

Free

4 mile walk from Chalfont St Peter

Great Walks in the Chiltern District

This circular walk goes down the Misbourne valley, crossing a golf course and then returns via Chalfont Heights, above the valley. It can be muddy in places after rainfall. Walkers should beware of flying golf balls, when crossing the fairways. Stiles may be replaced by gates.

Buses 305, 335 and 353 stop at the Market Square, but do not run on Sundays.



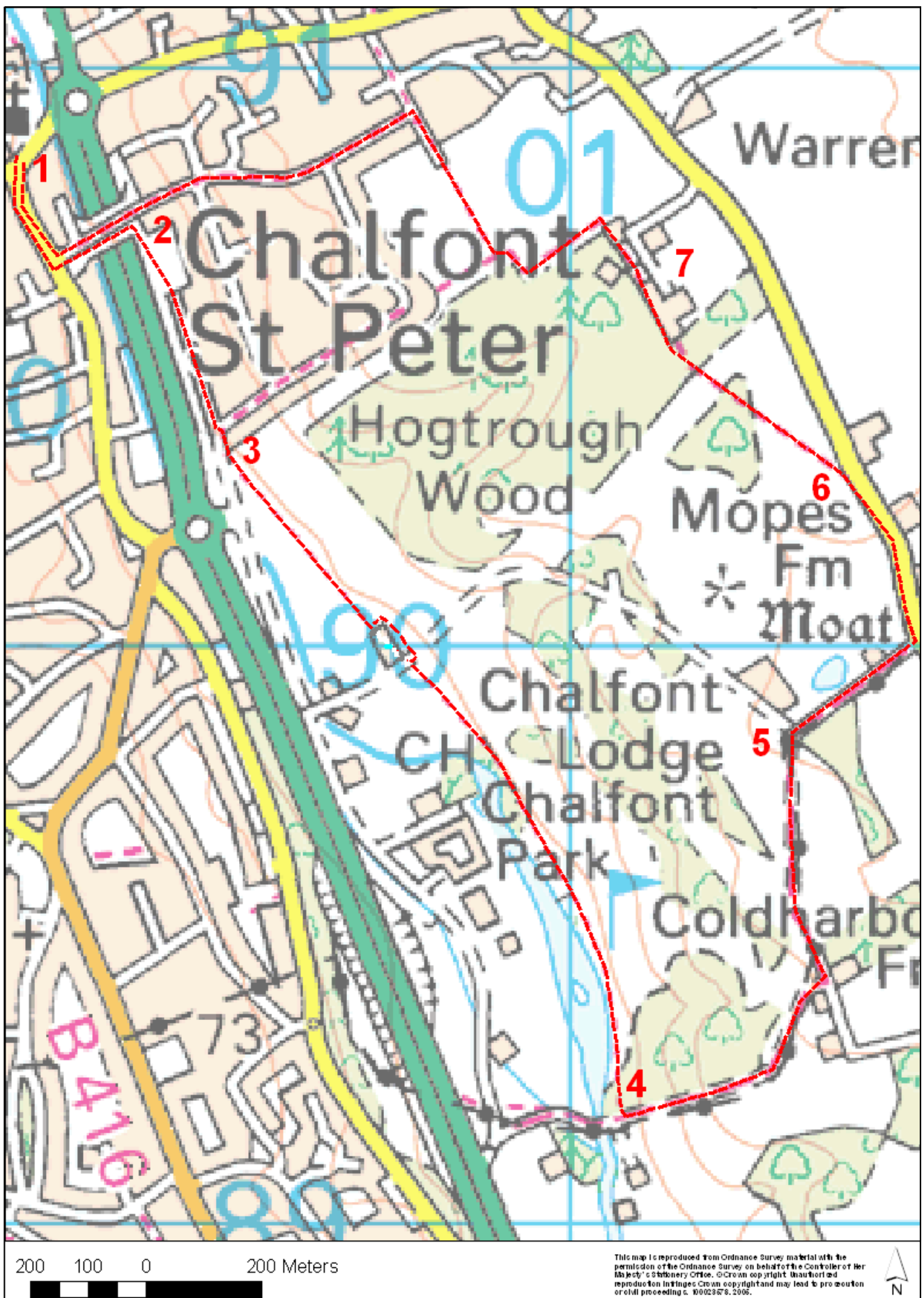
**Public
Footpath**



The Ramblers



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Start from the public car park off Church Lane (1). Leave the car park to the left of the 12th century church alongside the river Misbourne. Turn right onto the pavement, past the church gates and go over the road at the crossing by the Market Square. Continue in the same direction along the High Street, passing The Poachers public house.

