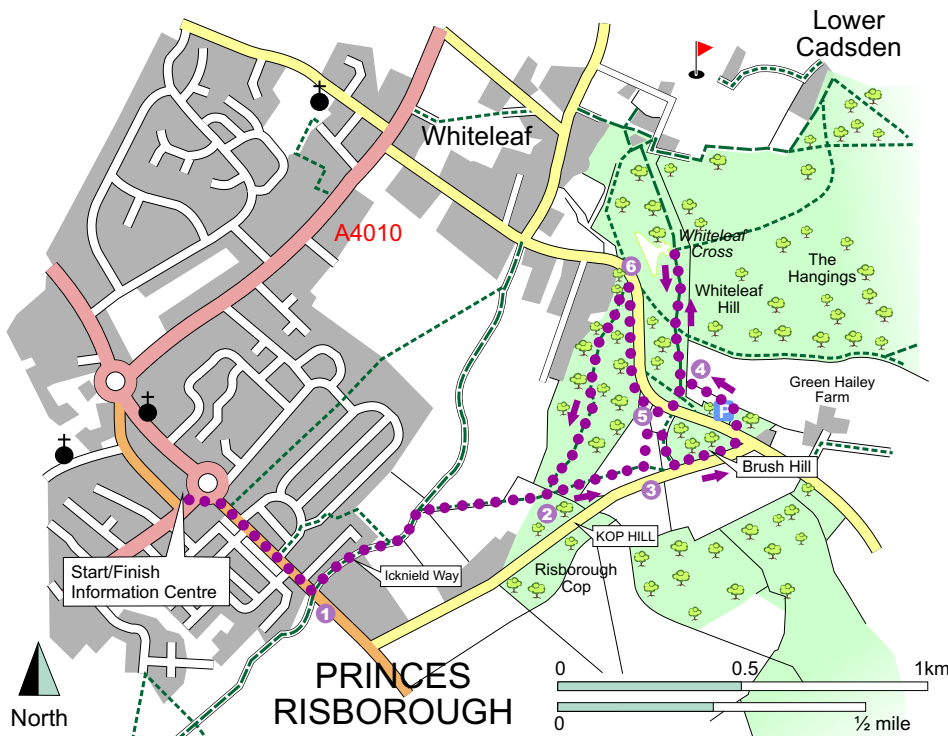


Brush Hill walk



DISTANCE: Around 3 miles

CLIMB: 180m over the length of the walk.

PARKING: At the Horns Lane Pay & Display Car Park - HP27 OAW. Tourist Information Centre is also in Horns Lane - HP27 OAN. An alternative parking place for those who do not want the climb is at the Whiteleaf Hill car park and picnic site in Peters Lane, Monks Risborough. Nearest Post Code HP27 OLQ

From the entrance to the Information Centre, go over the pedestrian crossing and turn left. At the roundabout, turn right up New Road.

1. After c400 metres, turn left to join the Ridgeway Path along Upper Icknield Way. The route follows the Ridgeway to near the top of Brush Hill. After c300 metres, turn right uphill, keeping to the right hand edge of a field.
2. Go through a hedgerow and, ignoring a path forking left, continue straight up to enter a wood. Climb the series of steps ahead to reach and go through a kissing gate. Do not climb the next steps. Instead, follow the path round to the right and then continue climbing up to the left of a fence and hedgerow.
3. Just before a gate at the top, turn left and contour round the hill to an orientation point and bench. After taking in the fine views, turn round and

take the path to the left of the bench into a wood. Go through a kissing gate and turn sharp right. Follow the path round the edge of the wood as it runs parallel to a lane. The path ends at a kissing gate and noticeboard. Go through the gate and cross the lane into the Whiteleaf Hill car park. At the far end, go past a noticeboard and into a wood.

4. After a few steps, turn right back onto the Ridgeway along a wide track. At the end, go through a gate and round to the left for wonderful views above the Whiteleaf Cross. Return towards the car park and stay on the Ridgeway down to a lane.
5. Turn right down the lane for a few paces and then left up a slope to a kissing gate. Go through and take the path straight ahead, downhill parallel to the lane. Where the path veers to

Notes about Brush Hill Local Nature Reserve

Brush Hill LNR covers 30 acres. Since its official opening in 1997 it has been managed by Wycombe District Council, with the support of Risborough Countryside Group. In 2013 it will transfer to the care of the Chiltern Society who will work with local groups and volunteers to conserve this site for the future.

It was also designated a Local Wildlife Site by the Bucks and Milton Keynes Biodiversity Partnership, in recognition of its importance as a haven for the plants and creatures that live there. Its chalk grassland, scrub and woodland habitats host a wide variety of plants and animals. Depending on when you visit, you may be lucky enough to see roe deer, nuthatches and goldcrests, chalkhill blue butterflies, orchids, violet helleborines and bluebells, among many other species. You may also come across a flock of sheep from a local farm grazing on the grassland, playing their part in ensuring that it doesn't become overrun with coarse grasses and shrubs such as hawthorn, before eventually reverting to woodland. This is particularly important because chalk grassland is far rarer than it used to be.

the left, swing round to the right and continue to descend. Look out for a path with steps on the left. Take this path and follow it through woodland, down to an entrance gate.

6. Do not go through the gate, but turn sharp left down and along a wide path. Look out for a path with steps on the right. Take it down to a kissing gate, go through and exit the Reserve. Follow the path down to join another path. This is at point 2 on the map. Turn right and retrace the route back to the Information Centre.