

Summary: Difficulty: MODERATE, Distance: 13.0miles, Ascent: 291m

Overview

Walk in a generally southerly direction, passing through villages, fields and woodland. The route passes churches at Sarratt and Chalfont St Giles and near the Chiltern Open Air Museum and Chenies Manor.

TERRAIN: Moderate with two hills and some stiles.

START: Hemel Hempstead Railway Station **FINISH:** Chalfont St Giles, High Street

FOOD AND DRINK: Bovingdon: The Bell; Flaunden: Bricklayers Arms, The Green Dragon; Sarratt: Cock Inn; Chenies: Red Lion; Chorleywood: The Land of Liberty, Peace & Plenty; Chalfont St Giles: Various

COMPLETING THIS STAGE: Buses run hourly between Hemel Station and Chalfont St. Giles, London Road.

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For more detailed information on this stage and on the Chiltern Way we recommend the "Chiltern Way including the Berkshire Loop" book by Nick Moon available from the [Chiltern Society](#).

Route Description

1: Hemel Station

Coordinates: OSGB TL04300595 LatLon 51.7426,-.4907

Bear left down to the road and cross at the pedestrian crossing. Turn left and continue under three bridges (railway and dual carriageway).

Immediately after the third bridge, cross the road to join the Chiltern Way. Turn left to join a footpath running along the base of the A41 embankment. When you come to the end of a rough lane on the right and a subway under the road to the left, bear half-right uphill. Follow the footpath into trees where you swing a little further right. Continue climbing in the same direction to a road.

Turn left along the road then at a 'National Speed Limit' sign fork right on a lane. After the lane emerges from trees bear left on a footpath heading for a gap in the trees. Continue through 2 kissing gates to Longcroft Lane.

2: Longcroft Lane

Coordinates: OSGB TL03670483 LatLon 51.7327,-.5001

Turn right on the lane. When the road bends left continue straight on through a kissing gate. Head to a gap in the hedge. At the gap, bear half-right, heading towards trees on your right.

Continue with trees/hedge on the right, to a gate. At the gate, aim for top left corner of the field, continuing on a fenced path into Bovingdon. Turn right on Chipperfield Road for 50m.

3: Bovington

Coordinates: OSGB TL01880340 LatLon 51.7201,-.5265

Turn left across the grass onto Austins Mead, following it away from Chipperfield Road. Continue in the same direction onto a footpath where the Mead road turns right.

Follow the footpath across fields and, after the thirds gate, continue along a hedge on your left. Then, when the hedge stops, bear half-right across the field to hedge on the right. Continue to Flaunden Lane

Turn right on the lane, leaving it on a footpath left after 200m. Turn left when you come to a T junction of paths at the end of Dons Wood. Follow the path to Holly Hedges Lane.

4: Holly Hedges Lane

Coordinates: OSGB TL02280173 LatLon 51.7050,-.5212

Turn right on the lane leaving it on the first footpath right into Lower Plantation. Follow the main path (it can be muddy), to a road junction where you go straight on towards Flaunden.

5: Flaunden

Coordinates: OSGB TL01800093 LatLon 51.6980,-.5284

Turn left on a footpath before you reach the village. Follow it to a road, where you turn right then left on another footpath. When you reach another road, turn left then right at a brick and flint wall.

Follow the footpath along a fence on your right to a gate then continue to concrete road. Follow the concrete road past Rosehall Wood, then on a left-hand bend, turn right over a stile. Continue diagonally across a large field, through 2 gates and continue in the waymarked direction to a road.

6: Moor Lane

Coordinates: OSGB TQ03659974 LatLon 51.6869,-.5019

Cross the road and continue in the same direction on straight paths at first across fields, then through trees. After crossing another lane, the footpath runs along a drive for a stretch, leaving it when it bears left and heading out across an open field towards Sarratt Church.

7: Sarratt Church

Coordinates: OSGB TQ03849843 LatLon 51.6751,-.4995

Before you get to the church, turn sharp right along a hedge. Take the next footpath left, heading downhill. At the bottom of the hill continue in the same direction, through a gate and across the River Chess, then on a broad path across the valley bottom.

Head directly uphill through woods. After half a mile, the path bears right and crosses a field before passing back through trees and along a hedge to Latimer road at the edge of Chenies. Turn right then, after 200m, left on a footpath across fields to another road where you turn left to the Amersham Road.

8: Chenies

Coordinates: OSGB TQ01699793 LatLon 51.6710,-.5308

Cross straight over and continue on the bridleway opposite for a little over a mile, passing under the railway and through a wood. When you meet a road near Newhouse Farm, bear left on it past houses and continue straight across at the first road junction onto Chalfont Lane.

9: Chorleywood

Coordinates: OSGB TQ01839561 LatLon 51.6501,-.5294

Turn right at Shire Lane, continuing on Old Shire Lane when the main street bends left. The lane becomes an unmade road then a descending bridleway.

10: Waypoint 10

Coordinates: OSGB TQ01189426 LatLon 51.6381,-.5392

Here there are two fenced entrances on the right into the wood. Take the left-hand one, follow the path for 250m and continue on it as it bends left uphill to emerge at the edge of a field. Continue keeping close to bushes and trees on your right to the drive to Newland Manor/Chiltern Open Air museum. Turn right to Gorelands Lane.

Cross the road and take the footpath opposite past a metal barrier and continue on this wide path to Chesham Lane.

11: Chesham Lane

Coordinates: OSGB TQ00199343 LatLon 51.6308,-.5538

Go straight across and after the second kissing gate take the left fork.

Bear right when you reach the houses and follow the footpath to the A413 Amersham Road. Continue on the footpath opposite, heading for the church.

Keep straight on past the church and emerge under an arch in the High Street, Chalfont St Giles.

12: Chalfont St Giles

Coordinates: OSGB SU99049351 LatLon 51.6317,-.5704

We hope you have had a good walk. We are committed to making the Chiltern Way as enjoyable as possible, so if you feel we could improve the directions or came across any path problems, please contact us directly by e-mail: office@chilternsociety.org.uk.

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