

## Chesham circular Walk Directions

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These directions provide a circular Chesham walk. To be used in conjunction with the Chesham to Great Missenden walk described in Time Out Country Walks near London – Volume 2 (CW2).

**Start and finish:** Chesham station  
**Length:** 11.8km (7.3 miles).

**Time:** 3 hours 40 minutes. For the whole outing, including trains, sights and meals, allow at least 7 hours.

**Transport:** The Metropolitan Line underground runs to Chesham, via Chalfont and Latimer; journey time of 51 minutes from Baker Street. If travelling by underground to Baker Street, purchasing a Travelcard Zones 1-9 (which will cover your complete days travel) may be the best option.

**OS Landranger Map:** 165

**OS Explorer Map:** 181

**Chiltern Society Map:** 8.

Chesham, map reference SP 961016, is in **Buckinghamshire**, 17km south east of Aylesbury.

**Toughness:** 3 out of 10

### Walk options:

**i) Alternative ending via Lowndes Park.** You may vary the end of the walk and finish via Lowndes Park.

**Saturday Walkers' Club:** Take the Metropolitan underground train nearest to **10.20 am** (before or after) from Baker Street underground station to Chesham changing at Chalfont and Latimer.

## 4b Alternative walk directions for a Chesham Circular walk.

### WALK DIRECTIONS

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

Use the Chesham to Great Missenden walk directions until [4] and then follow the directions below.

Go across a car wide earth track and through another metal-chained squeeze gate to go up a field, your direction 10 degrees. In 150 metres at the top of the field go through a metal squeeze gate and veer right through a wooded area for 50 metres to then go up the right hand side of a field, your direction 10 degrees. After 160 metres go over a lane and cross a stile to continue along the right hand side of the next field.

In 80 metres at the right hand corner of the field go over a stile into a field to cross it diagonally, your direction 50 degrees. In 120 metres cross over a stile to the left of a metal fieldgate, to go down the left-hand side of the next field. After 180 metres at the lower left hand corner of the field, cross a stile and continue down the left hand side of the next field, your direction 60 degrees.

In 220 metres at the bottom left hand corner of the field go over a stile to cross a lane, to go up a fenced in footpath on the right hand side of a field (with a wooded area on your right hand side). After 70 metres go up some steps and after 20 metres cross over a stile to go up the left-hand edge of the next field, which subsequently narrows at its top.

In 150 metres *at the top left hand corner of the field turn left over a stile* to go along a fenced in car wide

footpath, your direction 330 degrees. In 80 metres the path swings to the right and after 10 metres cross over a stile into a field to along its left-hand side, your direction 40 degrees.

After 200 metres *with a school on your left-hand side, veer right* aiming for a stile in the far right hand corner of the field, your direction 70 degrees. In 150 metres go over the stile to come out to a road with the **Bell Inn** directly opposite.

*From the main entrance of the pub turn right. After 100 metres turn right along a footpath* (on the left side of Chartridge Mission Church), initially down a car wide track. In 120 metres the track narrows and goes down through a wooded field boundary, after 130 metres at a dip continue up for 60 metres, and curve to the right along the upper (fenced in) left-hand edge of a field, your direction 80 degrees.

In 200 metres you go under two sets of mini pylon cables to descend into a field and go down its right hand side. After 220 metres at the bottom right hand corner of the field cross over into the next field to continue down across it into a valley aiming for the corner of a wooded field boundary jutting into this field up on the far side, your direction 40 degrees.

In 270 metres at the corner of the adjacent field wooded boundary, continue in the same direction up the left-hand edge of the field with the tree line on your left. After 140 metres *at the top left hand corner of the field go through a metal kissing gate* to the left of a metal fieldgate *and turn right*

*along the wide grass verge of a road. In 80 metres turn left* (marked by a footpath signpost) along a car wide concrete track (to the left side of Widmore Farm buildings) to reach a green kissing gate to the right of a metal fieldgate after 50 metres. Go along the concrete track (which joins a field on your left after 40 metres), your direction 50 degrees.

