



Iron Acton

The village of Iron Acton lies approximately two miles north west of Yate and Chipping Sodbury at the junction of the B4058 Bristol to Wotton-under-Edge and B4059 Chipping Sodbury to Rudgeway roads.

The name of Iron Acton is derived from 'tun' or township timbered with 'ac' or oak where iron ore is dug. This suggests that oak woodland once characterised the locality while the suffix 'iron' is evidence of old workings for iron scoria or cinders.



Iron Acton may be described as an example of ancient ribbon development. It is a village with a very regular plan which displays a probable planned origin of the middle ages.

*In earlier centuries it comprised the two manors of Acton ligar and Iron Acton, Acton ligar now known as **Algars Manor**, situated to the south of the Iron Acton village.*



more demanding walk starts where a signpost shows a footpath on the right over a stone stile - see below).

Carry on past **Algars Mill (7)** and over the River Frome, then cross the stone stile on the left and take the path alongside the river. This is part of the Frome Valley Walkway. As you pass the dam opposite **Chill Wood (8)**, the path goes slightly away from the river and through some trees, going through two kissing gates to emerge in a field.

Head for the bridge and cross over the river, and continue to follow the river. When you enter the third field the path heads diagonally across to the far corner, where you travel up an old grassy lane between two hedges. There is a derelict barn at the top, where you bear right and then join Nibley Lane. Turning left, this lane takes you back into the village, crossing the railway again and passing Algars Drive on the left.

You will come out at the Wotton Road/High Street Junction, turn right to return to the Lamb Inn.

ADDITIONAL LONGER SECTION

Follow the path mentioned, which is part of the Frome Valley Walkway. The path gradually comes close to the river, crossing the **Dramway (9)** and then keeping close to the meandering banks until emerging onto Hovers Lane, a bridleway, near a ford.

Turn left, and after about half a mile there is a 'footpath crossroads' with paths leaving to the left and right. Take the left path, crossing the field uphill to the far right corner, where another path joins from the right. Continue Northwards across three fields until you join Frampton End Road. A left turn here will take you down to the River Frome again, where you can turn right onto the Frome Valley Walkway and join the rest of the walk.

Directions

Starting at the **Lamb Inn (1)**, turn right as you come out of the car park. Opposite is **Iron Acton C of E School (2)**. Follow the road around to the right, into the High Street.

Continue Westwards along the High Street past **St James the Less Church (3)**, the **Parish Hall (4)** and the **Rose & Crown (5)**, until you reach the junction, opposite the **White Hart (6)**.

(If you wish, a short detour here by turning right will take you onto the charming village green with its maypole.)

Turn left here into Station Road, continuing straight on where Bristol Road branches off to the right. Go over the quarry line level crossing (just past this point, a longer,



