

## Saunderton via Wheeler End Circular

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These directions provide a circular walk from Saunderton via Wheeler End and are to be used in conjunction with the printed book "Time Out Country Walks near London – Volume 2".

Use the short Saunderton via West Wycombe walk directions to [8], followed by these directions to then pick up the same walk directions again at [10].

**Start and finish:** Saunderton station

**Length:** 16km (9.9 miles).

**Time:** 5 hours. For the whole outing, including trains, sights and meals, allow at least 8 hours 30 minutes.

**Transport and Maps:** Details in the Time Out Country Walks book – Volume 2

**Toughness:** 4 out of 10

**Walk Notes:** To Do: Mention noisy M40 as approaching Wheeler End. Advise winter walk, so not outside dining. Chilterns well way-marked. In woods follow white painted arrows.

**Walk Options:**

**c) Longer walk:** For a longer 22.7 km (14.1 miles) walk use the Saunderton via West Wycombe walk directions up to [8], followed by these directions to then pick up the Saunderton via West Wycombe walk directions at [10].

**Saturday Walkers' Club** Take the train nearest to **9.45am** (before or after) from **Marylebone** Station to **Saunderton**.

### 3b Alternative walk directions for a Saunderton Circular walk via Wheeler End.

#### WALK DIRECTIONS

[1] [~~Numbers refer to the map.~~]

Use the Saunderton via West Wycombe short walk directions until [8] and then follow the directions below. (For a longer 22.7km route follow the Saunderton via West Wycombe main walk directions until [8].)

*Turn left, down the lane, your direction south. After 30 metres the lane forks. Follow the lane round to the right passing the driveway entrance of **West Wycombe Caves** on your right after 90 metres. Continue down the lane (West Wycombe Hill Road) and after 200 metres at the T-junction with the main Oxford Road, cross over and turn right along the grass verge.*

*In 200 metres, turn left up Toweridge Lane, your direction 170 degrees. After 450 metres the lane enters a wood and in further 250 metres follow the lane round to the right (ignoring a track ahead), your direction 250 degrees.*

*In 220 metres the lane reduces to a car wide shingle track along the right hand side of a field. In 80 metres (the track having levelled out) you pass by an HV pylon on your left-hand side as the track starts to gradually descend. In 160 metres just as you enter a wood, ignore a footpath off to your right and continue down the car wide track through the wood, your direction 230 degrees. In 150 metres ignore an unmarked car wide track forking up off to your right. In a further 100 metres where the car wide track starts to go round and down to the left, fork right (initially) up a footpath (marked by a post), your direction 240 degrees.*

*In 140 metres the footpath continues gradually down alongside the wood edge with an open space down to your left, your direction 290 degrees. After 150 metres the open space down to your left ends. In 120 metres go over a car wide track (which goes up to field off to your right) to continue along a well-defined footpath, your direction 240 degrees. After 350 metres veer right up a car wide track to reach a T-junction after 20 metres. Turn left to emerge from the wood to go down a wooded car wide track (bridleway) acting as a field boundary, your direction 220 degrees.*

*After 160 metres where the car wide track swings to the right into a wood, fork left. (Continuing in the same direction; marked by a path post.)*

*In 250 metres turn right over a stile to go up across a field, your direction 260 degrees. After 500 metres at the far side of the field follow a car wide track*

*through Rickett's Farm passing by a large corrugated metal barn on your right hand side. Just past the barn cross over a stile, to go along a fenced in footpath (between gardens) for 35 metres, to continue along a house driveway to then go over a stile (to the right of some driveway gates) after 30 metres. Turn left to reach **The Chequers** on your left-hand side after 50 metres.*

*Coming out of The Chequers turn right along the lane. In 130 metres where a lane forks off to the left at the corner of Wheeler End Common, go down across an open space passing to the right of a wooden bench, aiming for a wooden electricity pylon pole 80 metres distant, your direction 330 degrees.*

*At the pylon pole veer right down through shrubland, your direction 10 degrees. After 120 metres at a clearing at the bottom, go straight over a cross paths up through woodland, your direction 340 degrees.*