Take the first road on the left, Chiltern Hill, and cross the A413 road on a bridge. Immediately after the bridge, walk down the path to the right alongside the A413 (2). When the path joins a road, cross this and continue along the pavement. At the next road, continue in the same direction for a short distance, then cross a stile at a footpath sign to your left (3). You follow a winding path through a small wood and emerge at the edge of Gerrards Cross Golf Course.

You now walk along the line of the public footpath across a number of golfing fairways. The path is indicated by a series of tall white posts marked FOOTPATH, but do look out for flying golf balls! Head in the same direction as before across the first fairway, making for a gap in the trees. Pass through the trees in the same straight line and cross a second fairway. Continue between a group of trees and some buildings, cross a drive and continue over a third fairway, with the clubhouse to your right, making for a green notice board in a small gap in the trees on the far side.

At the board, walk along the right hand track, alongside a fairway on your left. The path continues between fences and hedges and you soon join the river on your right which has widened to a lake here. Chalfont Park House lies on the other side, built as the principal mansion in the village in the mid 18th century for General Charles Churchill in the Strawberry Hill Gothic style. Continue through woodland and along the side of the lake, with its many waterfowls, until you come to a weir (4). Cross the stile here and there is a lovely view of the river and lake from the bridge.

Turn left at the stile and walk steeply uphill on the bridleway. It can be very muddy at times and there are unofficial diversions among the trees on the left. The fence on the right marks the boundary between Chalfont St Peter and Gerrards Cross parishes. Near the top of the hill, the path broadens out to a pleasant grassy stretch and passes an old brick barn over to the right. Eventually, the path bends left as it passes between the top corner of the golf course and a farmyard, then continues in the same direction as a track across a field. Here the M25 motorway can be heard and seen, at this point using undeveloped land between Buckinghamshire and the London Borough of Hillingdon.

On reaching the drive of Chalfont Lodge Nursing Home (5), turn right and follow this to Denham Lane. Turn left and walk carefully along the grass verge for about 300 yards. Shortly after passing Mopes Farm, look for a gap in the left hand hedge, signed "South Bucks Way" (6), which takes you back onto the golf course. Go half right across this fairway, making for a white post in front of the trees. Turn right and walk along the edge of the fairway for 100 yards until you come to a white post marked FOOTPATH. Turn through a small wood, then in the same direction across another fairway towards a notice board by a small pond. Go through a small area of woodland to reach an enclosed path. This takes you to Chalfont Heights Scout Camp (7). Here pass through three gates into a field.

Cross this field diagonally, making for a wooden kissing gate in the far corner. Pass through this gate and walk along the left edge of the next field to another kissing gate. This brings you onto a road, then you turn left into Chiltern Hill and follow it all the way down across the A413 to the bottom. Turn right along the High Street and back to the village centre, where there are pubs, cafes and restaurants.

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These leaflets have been written to encourage you to be more active more of the time!

Walking is a great way to improve your health, it can help to:

Reduce your risk of coronary heart disease and diabetes and reduce high blood pressure
Increase life expectancy, mood, confidence and stamina, help you to lose weight.....and it is free!

Experts recommend you to try and walk for 30 minutes at least 5 times a week to benefit your health....walk briskly for the best results, so that you can still talk but are getting warmer.

For those of you who are less active and want to start slowly there is a programme of short (1-2 miles) led walks to get you started.

For more information please contact Simply Walk on 01494 475367

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If you would like to know more about the local group of the Ramblers Association, or would like to know of more walks in the Chiltern District, please call Madeline Moody on **01494 727504** or look on the website **www.ramblers.org.uk** and click on local groups

There are many more walks within the Chiltern District, which are detailed in a number of leaflets and publications.

There are a number of books covering walks, including themed walks from pubs and tearooms. Many of these area available from tourist information centres, bookshops or your local library.

For more information , please ring the Tourist Information Centre at High Wycombe on **01494 421892**

Or contact the Marketing and Tourism Officer at Chiltern District Council on **01494 732023**

All our walks leaflets and visitor information can be found on our website at

www.chiltern.gov.uk

If you enjoyed this walk your feedback and future recommendations would be most appreciated.

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