WALK 2

Time: 1.5hrs
Distance: 5.5km

From Bulrushes to Bow Wow

Tracking the route of the canal tow path, past locks and cottages, this walk takes you to South Cerney. Past Cotswold stone houses, tree lined lanes, into the bustling heart of this vibrant village, then back along the old drover’s route of Wildmoorway (pronounced Wilmer!) Lane to the Gateway Centre.

Start: Gateway Centre

Start at North East corner of Gateway Centre car park [A] turning left along tow path under Spine Road bridge. Continue along canal tow path, and after 1.5km you will reach Boxwell Spring Lock, then a crossroads of track and footpath. Turn left [B] along the farmac track leading to Bow Wow with the river Churn and the mill race on either side. At end of lane, [C] turn left past pubs and Post Office, and at crossroads turn left along main road passing the 17th Century cottages on the right. Continue along this road for 750m to [D] and go straight ahead up Wildmoorway Lane, where the road rises over a railway bridge. Follow the lane, which will soon become a track. Cross over the river Churn [E] and follow the path through the kissing gate. After 800m you will reach Wildmoorway Lower Lock [F]. Turn right towards the bridge and the Gateway Centre, passing safely under the Spine Road back to the car park.

Wildlife Watch

From left to right: Tawny Owl Chicks, Black Headed Gull, Cowslips and Noctule Bat.

Refreshments: A variety in South Cerney, including pubs & takeaways.