

Miles Without Stiles

Badminton



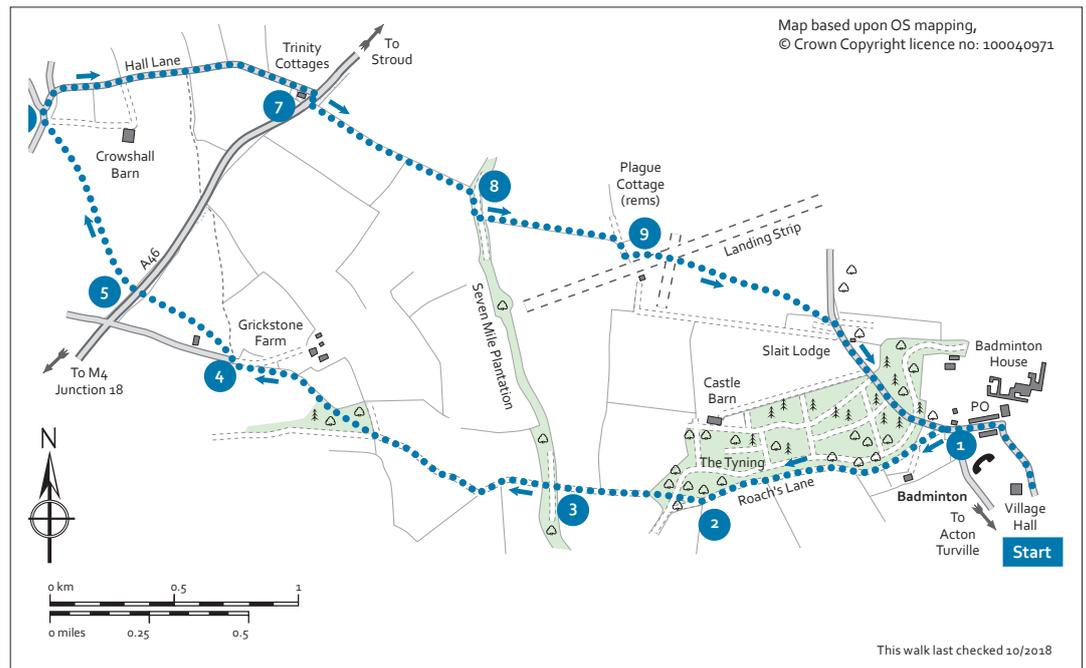
This circular walk explores the area around Badminton House, home of the famous horse trails and birthplace of the game of Badminton, developed as an alternative to indoor tennis which broke too many pictures!

Distance: 8 kilometres/
5 miles (3 hours) with ups and
downs of 102m or 335ft

Start:
Badminton Village
Hall car park. GL9 1DD
ST805/825

Route:
Turn left from the car park to the main street, and left through the village, ignoring the left turning. **1** After 40m join the bridgeway on the left and follow with woods on your right and open fields on left for approx half a mile (1km) to some large trees on left. Turn right onto a narrow track **2** through woodland, soon crossing a broad track through a belt of woodland. **3** (Seven Mile Plantation - is a permissive path) Pass through the gate ahead, with a hedge on the right and ignore the cross path. Follow the stone wall on the left with an open field on right for about one mile (1.4km) to a wooden signpost.

Go ahead and then turn right onto a track through a tree plantation. Continue passing the Grickstone on your left and into a field. Follow the edge of the field around two sides, with a stone wall on the right on the first side, and with buildings and



cottages on the second side below the bank on right. Pass the last cottage down the bank to a farm road. **4**

Cross the road to the signposted footpath and bridgeway. Follow the bridgeway passing a large farm building on the left, cross the stream and continue on to A46 in a lay-by. **5** Carefully cross to a gate opposite. Continue ahead with open fields on both sides, pass a small wood on the left, and emerge onto a lane. **6**

Turn right and after 50m turn right again following the lane for just over 1/2 mile (1km) to

the A46 again. Cross the road carefully towards a field gate and turn right onto a bridgeway for 20 metres before turning left **7**.

Follow the bridgeway with the hedge on the left to the distant woods. Veer left along the edge of the wood for a few metres and enter by a gate on the right. After approx 40 metres turn right onto a permissive path in Seven Mile Plantation. After 150 metres turn left to a gate with a bridgeway sign **8**.

Continue to the T-junction with a broad track and turn right. A

few metres on are the remains of "Plague Cottage" **9**. Ignore the gate by the cottage and go up the slope and over the private landing strip (hanger on right). Proceed in the direction of the way marks and use the map to head to the right hand corner of the landing ground towards double metal gates.

Turn right and follow the lane for approx 500m back to Badminton.