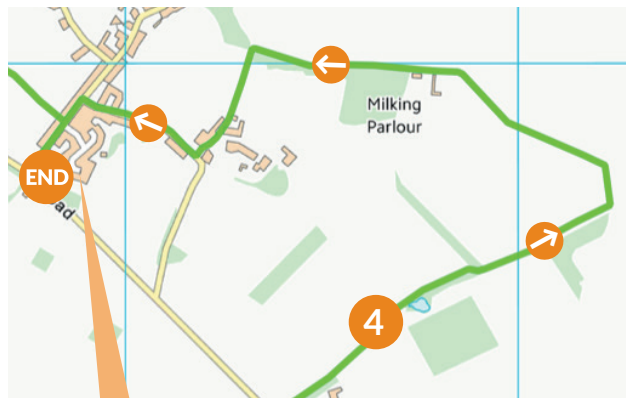


4 The path veers to the left, after which turn left onto the track. Follow the track past a mobile phone mast. Turn left with the track through farm buildings and straight on to a road. Turn right and follow the road back into the village, then turn left back to the **village hall**. ●



DID YOU KNOW?

The clock, opposite the War Memorial, was installed in 1911 to commemorate the coronation of King George V. It hangs on the front of the National School. Before its conversion to a school in 1849, it was known as the Poor House.



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12 COATES

A circular walk through the village of Coates and on to the Thames & Severn Canal, taking in the historic Sapperton Tunnel.

LENGTH 5 MILES / 8 KILOMETRES

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ADVICE Waterproof clothing is advisable depending on weather conditions. The route is relatively level on footpaths and some pavements.



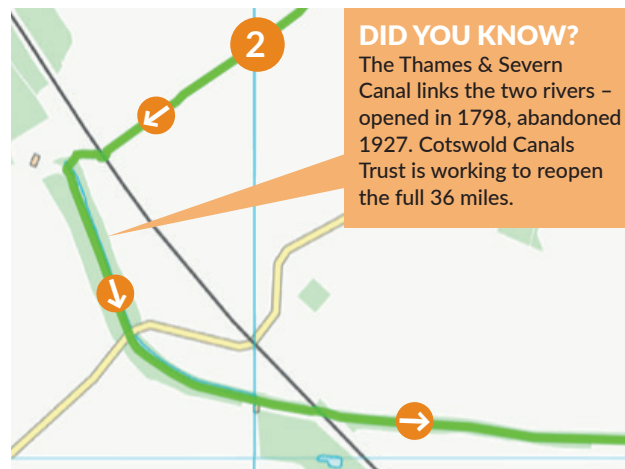
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Parking – Please park considerately. There is usually space on the road close to Coates village hall.

1 Take the path opposite the telephone box and the **National School** with its clock, into a field. Continue straight ahead, you are now on the **Palladian Way**. Pass through two further kissing gates and cross the road onto a concrete drive. This takes you past the parish church with its Perpendicular tower and Norman south door. →



2 Continue in the same direction, through a gap in the hedge, follow the boundary to the next hedge then bear right across a field, to a narrow gap in the wall. Go through this, across a field to a kissing gate and cross the **railway line** – take care on the crossing! Cross a small field and continue towards the **Tunnel House Inn**, next turn left down shallow steps onto the Monarch's Way and follow the **Thames & Severn Canal**. Note the classical-style arch at the entrance to the **Sapperton Tunnel**, built at the end of the 18th century. Follow this path, with the canal on your left, passing under a road bridge, the **Coates Round House** (on the right) and then a **railway bridge**. →



3 At the next bridge the path takes you up to a track. Turn right to take a short diversion to see the stone marking the source of the **River Thames**. You will pass over two steep step-stiles and another stile; follow the boundary on the left to the stone. Retrace your steps back and then cross the bridge and immediately turn right through a metal gate, signed **Monarch's Way**. Follow this path, crossing the road with care, and continue on the path to the left of a building, following the edge of the field. Continue in this direction following the boundary on your right through gates and gaps for about half a mile passing **Bledisloe House** (in the distance, on your left) and **Ashwell Pool** which is just visible through the trees. →

