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20 - 25 MINUTES (1 MILE)

Whether you're a local resident or a visitor, this walking guide invites you on a scenic route around the historic town of Calne, a town with a rich architectural heritage that reflects its history and culture. Along the way, you'll encounter open green spaces, heritage sites, and peaceful spots perfect for a stroll. Grab your walking shoes, pack your sense of adventure, and get ready to discover Calne.

1 Orchard Lodge, The Pippin, Calne

Your starting point will be at Churchill Living's Orchard Lodge. Show this walking guide to the Sales Executive or Lodge Manager for a free cup of tea, coffee or cold drink before or after your walk.

From Orchard Lodge head south towards Calne Pocket Park. Leaving the Pocket Park by the exit near the bridge turn right without crossing the bridge and continue along Beach Terrace to Calne Library.

2 The Head Sculpture

Outside the new Calne Library there is a three metre long 'Head' sculpture designed by sculptor Rick Kirby which was the winning entry in a millennium competition initiated by the Mayor of Calne and installed in 2000.

Cross the road towards 'The Piggy Bank' Micro Brewery and walk along Church Street past 'The Gift Box' before arriving at St. Mary's Church.

3 St Mary the Virgin Church

This beautiful Grade I Listed church dating back to the 12th century is a central landmark in Calne's Heritage Quarter. With a mainly perpendicular exterior key features include the Norman doorway, nave arcades and spectacular stained-glass windows.

Turn left into Kingsbury Street passing the Calne War Memorial in the grounds of the church and you will see the distinctive yellow Tounson Almshouses.

4 Tounson Almshouses

This terrace of Grade II listed paired almshouses were built in c1682 by Dr John Townson, vicar of Bremhill and son of Robert Townson, the Bishop of Salisbury. Originally designed to accommodate the needy widows of the parish and administered by the Church, over the second doorway from the left is a wall plaque dated 1683.

Continue along Kingsbury Street and it opens out into The Green.

5 The Green

The Green is a beautiful spot surrounded by houses in a variety of architectural styles. All the houses facing onto it are listed. The oldest are Elizabethan, some facades having been modernised in the 18th and 19th centuries by the increasingly wealthy wool merchants who lived there. This is also where Joseph Priestley, discoverer of oxygen lived for two years from 1773 to 1775 and is a lovely part of Calne to wander through.

Turn right along the top of The Green and at the end of the road turn right into Church Street in front of the popular 'Divine on the Green' Café & Wine Bar.

Continue along Church Street past a selection of charming period buildings painted in a variety of heritage colours. Turn left onto a small footpath Ivy Walk and at the end of the path turn right onto New Road where you will see Calne Heritage Centre.

6 Calne Heritage Centre

The Heritage Centre is housed in the former public library and offers a fascinating glimpse into Calne's rich history, including its Roman origins and industrial past including the C&T Harris Bacon Factory which was the prime industry for 150 years.

From here continue up New Road towards the traffic lights and road junction and cross over the road to Calne Town Hall.

7 Calne Town Hall

This striking building is a beautiful Grade II listed Franco Flemish Victorian Gothic style Town Hall and Corn Exchange which first opened in 1886.

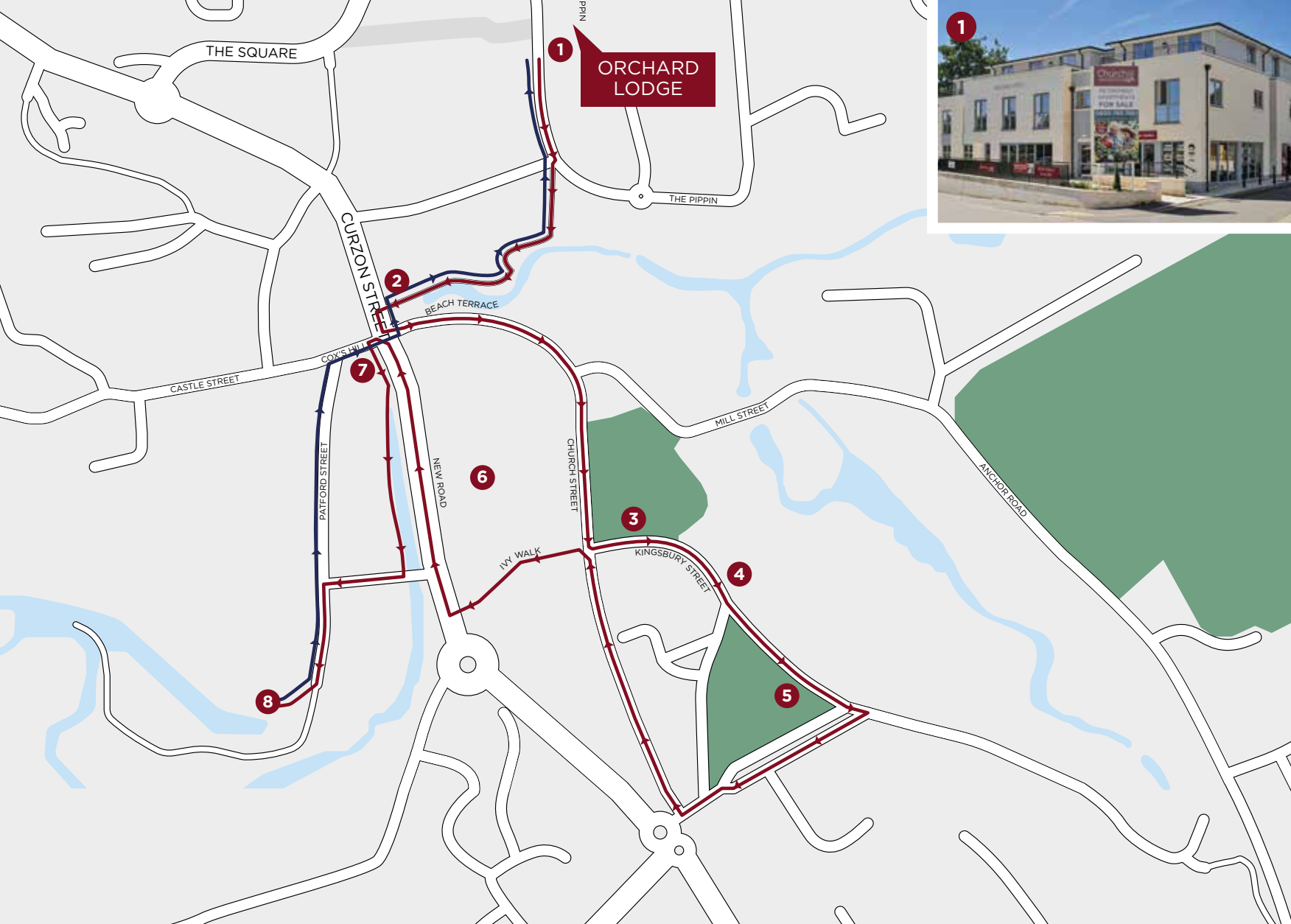
At the entrance turn left and walk alongside the path with the river on your left before turning right and passing The Marden Centre. Continue to follow the path around to the left where you will see the entrance gates to Castlefields Canal & River Park.

8 Castlefields Canal and River Park

Castlefields is the perfect place to switch off and has a selection of routes ideal for walking or cycling through woods and open countryside, beside the River Marden or along the Sustrans cycle path which was once the Calne Branch railway.

Orchard Lodge

Return to Orchard Lodge. Turn around and walk up Patford Street to the Town Hall, cross over the road at the lights and retrace your steps along Beach Terrace, through to Calne Pocket Park and Orchard Lodge.



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