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A Tale of Two Churches in the Cotswolds

- Start point: bridge over the River Leach in Eastleach (start grid ref: SP202052)
- Distance: approx. 4.25 miles
- Route: circular

This walk starts in the picture postcard twin villages of Eastleach Martin and Eastleach Turville, each habitation with its own medieval church stood facing each other on opposite banks of the River Leach – St Martin & St Michael's in Eastleach Martin (pictured) and St Andrew's in Eastleach Turville.

Perfect for a leisurely walk along the meandering river, along the way visitors will be moved by the idyllic Cotswolds scenery that inspired poet (and former curate at St Martin & St Michael's Church) John Keble.



Directions

1. From the bridge that crosses the river between the two churches, follow the road onto Locombe Hill and continue for 800 metres until you reach a gate on the left with a public footpath sign.
2. Take the footpath and follow it for 700 metres as it bends first to the left and then to the right.
3. At the fork, in front of the Sheephouse Plantation, turn left and continue on the path as it traces the river to your left.
4. After roughly 700m take the path that goes to the right and follow it as it climbs away from the river.
5. When you meet the lane at the top, turn left and immediately left again at the crossroads. Walk along the country lane for approx. one kilometre, before it curves to the left back toward Eastleach. At this point you can continue along the lane or take the gate on your left onto the footpath that meanders through meadows roughly parallel to the lane.
6. As you re-enter the village you'll pass the Victoria Inn – a great stopover for some well-earned refreshments!

See below for route map

