

Itchen Valley churches walking tour

To find this route on the ground you will need OS Explorer 132 or Landranger 185. Directions are approximate and no indication of a safe route. You walk at your own risk, particularly on roads, which are all busy.

Church	Grid ref	Directions
HEADBOURNE WORTHY St Swithun Late Saxon c. 1030 Rood relief	487319	Left on B3047, NE under A34 overbridge to
KINGS WORTHY St Mary C13th; rest. 1849, 1864 (<i>Colson</i>) & 1884 (<i>Milne</i>)	493323	From S behind church, take Kings Way footpath E, across A33 (care) to Abbots Worthy, continuing E on the Itchen Way to
MARTYR WORTHY St Swithun c. 1140 additions: 1865 (<i>Colson</i>), 1871 & 1913 (<i>Henry Hill</i>) Ceilings C14th–1837	515328	Take the Three Castles path and Kings Way E to
ITCHEN ABBAS St John the Baptist <i>William Coles</i> 1861–3	527327	Cross the River Itchen S on Itchen Way and turn left (E) following path to (<i>See below for alternative extension.</i>)
ITCHEN STOKE St Mary <i>Henry Conybeare</i> 1865–6 'excitable' [RH] Churches Conservation Trust	559324	Turn S away from the village on Itchen Way along the river to
OVINGTON St Peter <i>Colson</i> 1866–7	561316	Take Lovington Lane W to rejoin Itchen Way, but before crossing back into Itchen Abbas carry on W into
AVINGTON St Mary 1768–71 'perfect Georgian' [RH]	533323	Turn right through village, and then take a right turn (W) through Park to join Three Castles Path through village to
EASTON St Mary c. 1170 Chancel rest. <i>Woodyer</i> 1868, 1872	499323	Continuing on the Three Castles path and subway under M3 and turn right (NW) back to Abbots Worthy on the Kings Way.

Strong walkers who start in good time can, by continuing E on the Three Castles path and Oxdrove Way from Itchen Stoke, reach St Mary, Old Alresford then St John Baptist, St Gregory (RC), Methodist church & New Farm Chapel in New Alresford (and even St Andrew, Tichborne) before rejoining this route at Ovington, going to Itchen Stoke next.