

# Great Missenden circular Walk Directions

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These directions provide a circular Great Missenden walk. To be used in conjunction with the Great Missenden to Amersham walk in Time Out Country Walks near London volume 1 (CW 1) (reproduced in this document), and the Chesham to Great Missenden walk described in Country Walks near London – Volume 2 (CW 2).

**Start and finish:** Great Missenden station

**Length:** 16km (10 miles).

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

**Transport:** Trains run between London Marylebone and Great Missenden twice an hour. (Hourly on Sundays.) Journey time is 45 minutes.

**OS Landranger Map:** 165

**OS Explorer Map:** 181

Great Missenden, map reference SP 893013, is in **Buckinghamshire**, 15km south east of Aylesbury.

**Toughness:** 3 out of 10

**Walk options:** You may combine these directions with the Chesham circular walk directions (4b) for a 12km (7.5 mile) Great Missenden to Chesham walk. Use the Great Missenden to Amersham (CW 1) walk directions until [3], then these directions (4c) then the Chesham circular walk directions (4b).

**Saturday Walkers' Club:** Take the train nearest to **9.50 am** (before or after) from Marylebone.

## 4c Alternative walk directions for a Great Missenden Circular walk.

### WALK DIRECTIONS

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

Use the Great Missenden to Amersham book 1 walk directions (reproduced below), until [3] and then follow the directions below.

With Rowan Farm (actually a bungalow) opposite, *turn left along the lane*, your direction 30 degrees. After 400 metres at a T-junction with Chesham Road, cross over to go over a stile into a field, and continue ahead aiming for a stile in the fence on the far side, your direction 350 degrees. In 100 metres go over the stile into the next field. Veer slightly left aiming for the left-hand corner of the field. After 220 metres, cross over a stile (to the right of a metal fieldgate) to go up the right hand side of the next field, your direction 330 degrees. After 160 metres cross over a stile in the right hand corner of the field to go along a fenced in footpath, your direction north. After 150 metres *turn right along a lane*, your direction 80 degrees.

*In 100 metres turn left* to go through a wooden gate to the left of a wooden fieldgate to go along a fenced in footpath *through a lightly wooded area*, your direction 20 degrees. *After 80 metres at the edge of a wood* (marked by a wooden footpath post on your right-hand side). *Turn right* along a footpath *along the right hand side of the wood*, your direction 80 degrees.

*After 250 metres* at the right hand corner of the wood, follow the footpath out of the wood through a kissing gate (left of a metal fieldgate) and *continue in the same direction along a car wide track across a field*, your direction east. After 150 metres the car wide track joins a fence on your left-hand side. After 140 metres go through a wooden kissing gate to the right of a metal fieldgate into the next field to continue along its left-hand side.

After 200 metres at the left-hand field corner go through a wooden gate to *turn left along a lane*. In 180 metres you pass by the entrance to Redding's Farm on your left. After a further 30 metres *turn right to enter a wood, through a metal-chained squeezegate* marked by a metal public footpath signpost, your initial direction 30 degrees. Continue down through the wood. In 200 metres *leave the wood via another metal-chained squeezegate*.

**Great Missenden circular walk:** You now use the Chesham to Great Missenden walk directions from [4].

**Great Missenden to Chesham walk:** You now use the 4b Chesham circular walk directions.

### Book 1 Great Missenden directions to [3]

[1] [**Numbers in square brackets refer to the map in the book**] Coming off the train, cross the footbridge and *leaving Great Missenden Station building, turn left*, your direction 20 degrees. *At the T-junction, turn right downhill*, your direction 50 degrees.

In 60 metres, *at the next T-junction go left*, your direction 320 degrees (to the right is the High Street).

In 25 metres, *turn right onto Walnut Close*, your direction 50 degrees. In 60 metres, at the end of this, take the tarmac path going to the left of the double garage of house number 18.

In 20 metres ignore a footpath to the left and a car park to the right to keep straight on, initially with a green metal fence to your left. In a further 100 metres, *pass through a metal kissing gate and turn right*, your direction 160 degrees.

In 40 metres go through a metal kissing gate to the right of a wooden fieldgate. *Cross the road and continue straight on*, on a tarmac path down the left-hand side of an green space, signposted South Bucks Way, your direction 160 degrees.

In 300 metres you emerge onto a road, with a residential cul-du-sac to your right. Keep straight on, and in 70 metres *you come out into an oval-shaped green* [2].

*Turn right to follow the edge of the green* for 40 metres *until you are in front of a brick and flint house* on its far side (bearing 160 degrees from the point you entered the oval-shaped green). *Pass to the right of this house* up a tarmac lane signposted South Bucks Way (Church Lane, though the signpost is not that visible. The first house on the left is Pound Cottage).

Follow this lane as it climbs uphill. In 200 metres, ignore the South Bucks Way footpath off down the right, to continue on a bridge over the A413 to the **Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul** (see **History**)

If you want to visit the church, its entrance is on its left-hand side, but otherwise *pass to the right of the church*. 30 metres up its right-hand side, look out for a rusted kissing gate in the fence to the right (it may be hidden by foliage in summer).

*Turn right through this kissing gate, and then turn left uphill*, ignoring a faint path straight ahead if you can see one. *Aim to the right of a clump of three large trees 80 metres ahead, and towards an electricity pylon high on the ridge in the far distance* (again, this

may be less visible in summer), your direction 80 degrees.

In 450 metres, at the top of the field, go over a stile (a nice view backwards here), across a car-wide track, and over another stile to continue in roughly the same direction as before (now 100 degrees) across an open field, heading to the right of the nearest pylon ahead.

In 250 metres, go over a stile to continue with a hedge on your left-hand side, your direction 130 degrees. In 250 metres, pass under electricity pylons and in 300 metres, at the far end of the field, cross another stile to continue straight on, now with the hedge on your right.

In 160 metres, go over another stile to continue along the field edge, with a house visible ahead. In 100 metres, before you get to this house, turn right over a stile, and carry on down the path, with a garage shed on your right hand side. In 50 metres, *you emerge onto a road opposite Rowen Farm, and turn right*, your direction 200 degrees [3].