

Walk 6

The Lee and Lee Common

The Lee is a quintessential English village, often used as a film set. It has a 700 year old tiny church hidden behind the larger Victorian building, as well as a pub, manor house, and brick and flint cottages grouped around the village green. This short and gentle walk takes you along quiet lanes, bridleways, and across a large Common with beautiful views of the surrounding countryside.

Distance: 1½ miles (allow 1 hour)

Start: Park around The Lee village green, avoiding driveways, or in the Cock and Rabbit pub car park with the landlord's permission. (Note that there are two villages close by, Lee Common, and Lee Clump, not to be confused with The Lee).

Access Information: Mainly level. The bridleway from ① to ② on the map can be muddy in winter.

Refreshments: The Cock and Rabbit pub by the village green at The Lee.

Route:

From the Cock and Rabbit pub, turn right along a straight tree lined road signposted to Great Missenden (ignoring the unsurfaced road opposite the pub garden). Follow the road where it bends first right and then left to meet a road junction. ① Turn left opposite here along a bridleway, the first part of which can be muddy in winter. On meeting a crossing track and bridleway ② cross over and continue along the footpath with a wood on your left to reach a large gate. ③

Go through the gap to the left of the gate and then immediately right through a kissing gate which opens into a large meadow (Lee Common). Turn right and then head half left uphill across the Common (avoiding the entrance to the

wood on your right) to arrive at a kissing gate at the top by the side of a cottage.

Follow the path at the side of the cottage then cross over a narrow track (Cherry Tree Lane), and continue in the same direction past allotments to reach the road in Lee Common village. ④

Turn left along the road and, on reaching a school, turn left along the track which goes down one side of it. At the end of the track ⑤ go through a gate and turn right along the top of the meadow past the rear of the school (following power lines) and above an isolated cottage in the valley on your left. When you reach the road, ⑥ turn left to go past the cricket club on your left and Home Farm right, to reach the village green and pub.

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