

Walk 6 - The Frieth Round

Distance:
about 4¾ miles (7.6 km)
- allow 2½ hours

MODERATE walk crossing three Commons each with own character and wildlife - especially Moarend where rare orchids can be seen in spring and summer. Open fields, beech woods and views over the Hambleton Valley.

Start/Finish 
Lane End Car Park



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1 From car park, return to road, cross and walk straight along Church Path. Cross common, diagonally right, and continue to right of Holy Trinity church. Pass through graveyard, pass 'Meakes' and follow track downhill over Ditchfield Common. By 'Hideaway Cottage', turn right and cross allotments to kissing gate (kg). Turn left, pass through another kg to road. Cross and turn left.

2 After 75m, turn **sharp** right along track and, beside 'King's Corner', bear right onto Moor Common. Follow path (white arrows), cross small drive and enter Moarend Common. Continue along marked path, keeping ancient bank/ditch to the left. Cross small bridge and bear right up meadow to road.

3 Cross into Moarend Wood through gate opposite. Veer left to follow path and then track and shortly pass through kg on the right. Turn left and walk up field.

4 At field top, pass through kg, turn left past barns to next kg. Cross road and stile and walk between fields into 'Hatchet Wood'. Drop down to first path junction and turn right following path soon bearing left along field boundary.

5 At fence gap, turn right and walk uphill along wide field path. Cross stile and road and follow path opposite, to bench at end.  Turn right, through gates ('The Cottage' garden is private property), to road.

6 Turn left and after 70m, take path beside 'Glendalough'. Pass through three gates into Mousalls Wood and descend to 'X' path. Turn right and follow main path, for some distance, passing 1st kg (where path bears right), to 2nd kg. 

7 Turn left, through gate, and descend to kg and road. Cross and ascend to gravel track. Turn left, then take left path (signed) through woodland to another gravel track. Continue between houses, to metalled track and turn left.

8 After 80m, turn right through metal gate and ascend to barns. Continue on, descend through 2 gates, and follow hedge-line up to next gate beside water tank. Turn right and walk straight up field to far gate.

9 Turn left, through gate into wood and, after 30m, bear right to ascend short hill. Follow obvious path bordering field on the right.  Descend to bridge, climb a shallow flight of steps and re-enter Ditchfield Common through kg. Turn left.

10 Pass 'Meakes' and retrace steps through graveyard extension to car park.