

directions:route5

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The personal pocket foldaway maps indicate a network of safe quiet country lanes, which interconnect the market towns and surrounding villages, railway stations, as well as visitor attractions. They give families and non-frequent cyclists a clearer idea of how to get round the Cotswolds by bicycle.

There are six circular routes which are freely available at tourist information centres, libraries, village shops, as well as post offices, or from the District Council Tourism section. Small wooden directional signs will be gradually installed on signposts at every junction to navigate the routes.

This guide contains:

route 5

route 6

summary:route5

Lovely quiet and very gentle route around Cirencester, taking in the Cotswold Water Park, Kemble, and the attractive villages of Shorncote, Ewen, Tarlton, Sapperton, Frampton Mansell, Duntisbourne Abbots, and Daglingworth.

There are fine views of the agricultural landscape.

Bike Hire for this route, either at Keynes Country Park or in Cirencester:

Pedal Power

5 Ashcroft Road, Cirencester, Glos
tel: 01285 640505

Go By Cycle

Lake 31, Keynes Country Park, Shorncote, Cirencester
tel: 07970 419208

Other cycle routes for this area are included the **Cotswold Water Park Leisure Guide** - available at Keynes Country Park, Shorncote, Cirencester, tel: 01285 861459

- Starting at the Market Place in the centre of Cirencester, turn down Cricklade Street (by HSBC Bank). Go straight over at the Traffic Lights. After Watermoor Church the road swings round sharply right up towards a large roundabout. Follow the cycle path underneath the main road. As you emerge at the other side, follow the road round to the left. At the T-junction, turn right signposted to Siddington and Water Park and then straight on to Siddington. Past the Post Office on your left and just shortly after the Greyhound, take the right hand fork. Continue out the village ignoring the 1st turning on the right. The road then bends round and at a grassy triangle take the left fork down a very quiet country lane. The road descends very gradually down towards the Water Park. At the end the lane meets a busy back road to Cirencester, turn right and almost immediately left again to Shorncote along another very quiet country lane. **2**
- In Shorncote, the road bends right at the Church (still downhill) (4 miles) and at the post box continue straight on. At the end of this lane, you should be beside a large blue sign indicating the Keynes Country Park, turn left to the Water Park which has a café and shop, car parking, boat hire, angling day tickets, bike hire and toilets (4.5 miles). Turn left into the Water Park, and turn right. The main lake and millennium building should be on your left hand side. Exit left by the short stay car park. Turn right towards Somerford Keynes. Straight on past the Bakers Arms and just after the Church, take the left turning to Kemble and Ewen (6.5 miles). As you approach Ewen, take the left hand fork round the back of the Wild Duck Inn (8 miles). Turn left towards the village and rejoin the main road.

*Alternative short cut back to Cirencester (5a)

Continue straight on to Kemble, over the river Thames (past the Thames National Trail which takes you to the source of the Thames). After a short steepish climb into Kemble, bear right past the Victorian Primary School, towards Tarlton. By the village green crossroads, go straight over. Cross over the A429 (via the pedestrian crossing) to Kemble Station/Tarlton. Carry on out through the village past the Post Office & Village Shop and the Station Car park, and under the railway bridge. Cross over the A433 to Tetbury and carry on towards Tarlton. **4**

In Tarlton, follow the road through the village towards Rodmarton. Just as you leave Tarlton turn right towards Cherington by the water tower. This quiet lane gently descends and after a couple of double bends, joins another road from Rodmarton. Go right on to Frampton Mansell. This road then swings round to the right (do not go straight on towards gate), but follow the road ahead, which reveals an expanse of beautiful rolling agricultural landscape. At the next crossroads continue straight on to Frampton Mansell. Cross the A419 Stroud to Cirencester Road, over to the lovely village of Frampton Mansell (14.3 miles). **5**

