Circular Walk: Charlbury No. I (Wychwood)

TL= Turn Left

FL = Fork Left

• From the Rose & Crown pub in the centre of Charlbury

on the corner of Market Street and Church Street, turn down

BL = Bear Left

TR = Turn Right **FR** = Fork Right **BR** = Bear Right

Approximately 9 miles (14km)

Half-way through Chilson village take the bridleway right marked Shorthampton. Continue as the track becomes a road, passing a 12th century medieval church on your left, to

reach road junction.

Continue on path out of woodland and along field edges through two fields, then bearing left to houses, to pass them on your right to reach road. TR and then take lane immediately left down to Chilson.

9b TL along the Leafield road until you reach the next woodland (Sore Leap). Take footpath on right next to wood edge then shortly BR uphill on track. Take left fork track and follow this track around in

> **8**TL in this clearing and take the clearly waymarked wide avenue. Continue for about a mile straight on through the forest to the Leafield road. (Short cut directions start at point 9a see below.)

9a Short cut: At road TR. Continue along road for about a mile (1.6 km), then TL at fork, signed to Chadlington. On to Catsham Lane; TR onto bridleway at point 12.

TR andhen take bridleway immediately left passing Walcot houses to main road. TL to Charlbury, passing the railway station and continuing uphill. At the top of the hill, TR back to the Rose & Crown.



7 BR at stream crossing and follow

the track uphill to emerge on an open quarrying area. Continue straight on along track to a wide grassy area.

6 Patch Riding Track descends and climbs again as a wide grassy avenue and curves around to join a surfaced track beside a wide woodland avenue into Wychwood Forest.

After approx. ½km TR, down lane to Cornbury Park, crossing the railway and the river.

3 At North Lodge **TL**, through wooden door and follow footpath next to fence line on your right, down to fish ponds and across the dam.

At far side of dam **BR** through trees. Follow path through treelined avenue, crossing tracks to take track straight ahead by stone wall. Beyond end of wall, BL on field edge track with hedge on your right and follow down and uphill to gate. BR crossing Manor House gardens, through gap in yew hedge to stone stile. TAKE CARE, FAST ROAD.

5 TR through Finstock on the Witney/Charlbury road. Continue on passing the lay-by, until track turns off on right between houses.

11 km 1 mile

