

**Summary:** Difficulty: MODERATE, Distance: 7.6 miles, Ascent: 233m

## Overview

Chiltern Way from Whitchurch Hill to Woodcote via Goring. This stage was originally signed as an "Extension" so don't worry if you see signs saying "Chiltern Way Extension".

**TERRAIN:** Easy walking in open country and woods. **START:** Whitchurch Hill Recreation Ground, Goring Heath Road

**FINISH:** Woodcote, Tidmore Lane

**FOOD AND DRINK:** The Sun Inn at Whitchurch Hill, the Red Lion in Woodcote, and detour to pubs, cafes in Goring

**COMPLETING THIS STAGE:** Local bus routes through Woodcote and Goring and trains to Goring.

**PARKING:** Free parking at Woodcote recreation ground (200 yards to Tidmore Lane), also at Whitchurch Hill Recreation Ground. Goring Station car park (pay and display).

Visit [Chiltern Way](#) for information and news. You can view a detailed map on [OS Maps](#) and follow this stage on the app. The next stage is [7 - Woodcote to Ewelme](#).

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](#) (Tel: 01494 771250).

## Route Description

### 1: Whitchurch Hill

**Coordinates:** OSGB SU63817875 LatLon 51.5041,-1.0820

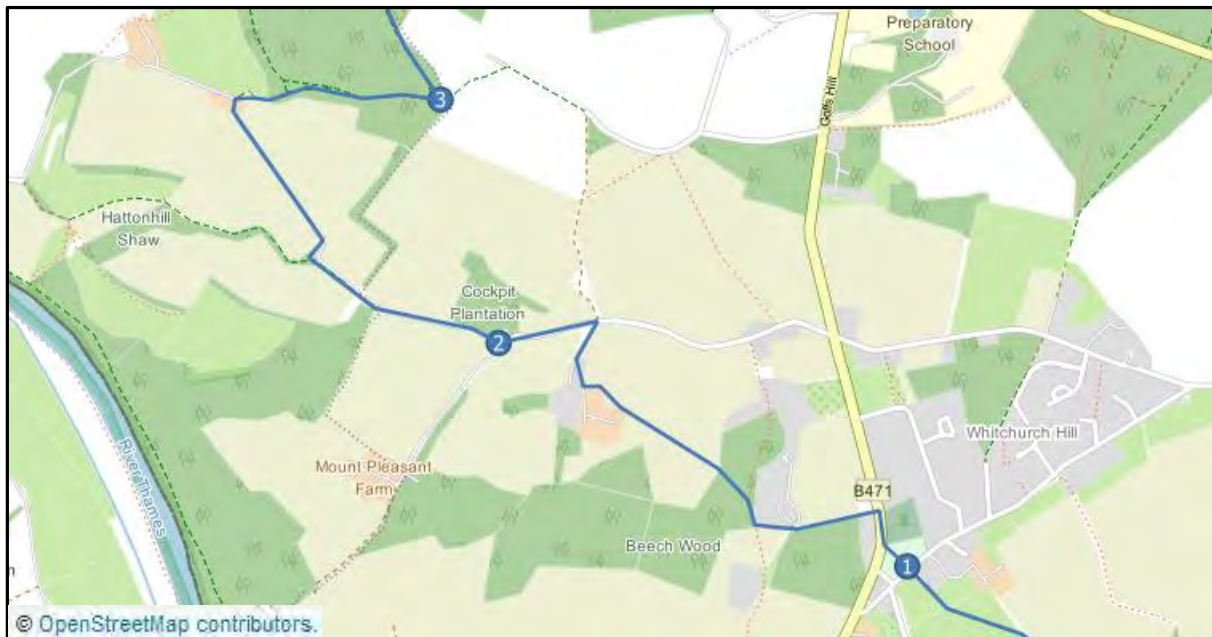
Cross the Whitchurch Hill recreation area to a hedge gap and turn right on the B471, passing St John's Church, and then turn left by the Goring Heath Parish Hall onto a cement-paved track. After passing the gates to Beech Farm and then Laundry Cottage go through an iron kissing gate to the right which opens into a path through a wooded area. Pass a gate on the right and continue to reach a gate into a pasture. Take the diagonal path across this field, through another gate and field to a gate in a hedge on the right. Keep the left side of the next small pasture to reach some buildings at Coombe End Farm. Take the curving farm track to the right until it joins a paved road. Turn left on this road for 300m to a fork.

### 2: Waypoint 2

**Coordinates:** OSGB SU62747931 LatLon 51.5093,-1.0972

Take the right fork and continue along the road, with open views to the left across the Thames Valley and the Berkshire hills beyond. Where the road takes a right turn go straight ahead on to a sunken bridle path downhill for about 200m until it meets a track from the right. Turn right here and follow this track back to the road and turn left. Continue for about 500m along this private road with open views to the left until reaching a large barn ahead. Leave the road to take a sharp turn to the right along a fenced path with woods on the left. After 500m look out for a gate on the left.