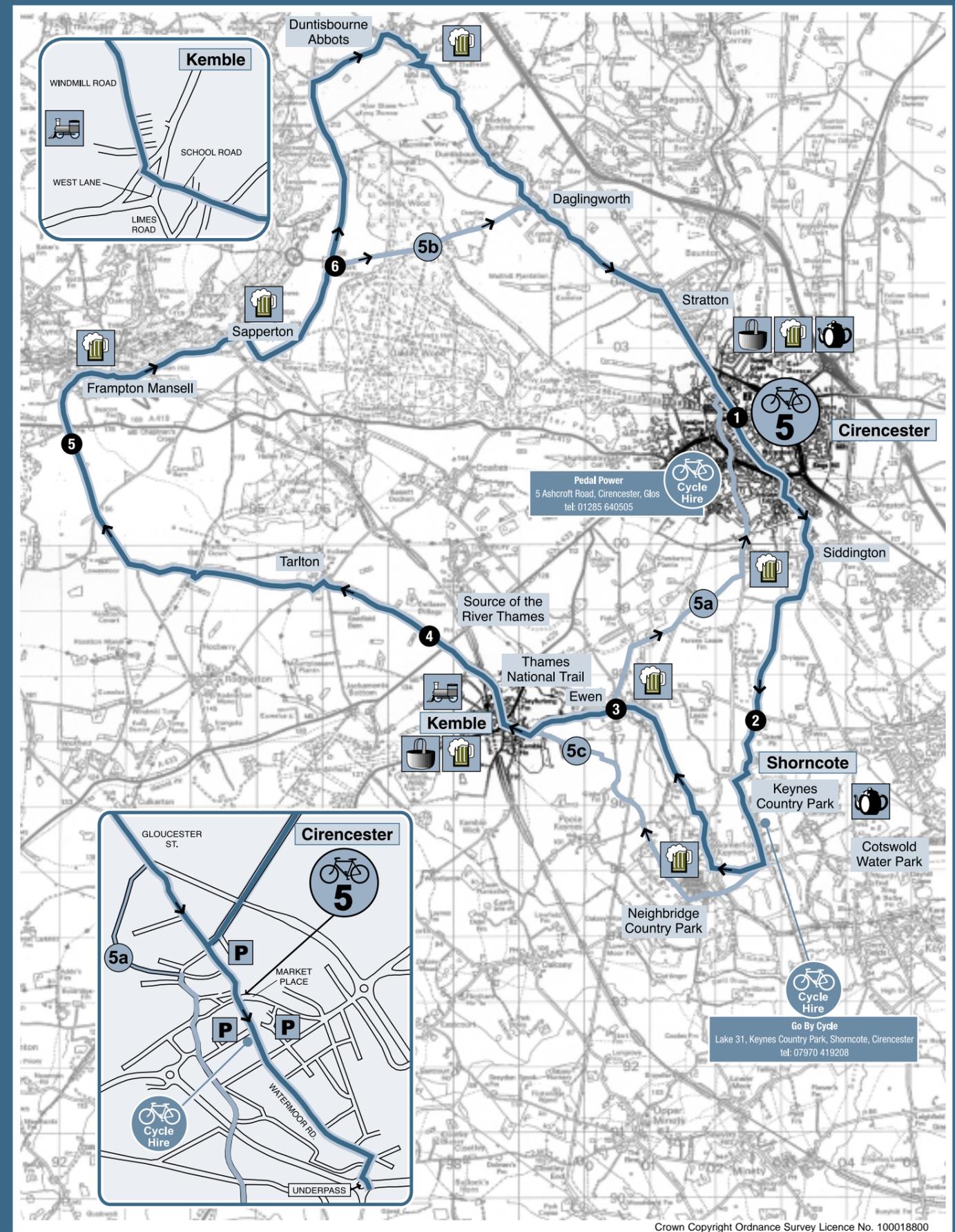
Continue straight on into the village, taking in great views down into the steeply wooded valley. Ignore the left turn which takes you steeply into the Golden Valley by the Crown Inn but continue gradually up hill towards Sapperton. As you enter the village of Sapperton, cross over into the village itself the road then bends steeply round to the right by the Church up past The Bell. At the junction by Sapperton Lodge turn left towards Daglingworth and Duntisbourne. **6**

*At Park Corner there is an alternative short cut to Cirencester via Daglingworth, (5b) which is very easy cycling.

Straight on at Park Corner Farm Buildings (19.9 miles). Turn right to Duntisbourne Abbots, at Jackbarrow Farm, which offers splendid views as you descend into the village. Carry on up into the village and bear right by the little grassy knoll, and almost immediately first right again down into the heart of the village. At Davenport House, turn right past the water trough towards the path along the Ford. Turn right at the end, go up the hill and turn left at the grassy knoll back onto the road out of the village, towards Middle Duntisbourne and Daglingworth (22 miles). Follow the road into the village of Daglingworth and at the T-junction by the telephone box and bench, turn left signposted to Stratton (23.8 miles) and follow the road through and out of the village back to Cirencester. (23.8 miles). At the junction at the top of Stratton hill, turn right and descend towards the Plough Inn, where an off road cycle path begins. Take the cycle path past the petrol station, and continue along the medieval streets of Gloucester Street and Gosditch Street back to Cirencester Market Place. (26.7 miles).

*SHORTCUTS / ALTERNATIVE ROUTES

- 5a Ewen to Cirencester (3 miles)**
Turn right by the Thatched Cottage, turn right at the next bend and follow the road along the canal to eventually meet one of the back roads to Cirencester. Turn left and then after a short while turn left again, into Somerford Road. Follow this road over the mini roundabout to a junction. Continue straight over, down hill into Cirencester. At the next mini roundabout by Waitrose turn right down Ashcroft Road. At the end walk left along Cricklade Street, back to the Market Place.
- 5b Park Corner to Daglingworth (2.5 miles)**
The road bisects the lovely woods of Cirencester Park and as you leave the shade of the trees, long distance views of Cirencester open up before you. It is a gradual descent into the village of Daglingworth and the road bends right past the village hall. (This shortcut saves approx. 4 miles).



	Starting point		Main route		Take extra care!		Teashop		Railway Station		Parking
	Orientation point		Alternative routes		Directional arrows		Public House		Shops		

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