

Saunderton to Princes Risborough

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

Use the Morning route directions, then a section of the CW2 book walk 2 directions, followed by the Afternoon route directions.

Start: Saunderton station

Finish: Princes Risborough station

Length: 13km (8.1 miles).

Time: 4 hours. For the whole outing, including trains, sights and meals, allow at least 7 hours 30 minutes.

Transport: Trains go from London Marylebone to Saunderton journey time 39 minutes.

Princes Risborough is one stop down the line from Saunderton, so buy a day return to Princes Risborough.

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

Toughness: 3 out of 10

Walk Notes: This makes for a fairly short Chilterns walk, taking in a 3.5km section of CW2, walk 2 (Saunderton via Bledlow).

Walk Options

Morning section only walk: For a 20.3 km (12.6 miles) walk use the Morning route walk directions and then the CW2 walk 2 directions for the remainder of the walk.

Afternoon section only walk: For a short 10 km (6.2 miles) walk use the CW2 walk 2 directions until lunch and then use the Afternoon route walk directions to Princes Risborough.

Saturday Walkers' Club If stopping for lunch at The Whip Inn, Lacey Green set off from Saunderton station no earlier than 11.15am. Otherwise if stopping at The Lions, Bledlow suggest setting off from Saunderton station at around 10:30am.

2b Alternative walk directions for a Saunderton to Princes Risborough walk

WALK DIRECTIONS

Morning route from Saunderton via Lacey Green

Exit Saunderton station down the approach road and *turn left under the railway bridge*, to then cross the main road with care to go along Smalldean Lane. In 150 metres immediately after passing by a service road on your right (leading to an office block), *veer right across a small grass area towards a wooden gate*.

Go through the wooden gate into a field, to follow a permissive path along its left-hand side bordered by a hedgerow.

In 300 metres you pass by a double metal fieldgate on your left, to continue ahead along the left-hand side of the field. In 500 metres *at the far left-hand corner of the field* (with farm buildings ahead), *follow the field edge round to the right*. In 100 metres, *turn sharp left* along a car wide track, your initial direction 10 degrees, to follow the footpath through a farmyard. In 120 metres you *come out to a lane and turn left*.

After 90 metres, turn right and in a further 15 metres, go through a gap into a field to go up across it, your direction 290 degrees. In 70 metres follow the footpath up and round to the right, with a wooded field edge boundary on your right-hand side. After 160 metres at the right-hand field corner, go through a car wide gap to continue up the right-hand edge of the next field.

In 320 metres at the right-hand corner of the field, go over a stile (left of a metal fieldgate) into the corner of the next field, to continue up its right-hand side. After 200 metres at its upper right-hand corner, (ignore a stile into a small wood on your left), go up a fenced in car wide track. In 35 metres cross over a stile, to go through a wooded area for 40 metres, to emerge into the upper corner of a field to continue along its right-hand wooded border, your direction 10 degrees. In 220 metres at the right-hand field corner, continue up a car wide track for 30 metres to go over a stile (right of a metal fieldgate), into the corner of a field to go along its upper right-hand side, your direction 10 degrees.

In 40 metres ignore a fork off to the right to

continue along the upper right-hand side of the field. In 270 metres at the field corner, cross over a metal stile (left of a metal fieldgate), to turn right up Lower Road. After 100 metres you pass by a footpath off to your right. In a further 250 metres you reach Loosely Hill up to your right.

If taking lunch at the Whip Inn, Lacey Green, turn right up Loosely Hill for 300 metres to reach a crossroads (Lacey Green) with the **Whip Inn** ahead. (After lunch retrace your steps back down to Lower Road.)

Otherwise continue ahead down Lower Road. *In 100 metres, turn left* through a white painted kissing gate *to go down an (initially) fenced in car wide track* (signposted Chiltern Way), your direction west.

In 500 metres just before a wooden fieldgate leading onto a lane, *fork right along the left-hand side of the field bordered by a hedgerow*. In 220 metres *cross the Wycombe Road* with care, to go through a wooden kissing gate *to reach the corner of a field*. *Veer right across it aiming for a footpath post*, (between the base of two trees very close together – may seem to be one tree from a distance) on the far side, your direction 280 degrees.

After 370 metres at a footpath post, cross over a bridleway to go into the next field to continue across it. In 50 metres at the field boundary veer right up along the left-hand side of the field, (with a railway cutting down to your left). After 450 metres *turn left through a metal gate to cross the railway* (with the entrance to Saunderton railway tunnel down below to your left), to then go through a metal kissing gate to emerge into a field to follow the Ridgeway signpost down across the field, your initial direction 190 degrees. In 120 metres go through a metal kissing gate, and in 40 metres *cross another railway line* to go through a metal kissing gate, to go along an enclosed footpath. After 280 metres go through a black metal kissing gate, to go up a fenced in wide footpath. In 500 metres cross over a lane, to go up the left-hand side of a field (marked by a Ridgeway signpost), your direction 240 degrees. In 320 metres at a path junction by the left-hand corner of the field, turn right to continue straight up the left-hand edge of the field, your direction west.

You now pick up the Saunderton via Bledlow walk directions in Book 2, at the paragraph referencing [3]: “In 200 metres, at the left-hand field corner...”

Either

- (i) Continue ahead into Princes Risborough for a pub.

Or head straight for the station.

- (ii) Turn left down some steps to go along an enclosed footpath leading to Princes Risborough station.

Afternoon route finishing at Princes Risborough

Use the Saunderton via Bledlow walk directions in Book 2, until the end of the paragraph referencing **The Lions**, Bledlow lunch stop: “...and cross into the next field.”

After 500 metres, at the right-hand corner of this field, go over a stile and continue along a fenced in footpath until you *reach a road* after 60 metres.

If taking lunch at the Lions, Bledlow, turn left for 160 metres.

Otherwise *turn right*.

In 400 metres at a T-junction, turn left down the road. After 120 metres turn right up a car wide track (footpath), your direction east. In 140 metres go through a wooden gate (right of a wooden fieldgate), and in 40 metres go through a wooden kissing gate into the corner of a field, to go along its right-hand side. In 150 metres at the field right-hand corner, go through a wooden kissing gate to continue along the right-hand side of the next field. In 180 metres go through a wooden kissing gate, and turn left along a car wide track. After 60 metres turn right into the corner of a field, to go along its left-hand side. In 350 metres go through a car wide gap into the next field, to cross it, passing to the right of an HV pylon pole after 90 metres. In a further 200 metres cross over a 3 plank railed footbridge, to go through a wooden gate to continue in the same direction across this next field.

After 150 metres go through a wooden gate (left of a wooden fieldgate), to come out onto a lane, (passing by a pond on your left and a church on your right). In 180 metres follow the lane round to the right, (ignoring footpaths to your left and right). In 280 metres you pass by some tennis courts off to your left. After a further 400 metres, *turn left across a bridge over the railway line*.

Lunch and Tea places:

The Whip Inn *Pink Road, Lacey Green, HP27 0PG (01844 344060)* Food served. Located 3.5 km from the start of the walk.