

Walk 3 - Fryers Farm

Distance:

About 3¼ miles (5.2km)
- allow 1¾ hours

MODERATE walk, to north and east of Lane End, across open farmland and through wooded valleys.

Start/Finish

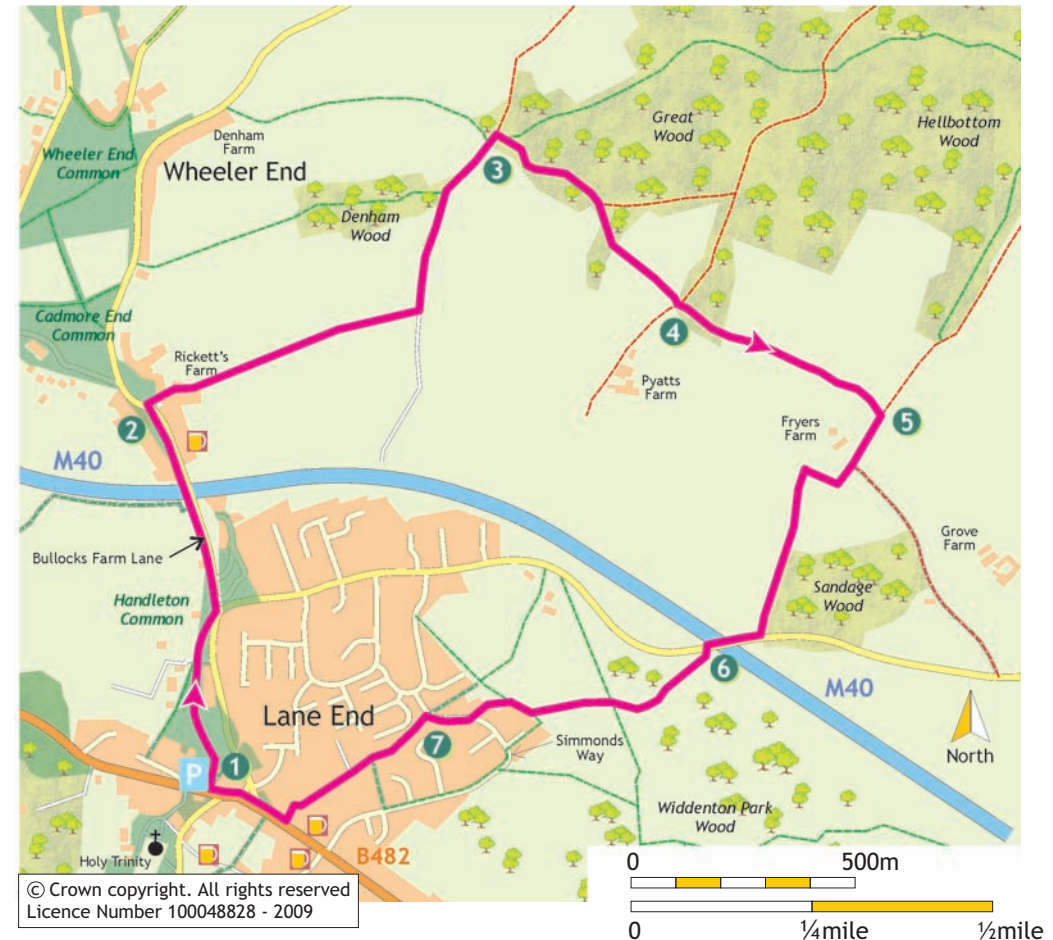
Lane End Car Park

- 1 From car park, walk straight down Handleton Common to Bullocks Farm Lane and cross. Turn left, cross over motorway to 'Chequers' pub.
- 2 After 50m, beyond red post box, turn right across stile by double gates and walk down driveway to path on your right. Cross stile and continue straight on through 'Rickett's' farmyard to reach and cross open field. Follow grassy track downhill to kissing gate (kg), descend short flight of steps and turn left into narrow wood. At path divergence, veer right (Denham Wood is on left often with bluebells in spring) and walk gently uphill before turning right, just beyond 6-bar gate on left.

- 3 Walk down sign-posted bridleway to valley floor and then climb steeply straight on into Great Wood. At hilltop, bear right, at footpath-signed post, and continue to stile. Cross and continue between electric fencing to farm track.
- 4 Cross and descend to stile. Cross and climb hill, beside hedge, to stile near field summit. Turn right to cross through hedge and turn immediately left before shortly passing through hedge again. Follow obvious track to right and, keeping hedge on your right, walk up to farm track and turn right.

- 5 Pass 'Fryers Farm' and, where track turns left, continue straight over stile into field. At fence end, turn half right to reach next stile. Cross, turn left along hedge/wood line to reach main road. Cross stile and road and turn right to cross over motorway.

- 6 At 'E.J Churchill' sign, turn left and shortly right over stile into woodland. Follow path and, at 'T' junction,



turn right to reach narrow road. Cross stile to right, and another beyond, to walk straight along obvious grassy path. Where path forks, bear right towards end of houses, passing them to the left, and continue to road.

- 7 Cross, turn right and about 80m beyond bus stop, turn left along sign-posted footpath. Follow it until finally emerging onto Lane End High Street by 'Grouse and Ale' pub. Turn right, pass 'Mill Pond', 'North's' garage and Post Office on your right before returning to car park.