*In 200 metres you emerge from the woodland to reach a green with a wooden bench between two saplings. (Off to your left is the alternate pub, Bricklayers Arms.)*

*Turn half right aiming for a wooden electricity pylon pole (which is just to the right of a white painted house with a red bricked house on its left hand side) 240 metres distant, your direction 40 degrees.*

*At the pylon pole go along a lane (Piddington Lane) immediately passing the white painted house on your left-hand side, your initial direction 50 degrees. In 140 metres you pass by Wheeler Cottages on your left-hand side. Immediately beyond these cottages turn right over a stile and then turn left along a fenced in footpath to cross another stile into a field, to go along its left-hand side, your direction 40 degrees. In 250 metres turn left through a kissing gate frame and turn right down the lane for 10 metres to turn left over a squeeze stile and turn right down the right hand side of a field. After 150 metres cross over a stile to come back out onto the lane (by the entrance to Warwick Lodge on your left-hand side).*

*Turn right up a car wide track (sign-posted public footpath), your direction 120 degrees. After 100 metres cross a stile (to the right of a metal fieldgate) to go along the left-hand side of a small field. In 50 metres go through a wooden fieldgate into a field to go along its upper right hand side. In 80 metres at its upper right hand corner, go over a stile and turn left down the left-hand edge of this field.*

*In 50 metres at the left-hand field corner go through a metal kissing-gate into a wood to follow a well defined footpath down through the wood. In 250 metres at the edge of the wood turn left through a*

*wooden gate* to go down across a field aiming for a metal fieldgate at the bottom (to the left of the garden fence of a house), your direction 350 degrees.

After 160 metres cross over a stile to the right of the metal fieldgate and *turn right along the old Oxford Road*. In 90 metres *turn left* along a slip road for 25 metres to cross the Oxford Road, and go up a bridleway between hedgerows, your direction north.

After 300 metres at the corner of a wood, continue in the same direction on a wide track up the left-hand side of the wood. In 450 metres at the corner of the wood, continue (initially) up the right hand side of a field, your direction 10 degrees. After 250 metres *the car wide track leads down to the corner of a wood, to reach a car wide T-junction* marked by a path post. *Turn right* down a car wide track along the edge of the wood, your direction 60 degrees.

In 200 metres the car wide track emerges from the wood to descend between hedgerows. After 450 metres cross a main road to go through a squeeze stile (to the right of a mini pylon pole) and veer right across a field aiming for the corner fencing of an adjacent field. After 40 metres cross over a small concrete bridge to reach the corner fencing to go up alongside the edge of the fencing.

In 120 metres you pass under some HV cables and go through a squeeze stile to cross a road and a stile to go down across a field, your direction 40 degrees. In 130 metres go through a squeeze stile to cross a lane and a stile to go up a footpath between hedgerows, your direction 50 degrees.

In 180 metres go through a wooden gate into Butlers Hanging Nature Reserve to go up a well-defined footpath. In 200 metres you leave the Nature reserve through a wooden gate to enter a wood and follow a footpath up through the wood.

In 130 metres at the top of the climb, you reach a clearing to cross over a car wide track to continue along what is now a car wide track, your direction 80 degrees.

In 150 metres *at a cross paths* (marked by a painted cross on a tree on your left-hand side and also on a footpath post ahead), *turn left along a car wide track*, your direction north. After 500 metres go through a wooden kissing gate. Continue on a slightly narrower track, with a field to your left, and woods on your right. In 200 metres you reach the entrance to Nobles Farm on your left.

You now follow the Saunderton via West Wycombe walk directions from [10].

## **Lunch and Tea places:**

**The Chequers** *Wheeler End, HP14 3NH (01494 883070)* Serves lunch, - check times. Located 8.7 km from the start of the walk, this is the suggested lunch stop.

**The Brickmakers' Arms** *Wheeler End, HP14 3ND (01494 881256)* Serves lunch ? - check times. Located 9.2 km from the start of the walk, this is an alternative lunch stop.

**The Golden Cross** *Wycombe Road, Saunderton, HP14 4HU (01494 565974)*. Open all day. This is the tea stop.