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## 3: Great Chalk Wood

**Coordinates:** OSGB SU62597993 LatLon 51.5149,-1.0994

Go through the gate to the left into Great Chalk Wood. Follow the path steadily downhill through the wood until, at the bottom of this slope fork left and, shortly after, right. Continue through the wood, ignoring a left fork and crossing tracks until you reaching a gate. Go through this and another into a large field. Follow the path along the right edge of this field as it slopes up, passing a small gate in the hedge on the right after the path levels out, then pass through a hedge gap at the corner into another field. From here views of the Thames Valley continue to the left, with glimpses of the River itself.

## 4: Waypoint 4

**Coordinates:** OSGB SU60748057 LatLon 51.5208,-1.1259

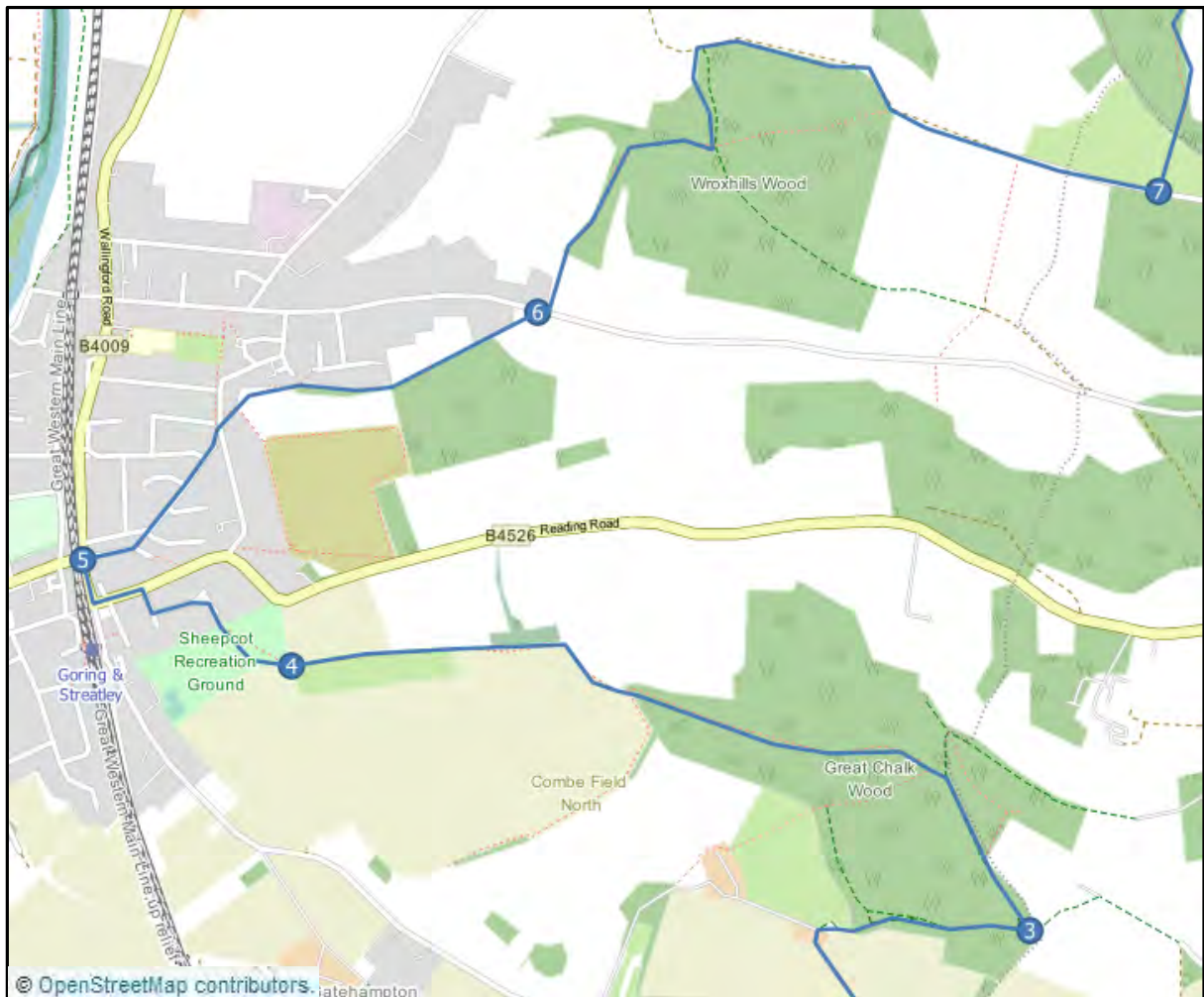
At the end of this field go through a hedge gap on the right and cross a large recreation area with football pitches to a gate in the hedge on the other side. Here, join a residential street which bears left and then right to a junction with Reading Road, B4526. Turn left and then right on Gatehampton Road with the railway line to the left.

