

VILLAGE WALK
MAPPLEBOROUGH GREEN CIRCUIT 1
Start and Finish at Church Hall Car Park (Ankcorn House)
(obtain permission to park from Church Warden)
Length of walk: Approx. 5 miles

Leave Car Park in top right-hand corner on gravel path leading behind brick building and into the Graveyard. Turn right down the driveway to join the A435 and turn left.

Turn left into Common Lane and follow this through to the A4189 (Henley Road).

Cross over (taking care as this is a busy road) turn left then first right into Haye Lane. Keep to right-hand side as hidden brow of hill. At the foot of the hill just before the bend, take the footpath left over the stile next to the red 'Dog Waste' bin.

Path keeps to left of the field to reach a metal gate in the left-hand corner of the field passing between fence and pool (pool is not on map) – can be very muddy!

Through new metal gate and bear right across field to footbridge across the river.

Take the right way-marked fork footpath to brow of the hill and to top right-hand corner of the field by another pool.

Do not cross over the facing fence but turn right at the pool through a metal gate and straight on keeping the fence on your left for two fields.

Go through third metal gate and walk with the hedgerow on your right to a wooden stile in the corner of the field, cross over and continue straight on down keeping to the right of the field. This field could contain Llamas.

Cross stile in wire fence on right-hand side towards the bottom of the field to meet a concrete drive. Cross over the drive and across field to bottom right-hand corner to a stile and lane.

Turn right down Hardwick Lane passing Hardwick Barn then the drive to Hardwick House (3/4 mile approx.). At the bend in the road, turn right down the track past Orchard House and through farm buildings (follow way-marked signs). The path swings to the left past a collapsed barn and old caravan on right, to reach gates ahead and left.

Take the left gate (way-marked) and walk along the left-hand side of hedgerow to reach a metal kissing-gate. Go through this and remain on the same course through one field and in 2nd field turn right through an opening in the hedge (way-marked). Walk straight across field to reach another wide opening in hedgerow. Walk diagonally across this field to right-hand corner and cross wooden footbridge to single metal gate (way-marked). Go over planked footbridge and diagonally up the field to a metal gate (way-marked sign). Through gate and keep to left side of field (around rushes) to way-mark sign to left of large metal gate. Over stile go left through gap and cross diagonally to top left of field by a dormer bungalow. Cross over stile in conifer hedge to pub car park (The Boot).

Turn right from car park and right into Pratts Lane and after some ½ mile, back down to A435. Turn right and right again into Haye Lane. Continue along Haye Lane to retrace your steps to the A4189, crossing over to Common Lane and back to the Church Hall Car Park.

Suggested map – Ordnance Survey Explorer 220
Details as at March 2008

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