Wiltshire
Lacock

Distance: 8.4km/5¼ miles  Time: 2½ hours  Grade: Easy

Swans on the reconstructed Wilts and Berks Canal, between Points 3 and 4.

**Chosen by...**
**Len Banister**
An exhilarating climb over parkland with views of Chippenham followed by a descent to observe the progress of a stage of the reconstruction of the Wilts & Berks Canal is followed by an almost sneaky entrance to one of the most beautiful and certainly most filmed villages in England. Fans of TV costume dramas may be more familiar with the name of Cranford than Lacock but within minutes they will see them as one and the same. Whilst the most famous backdrop Lacock supplied was for Judi Dench's group of gossiping friends on the corner of Church Street, it has also starred in Pride and Prejudice.

**Plan your walk**

**Route**
Start/parking Small lay-by, east of The Bell Inn, by telephone box, grid ref ST928681.
Is it for me? Generally good paths; one gentle climb.
Map-reading skills ideal for Points 1 and 2.
Stiles: 1+4

**Planning**

Nearest town Chippenham
Refreshments Pubs and tearooms in Lacock.
Public toilets None
Public transport Regular buses (X34) from Chippenham.
Maps Ordnance Survey Explorer 156: Landranger 173.
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Don't miss...

The abbey, which featured in the Harry Potter series of films. The cloisters and side rooms were transformed into the classrooms at Hogwarts.

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**Start**
Walk onto green and go diagonally L to track. Go L to R of house. Cross stile and go forward over field, turning R in middle up to stile. Keep climbing and after another stile, go alongside wood to vear gently L of pond towards point between wood, L and conifer plantation. Go over stile along wood edge, then into second plantation. Emerge across stile, go diagonally L across field. Go R to lane.

**1. 1.8km/1¼ miles**
Go L, then R at junction. Turn L after cattle grid. Go through woodland and near bottom of dip go L before cattle grid with hedge R. Continue through gate, then forward over two fields to gap in hedge and stile. At fence go R to continue along canal bank. Cross bridge, R.

3 4.2km/2¾ miles
Go L, continue under bridge. Cross stile at end of towpath. Keep to L field edge. Cross double-stile, keep forward with hedge R. At end go L then R through barrier up fenced path. Cross lane via two stiles, go diagonally L to road.

4 6km/3¾ miles
Go R over bridge then L. Follow walled track R of house onto surfaced cross-meadow path. Cross end of lane to stile. Keep forward to early field corner. Cross stile, then L over bridge, turning R at church. At end of Church Street, go L along West Street then L along High Street. Continue on main road, passing the abbey to return to your car.

**Route available to download and print at:**
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