

**Summary:** Difficulty: MODERATE, Distance: 8.6 miles, Ascent: 192m

## Overview

Chiltern Way from Woodcote to Ewelme. 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:** Woodcote, Tidmore Lane **FINISH:** Ewelme, Cow Common

**FOOD AND DRINK:** The Blue Tin café at Garsons Farm, the William IVth pub at Hailey, and the Shepherds Hut pub in Ewelme.

**COMPLETING THIS STAGE:** Local bus routes along the A4074 and along the A4130.

**PARKING:** Free parking at Woodcote recreation ground (200m to Tidmore Lane), also at the King William IV pub, and street parking in Ewelme

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 [8 - Ewelme to Stokenchurch](#).

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: Woodcote

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

From the B471 just north of Woodcote Village go along Tidmore Lane as far as a driveway on the left. Turn left, via a side gate, onto the driveway. At a gate into the garden of the house at Massey's Pightle, footpath continues along the left side of the garden past the house and to a gate. After this gate the footpath passes Field Cottage on the right and enters a fenced section before reaching the busy A4074.

### 2: A4074

**Coordinates:** OSGB SU64598269 LatLon 51.5394,-1.0700

Cross this road and go over a stile onto a fenced path, then over another stile onto a narrow lane. Turn left here and after about 100m take the footpath on the right at a gate. Follow this track to the end of the field on its left to where the footpath leads to the left by a vehicle gate and enters a wooded section. The path slopes up and then down to reach a gate leaving the woods and across fields to a narrow road. Turn right along this road for about 400m to gates on the left and a cattle grid.

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## 3: Bottom Farm

**Coordinates:** OSGB SU64628364 LatLon 51.5480,-1.0694

Turn left on the footpath. Cross a mowed grass area, with a pond to the left. You reach a hedge and then a fenced path to the right and a gate into a field. The path then climbs across the sloping hillside to a gate and some steps upwards. At the top of these steps turn left on the crossing path and continue uphill until a track is reached. Take this track to the right with woods on both sides for about 500m to Garsons Lane and turn right for a short distance.

## 4: Garsons Lane

**Coordinates:** OSGB SU65148439 LatLon 51.5547,-1.0618

Turn left onto the track leading to The Blue Tin farm shop and café. The footpath leaves this track to the left side, before the Blue Tin parking area, and enters woods. Bear right here for about 100m until a waymark post indicates a sharp turn to the left. Continue downhill, ignoring a fork to the right, until at the end of the woods a gate opens into a pasture sloping downhill to a hedge and a gate into a field. Keep to the right edge of the field and then turn left following the bottom hedge for about 100m to a narrow gap on the right opening to a short and very steep bank down to a road. (In slippery conditions a preferred route might be to go down to the road at the corner before the hedge).

## 5: Waypoint 5

**Coordinates:** OSGB SU64808500 LatLon 51.5602,-1.0666

Turn left on the road and almost immediately take the path ahead where the road bends right. This fenced path is soon hedged on both sides and has numerous badger holes to be avoided before reaching a gate on the right that leads into a field. Keep to the right in this field sloping down to a narrow road. Turn right and after a short distance at a house take the track on the left along the edge of a field that leads gently uphill for about 700m to reach a track with a new white house on the left. Turn left on this track sloping down to the King William IVth pub.

## 6: Hailey

**Coordinates:** OSGB SU64248583 LatLon 51.5677,-1.0745

Continue past the pub for a short distance and take a driveway on the right past houses, which becomes a rough track leading up to Poors Farm. Passing the farm buildings the path crosses two fields before entering a wood, sloping up and then down to a gravel track at Woodhouse Farm. Turn left along this track to a T-junction with a narrow road.



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## 7: Forest Row

**Coordinates:** OSGB SU63598721

LatLon 51.5802,-1.0836

Turn right on this road. Continue along the road, crossing the Ridgeway, for almost a mile. After passing the entrance to Blenheim Farm and some houses turn right at a cross-roads. Follow this narrow road for about 500m until, after passing a house called Blenheim Oaks on the right, a gate on the left with steps down opens to a fenced path with woods on the left and a field on the right that leads to some steps up to a gate and the busy A4130.

## 8: A4130

**Coordinates:** OSGB SU64538865

LatLon 51.5931,-1.0698

Cross this road and go through a gate onto a footpath through woods. Pass through a gate into a meadow and then another gate to a fenced path with woods on the right and fields on the left. Pleasant views to the left are in dramatic contrast with the collection of derelict vehicles behind the fence on the right. Go across the Old Henley Road at end of this path and then right on to a rough track that diverges left from the road and leads up to Potters Farm. Turn left before the farmhouse and admire the pig figures at the roadside before reaching the main farm buildings and farmyard. This is the point at which the Chiltern Way meets the Original route, as indicated by the three-way sign. The combined path continues half-left from the end of the farmyard.



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## 9: Chiltern Way

**Coordinates:** OSGB SU65458993

LatLon 51.6045,-1.0563

Follow the Chiltern Way path along a section thickly hedged on both sides and parallel to a track known as Potters Lane visible beyond the hedge on the left. The hedges eventually become lower with extensive views to the left across the Oxfordshire Plain with Didcott Power Station and ahead to the north of typical Oxfordshire Farmland. The path slopes gently downhill along the edge of a cropped field, coming to a paved track for about 50m. The track enters a road, Clark's Lane. Turn right along this road for 50m and then take the path to the left, clearly marked as Chiltern Way, across a grassy meadow. Continue past a metal gate to the right to a kissing gate that leads into a road, Days Lane. Turn right, downhill on this road for 50m until a clearly marked path to the right enters a large meadow, Cow Common. This path slopes downhill with a view ahead of attractive houses and gardens in Ewelme Village, and leads to a gate entering a sports field and then a road with a car parking area to the right.

## 10: Ewelme - Cow Common

**Coordinates:** OSGB SU64759120

LatLon 51.6160,-1.0661

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 leave a review or contact us directly by e-mail:

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