

Weston to Bletchington and back by Staplehurst Farm

A 5 miles circular walk to Bletchington

Starting at the Village Hall car park, follow footpath off car park alongside stream to Westlands Avenue. Cross diagonally right to continue on footpath down between bungalows and through kissing gate.

Cross field diagonally left to kissing gate in far left hand corner, go through gate and turn left to cross concrete bridge over mill stream, through another kissing gate and cross next field slightly right to footbridge over stream.

Turn right following field edge to the corner of the field and then follow track through the spinney and turn left just before the gap in the hedge to follow field edge footpath, with hedge on your right.

Continue along field edge to the farm buildings, turning right to follow the footpath through the farm, past the farmhouse and out onto the road.

Turn left and then immediately right down a gravel track towards a wood, turning left just before the wood and following a field edge path, keeping the hedge on your left until you see a footbridge on the left leading into a large field, just before woodland.

Cross the footbridge, bear right and then cross the field diagonally left, towards two large trees at the top of the field, keeping the two large trees to your left, head towards the stile in the fence.

Cross the stile and cross the small paddock diagonally left to a stile in the far corner, cross the stile and continue along the front of the converted stables along the front of Bletchington Church.

Turn left opposite the Church gate, through the car park and down the narrow lane to Church End onto the Weston road.

Turn left towards Weston and after the houses on the right take the footpath on the right that leads through a small spinney.

On leaving the spinney continue on the same line straight down the next field and over a footbridge into the next field. Continue on the same line, keeping the hedge on your right and out onto Dolly's Lane.

Turn left on Dolly's Lane and immediately after the second farm entrance on the right take the footpath signposted Weston.

Cross this field diagonally left to the far left hand corner, through the gateway and follow the field edge for a short distance to turn left over a footbridge and follow the edge of the woodland to a stile into the next field, cross stile and head directly across next field and over another stile onto the road.

Turn right and follow the road past the wood on your right to the next finger post on your right immediately after the wood.

Follow this grass track between hedgerows down to a footbridge and stile, cross these into an open field, bear right alongside the open ditch to turn left at the wood and continue down the field, with Black Leys wood to your right.

An abundance of bluebells in the wood around the month of May.

At the far end of this field turn left to cross a stile in the bottom left hand corner.

Cross the stile and continue along the field edge with the hedgerow on your right to the end of this field and turn left immediately after the hedge on your left to continue up this next field edge, with the hedge on your left.

At the top of this field turn right and cross the footbridge alongside the ford then bear diagonally left across the next field to cross a stile in the far left hand corner.

Follow the grass path between the paddocks to turn left at the end and up onto Church Lane, cross diagonally right to go through the Churchyard and back to the Village Hall.



Hiking route on 6 May 2021 at 14:30

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Track **Map**

↔ 4.9 mi ⌚ 1h 24m ▲ 92 ft ▼ 98 ft

Map Labels: Kirtlington Park, Long Plantation, Ford, Peat Pits, Oxfordshire Way, Dunsbey's Spring, Stonehouse Farm, Cordle Bushes, Cordle Door, Park Farm, Church End, Ash Wood, Tollbrook Corner, Walker's Copse, Brookside Farm, Newbridge Farm, Staplehurst Farm, Black Leys, Grove Farm, Pinchgate Lane, College Farm, Diamond Farm, Dolly's Barn, Hotel, Heathfield Village, Rowles Farm, Sewage Works, PO, Hotel, Services, Farm, Rowles Farm.

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