Circular Walk: Wantage Route 3

Approximately 7.5 miles (12km)

TL= Turn Left **FL** = Fork Left **BL** = Bear Left

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

❶ From far end of Limborough Road with Sainsbury's on your left, take gate down steps that come out by Mill Street car park and follow along Letcombe Mews to Mill Street. **TR** along Mill Street then very soon **TL** down path running behind corn mill by stream. **TL** at footbridge onto Betjaman Lane then **TR** onto Priory Road and follow it around to Portway.

❷ Cross over road to signed metalled footpath opposite. At split in path **BR** past small allotments and continue for almost a mile. At the edge of Letcombe Regis pass through estate to the crossroads and keep straight following the road around to the church.

❸ At the crossroads by St Andrew's Church **TR**. Where the road bends sharply left, take byway straight on with village hall on your left and take grassy track straight on. Stay on path round bend to right and then continue left uphill.

❹ At track crossroads, **TL**.

❺ Continue along the track until it bends left. Here take footpath bearing right off track that runs along the bottom of bank.

❻ Cross over B4507 road to bridleway opposite.

❼ **TL** onto tarmac bridleway. When it joins road take left road fork, taking you into the village of Childrey.

❽ At the High Street T-junction **TR**, passing village pond. At road junction signpost, keep right along Church Row. **TL** at next junction and continue to the Church of St Mary.

❾ Walk through graveyard, to left of Church, to a kissing gate, then over stile. Cross field diagonally slightly left to gateway, through holding pen, then cross next field diagonally right to stile in corner.

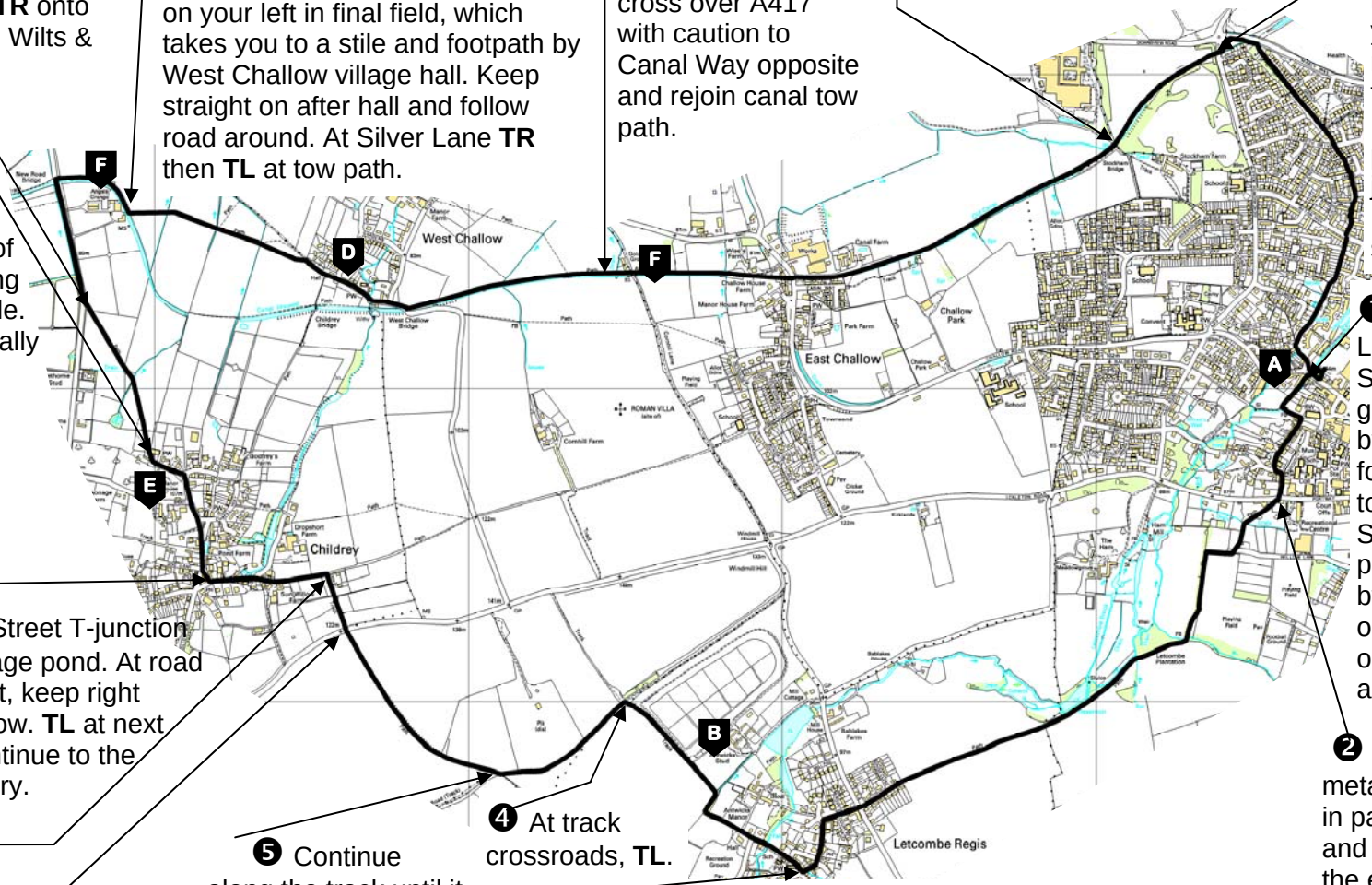
❿ **TR** onto B4001 road verge for ¼ mile. **TR** onto footpath along the Wilts & Berks Canal.

⓫ When you reach gate blocking tow path, **TR** over stile. Straight on across 4 fields, keeping field edge on your left in final field, which takes you to a stile and footpath by West Challow village hall. Keep straight on after hall and follow road around. At Silver Lane **TR** then **TL** at tow path.

⓬ Follow tow path to East Challow, cross over A417 with caution to Canal Way opposite and rejoin canal tow path.

⓭ Follow towpath, over road, into field and keep straight on along the canal to stile at end of field.

⓮ Cross road and follow pavement towards roundabout and sharply around to the right. Take second footpath on your right off the road by the roundabout road sign. This takes you through Belmont Estate. Follow the tarmac path straight on over all junctions to finally emerge on Mill Street, near to your starting point.



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