In 200 metres at the right hand corner of the field continue down into a wood, your direction 80 degrees. After 220 metres (and about 50 metres from the bottom of the wood) *turn right* (marked by a white painted cross arrows on a tree), to continue down through the wood, to then merge with the path along the bottom of the wood, your direction 130 degrees. **[!]**After 150 metres *turn left* along an unmarked footpath to emerge from the wood after 30 metres and *go straight up across a field*, your direction 60 degrees. In 150 metres *at the top of the field turn right* to go along the upper left hand edge of the field, your direction 130 degrees.

You now follow this footpath in a southerly direction, which after 800 metres leads into a wood before coming out after 1km to a road, which you follow down into Chesham.

In more detail: In 400 metres you go under two adjacent runs of mini pylon cables at the dip in the field. After a further 400 metres at the far upper left-hand corner of the field follow a footpath up into a wood, your initial direction south. Keep on this path with fields and subsequently the road into Chesham visible through the trees on your left-hand side. In 200 metres ignore a stile off to your left (into a field) to continue ahead. After 180

metres ignore a wooden gate to your left (which leads to a wooded field boundary) to continue ahead, your direction 170 degrees. In 100 metres you reach a path junction with a path forking down to the right.

[If you wish to finish the walk by going via Lowndes Park rather than down the (pavemented) road into Chesham refer to the directions at the end of this main walk text under Alternative ending via Lowndes Park.]

Otherwise, ignore the path forking down to the right to keep on the high path ahead with fields in view on your left, your direction 130 degrees. After 300 metres veer left up a car wide track, your direction 80 degrees. In 120 metres ignore a path off up to your left (leading to a road), to continue down through a wood, your direction 190 degrees. In 180 metres go through a gate built into the left side of a metal fieldgate, to come out onto the road leading down into Chesham. (Cross over to join the pavement on the left-hand side.)

In 1 km you pass Townsend Road on your left-hand side. After a further 100 metres (and immediately past the entrance to Albany Gate on your left-hand side) turn left through a metal cycle blocking barrier to go down an enclosed tarmac footpath. In 140 metres you come out to a roundabout. Cross the road to your right via the pedestrian light crossing and turn left for 20 metres to then turn right along the pedestrianised High Street. After 120 metres you reach the recommended tea stop **La Parisienne** on your right hand side. After a further 70 metres you pass by the war memorial and in 40 metres turn left up Station Road. After 80 metres at a T-

junction at the top turn right for Chesham station.

## **Walk options**

### **i) Alternative ending via Lowndes Park.**

Take this right fork which leads down through the wood and then down across a field to a road. Turn left and in 180 metres cross a stile on the right to climb quite steeply up a field and then follow an enclosed footpath out to another road. Here turn left and keep to the main road for 280 metres as it bends right and then left. Turn right at a footpath sign and in 60 metres cross a stile on the left to continue for 1.5km in a south-easterly direction all the way back into Chesham, initially through fields, alongside woods, and later through Lowndes Park, where you can get a fine view of the town from the Mound, a little to the left of the main path. Descend past a skate park to the pond you passed at the start of the walk and retrace your steps to the station.

## **Lunch and Tea places:**

**The Bell Inn** *Chartridge, HP5 2TF (01494 782878)* Serves lunch, 12 noon – 2pm Tue - Sun. (Closed on Mondays.) Located 6 km from the start of the walk.

**The Drawingroom** *Francis Yard, High Street, Chesham HP5 1BG. (01494 791691)*

**Café Flame** *106 High Street, Chesham HP5 1EB.*

**Rumbles Pantry** *6-8 Church Street, Chesham HP5 1HT. (01494 793380)*

**Sorellas Café** *114 High Street, Chesham HP5 1EB. (01494 792564)*