## 5: Goring

**Coordinates:** OSGB SU60218083 LatLon 51.5232,-1.1334

Turn right opposite the end of the railway bridge along a residential road to a fork. Fork left turn on a fenced path between houses. Go straight ahead on Lockstile Way and follow this road to the end. Here the footway continues. Almost immediately fork right, cross a track and continue straight on into a narrow path with a wooden fence behind houses on the left and a steep wooded bank on the right. This path leads into a small open parking area with a gate ahead into a meadow. Cross the left side of this meadow and go through a gate and along another fenced path, ignoring a gate and a left fork, to reach Battle Road.

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## 6: Battle Road

**Coordinates:** OSGB SU61348146 LatLon 51.5288,-1.1171

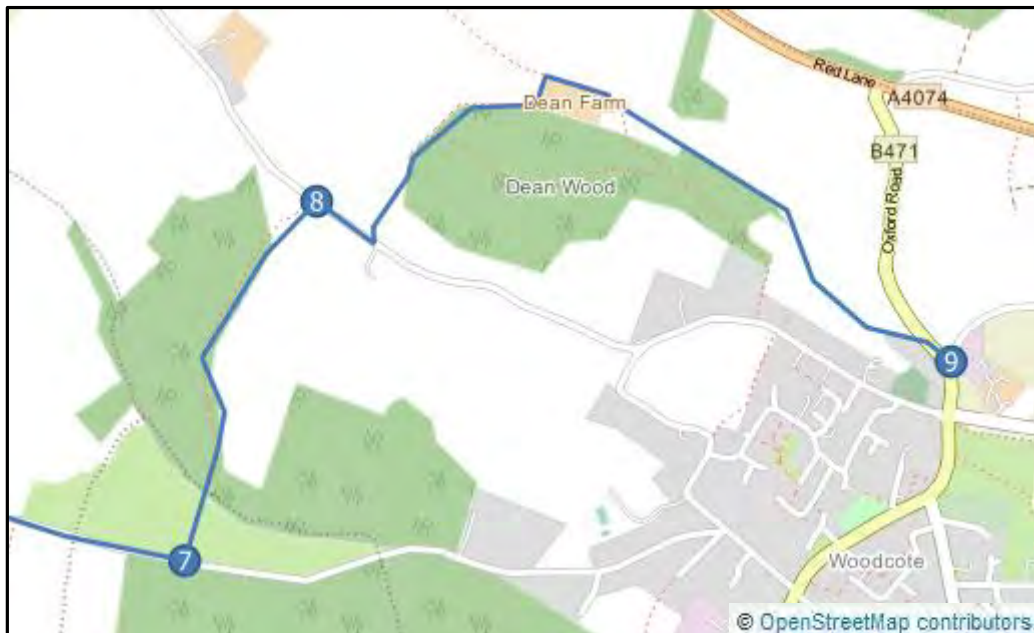
Turn right on the road here and then almost immediately left on to a path with open views to the left until after about 500m it turns right and uphill in woods to reach a crossing track. Here turn left, follow this track to a T-junction and turn right on a rough track. From here there are open views to the north over the fields on the left and with woods to the right. Continue along this track until, after about 800m it changes to a paved road known as Beech Lane and passes the entrance to Beech Farm House. Continue for 400m.

## 7: Beech Lane

**Coordinates:** OSGB SU62888178 LatLon 51.5315,-1.0948

Take a wide track to the left between fields following a fence on the left and steadily downhill. At the end of the field, where the track turns right, take the footpath straight ahead into woods. After a short downhill section this path starts to slope steadily upwards to cross a track and then down to a gate into a field and then a gate at South Stoke Road.

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## 8: South Stoke Road

**Coordinates:** OSGB SU63158252 LatLon 51.5381,-1.0909

Turn right here and follow the road for about 200m to a wide hedge opening. Take the farm track to the left and into a large cropped field with views to the north and west of open countryside and Didcott Power Station. Keep to the right edge of this field, close to woods on the right, as it slopes downhill, ignoring two paths to the right that lead into the woods. At the bottom of the slope a hedge gap at the corner of the field opens to a hedged path. Turn right here with a black painted barn ahead. Pass to the left of this barn and cross the left edge of a gravel drive in front of a large house. A narrow path leads beside a wooden coach house and then to a tarmac drive. Follow this drive steadily uphill for 700m, with woods on both sides until it joins the B471. Turn right on this road, towards Woodcote, passing some cottages, to reach the start of Tidmore Lane 100m on the left. The next stage of the Chiltern Way continues along Tidmore Lane

## 9: Woodcote

**Coordinates:** OSGB SU64468221 LatLon 51.5352,-1.0720

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