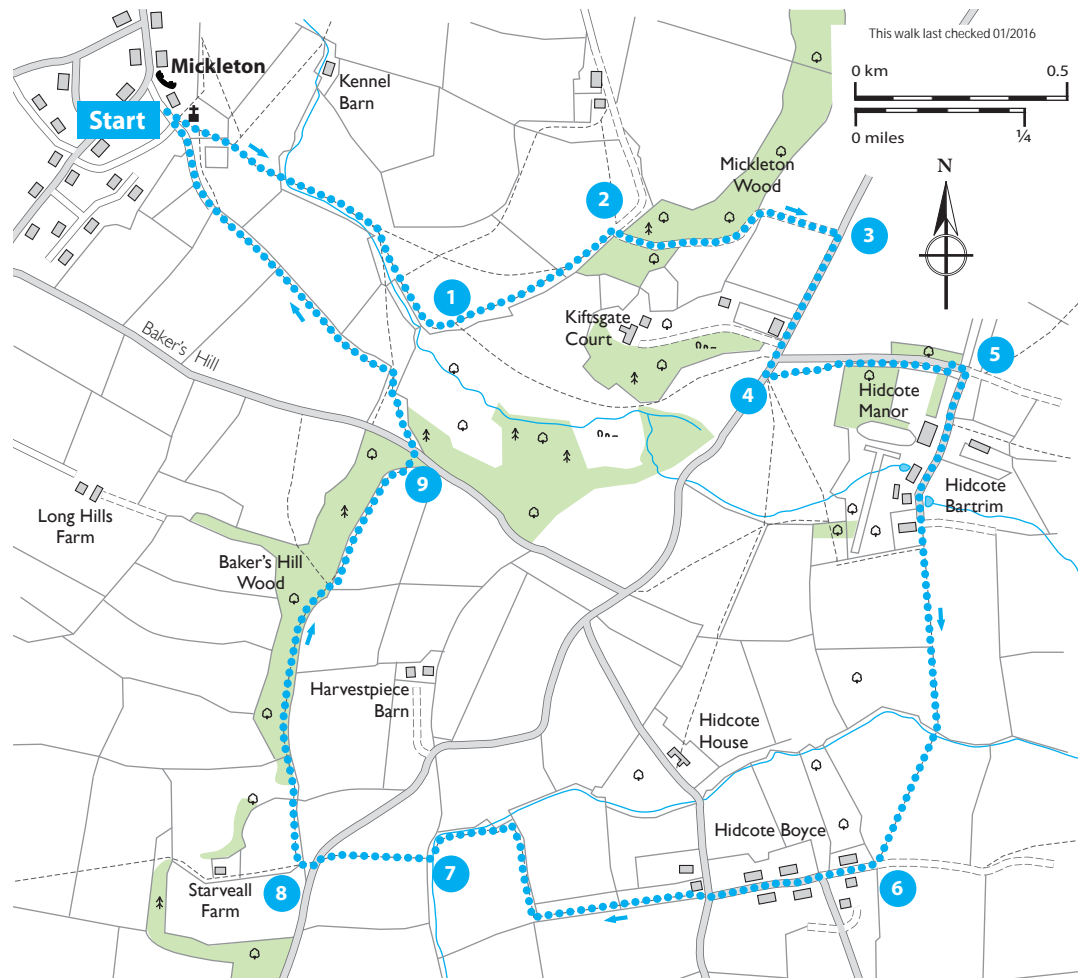
### Route:

With the church on your left, go through a double gate and take the grassy path ahead (keeping a large oak tree on your left) to another gate. Follow the wide path alongside a wood through two fields.

Where the path rises **1** and curves to the left ignore two paths off to the right and carry on below a wood to reach a metal gate, with wide views including Meon Hill. Carry on to another wide metal gate on your right **2**. Turn into the woods up a stony track, at the top turn right by a small barn to reach a road **3**.

Turn right passing Kiftsgate Gardens. Ignore the lane on the left signed Hidcote Gardens, and carry on for 25 metres. then go through a small gate on your left **4** into park land. Bear left on the grass to a gate into the woods and walk alongside the lane.

Go through a gate onto the lane **5** and turn right and quickly right again



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onto a lane that passes the Hidcote entrance and through Hidcote Bartrim. Take the path ahead past a lone tree, down to a wooden bridge and cross the field to farm buildings in Hidcote Boyce **6**.

Here turn right and take the lane past a drinking trough, a few cottages and a large sculpture. At a T junction cross the road, go through a wide gate and walk between hedges, past

a holly grove, and through another wide metal gate.

Turn right then left around the edge of the field towards a hedge and stream. Turn left again and after 25 metres turn right **7** to cross the stream on a wooden bridge. A field-edge path brings you to a minor lane **8**.

Cross to the barn ahead, where the Heart of England Way signpost points right

along the escarpment. It may be muddy in the wood, but you'll soon reach a road **9**.

Take the gate opposite and you'll see Mickleton church below. Half way down the grassy hill take the kissing gate on your left through a field, into a small wood, and out again to a field path back to the church.

