

# 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.

ii) **Alternative route via The Lee.** You may vary the route using the CW2 Walk 4 directions to [6] going via The Lee to then use these alternative directions for a 16.1km(10 mile) walk.

**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

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 gap and veer right through a wooded area for 50 metres to then go along a fenced-in footpath along 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 cross into the next field and turn right through a metal gate into a field to cross it diagonally, your direction 50 degrees. In 120 metres go through a metal gate (left of a metal fieldgate), to go down the fenced-in 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 through a metal kissing-gate 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 go through a metal gate 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 through a metal kissing-gate* 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 go through a metal kissing-gate 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 through a metal kissing-gate 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.

#### **ii) From The Lee to Chartridge.**

Use CW2 Walk 4 directions from The Cock and Rabbit PH, The Lee until [6].

In 40 metres go over a stile and continue along the now fenced in footpath gently downhill. In 100 metres go over a stile and continue in the same direction along the left-hand edge of a field bordered by a hedgerow.

After 150 metres, at the left corner of the field, go through a wooden kissing-gate to *enter a wood*, to go along its left-hand edge.

*After 220 metres on reaching a footpath junction with a white arrow to the left and right on a tree ahead, turn right, your direction south-east. In 150 metres ignore a left-hand turn, and in a further 60 metres you emerge from the wood into the corner of a field to go along its left-hand side, your direction south-east. In 160 metres at the left-hand corner of the field go over a stile to continue in the same direction. In 60 metres cross over a stile to continue (in the same direction) passing by some farm buildings.*

*After 120 metres at a T-junction with a lane, turn left. In 80 metres turn right to cross a stile (right of a wooden fieldgate), to go along the right-hand side of a field, your direction 120 degrees.*

In 90 metres go through a wooden kissing-gate to enter Grove Wood to continue in the same direction. In 320 metres you emerge from Grove Wood to cross a lane to then go through a metal kissing-gate to go along the left-

hand side of a field, your direction 110 degrees. After 100 metres go through a metal kissing-gate (left of a metal fieldgate) to continue in the same direction across a field. In 150 metres go through a metal kissing-gate to enter a wood, to go gradually downhill, your initial direction south-east.

*In 750 metres at a cross paths* (marked by a white painted arrow on a tree and also by a footpath post), *turn left uphill*, your direction 80 degrees. After 90 metres the footpath is now bordered by a wire fence on the right-hand side.

In 40 metres go over a stile to emerge from the wood and in a further 30 metres into the corner of a field, to continue along its right-hand side, your direction 70 degrees.

**[!]** After 80 metres, *turn right* to cross a stile followed by another after 10 metres to go along the left-hand side of a narrow field. In 120 metres cross Capps Lane bridleway (flanked by two stiles) to go along the left-hand side of the next field. After 200 metres at the left-hand corner of this field go over a stile into the following field to continue along its left-hand side.

In 130 metres at the left-hand field corner by a footpath junction go through a fieldgate gap into the next field to continue along its left-hand side bordered by a hedgerow. After 80 metres where the hedgerow gives out, cross over into the next field and veer left towards a metal gate, your direction 100 degrees.

In 110 metres go through the metal gate to go along the left-hand side of a sports field and after 140 metres *at the corner of the sports field exit to*

*come out to a road and turn left.*

*In 40 metres, turn right* initially along a tarmac footpath alongside a road leading to Chartridge School. After 70 metres continue along an enclosed footpath, (left of Chartridge School grounds). In 100 metres go through a metal kissing-gate to go along the left-hand side of a field. After 80 metres *at the corner of the field, turn left* through a metal kissing-gate to come out to a road directly opposite The Bell PH.

You now follow the main 4b directions from the asterisk [\*] in the text above.

### **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)