

Great Missenden Stile-Free Walk

This walk starts in the picturesque village of Great Missenden, home of the Roald Dahl Museum. It passes through mature woodlands typical of the Chilterns. The route is undulating and offers some fine views across the Misbourne Valley.

Distance: 2.5 miles (1.5 hours)

Start: Great Missenden Station (Chiltern Line trains from London Marylebone) SP893013. There is a convenient car park (free on Sundays) in Links Road. There is also parking at the station. There is a direct bus service between Great Missenden and High Wycombe except Sundays.

Access Information: Some sections of the walk can be very muddy after rain (from 3-4 and 5-6). There are a few steep sections on this walk.

Refreshments: There are a number of pubs and a cafe in Great Missenden.

From the railway station **1** follow the road across the railway bridge and turn left down the Private Road. Walk straight along this road which narrows into a stony path. Walk right to the end of the houses ignoring two public footpaths leading off to your right. Turn right up the lane **2** past the garden centre to the left and Gypsy House, the Dahl family home, on the right. Follow the lane to Angling Spring Farm.

At Angling Spring Farm follow the lane (a bridleway) to the left **3**, it narrows between ancient hedges, the end of clean boots in wet weather! Follow the bridleway as it descends through mature woodland, ignoring footpaths on the right. The bridleway turns sharp left at the bottom of the wood, where it widens (this can become a slough of mud in wet weather). The path bends right and climbs between wood banks and opens out at the end.

When you reach a smart drive on your left lined with young cherry trees, turn left following the footpath along it **4**. Fine views appear across the valley showing Missenden church set in a cluster of trees. Pass the house on the right at the end of the drive, then turn right following the wooden fence. When you reach a car park **5**, turn sharp left following the footpath through a gap in the fence and down the slope. Go through the gate and down the steep slope beside a fine laid hedge. The upward slope gets muddy after rain. At the top you arrive in the middle of large horse paddocks with fine views of the Misbourne Valley.

Follow the footpath to a wooden gate on the right and over the railway bridge **6**. Cross over the railway, then turn right through a kissing gate; the path opens out into an estate adjacent to the Misbourne School. Take the first road on the left, then turn right towards Great Missenden High Street and turn left along it.

