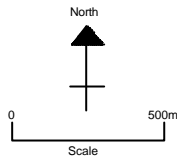


Chalfont Park Circular Walk

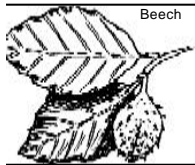
From the car park at Cheena Meadow walk towards the children's play area then turn right through the gate to Denham Lane. Walk alongside the road, then turn left through a kissing gate and follow the footpath for approximately half a mile past woodlands and open fields.

As you walk down this footpath approximately 300 metres on your left is Bloom Wood. This is a typical example of the characteristic Beech woodland seen in this area.

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After crossing the second stile turn left and continue across open fields to Upway. At the end of Upway turn right along Joiners Lane to the junction with Denham Lane. Turn left then right into Cheena Meadow car park.



Station Link

To reach the walk from Gerrards Cross railway station pass over Station Approach and take the footpath up the hill to Orchehill Rise. Follow the road then turn right when you reach the junction with Orchehill Avenue. At the end of Orchehill Avenue, cross the road, and follow the alleyway down to South Park Drive.

Across the road, continue along the next alley, over Lower Road and onto the footpath that leads through a woodland to a stile. Cross the A413 using extreme caution to a stile on the other side.

Follow the direction of the signposts across the fields until you reach the River Misbourne. Turn left over a stile and follow the path alongside the lake (see point 5).

2) Cross over a dirt track then follow the path diagonally across the field to the corner of the wooded area. Continue along the edge of the tree line to the fence then turn left along the path that runs parallel to the M25 until you reach the bridge. Cross the bridge over the M25 and then turn immediately right, continue along this path until you reach a cross roads after approximately 3/4 of a mile. You are now on the Old Shire Lane which is an ancient path thought to have been part of the boundary between the Saxon kingdoms of Wessex and Mercia. Circular Walk No. 6 follows this path between West Hyde and Chorleywood.



3) Where the path reaches the cross roads turn right and follow the brideway which passes through the tunnel under the M25. Turn left out of the tunnel and continue along the path which leads to Denham Lane.

Short Cut

To take the short cut turn right when you reach Denham Lane (Position 4), continue along this road until you reach a footpath on your left. Cross over the stile and follow the white footpath posts straight across the golf course (Caution - beware of flying golfballs) until you reach a path between two fences. Follow this past the Scout camp, at the end of this path go through the gate and follow the path across the field. Then rejoin the main route from position 7.

4) Carefully cross Denham Lane and head down the road towards Chalfont Lodge Nursing Home, after 250 metres you will come to a gate on the left. Go through the gate and cross the field diagonally until you reach the brideway at the back of the golf course. Follow the brideway downhill until you reach a bridge over the River Misbourne.

Chalfont Lodge, now a nursing home, was built on the site of the former Dower House for Chalfont Park.

6) Follow the white signs across the fairways. (Caution - beware of flying golfballs) at the far corner of the golf course, cross the stile and turn right. Follow the pavement to the foot of Woodside Hill and turn right up the hill into the Chalfont Heights estate. At the top of the hill follow the footpath straight ahead and then cross over two stiles.

The area now covered by the golf course was once part of the 250 acre Chalfont Park estate, originally designed by the renowned landscape architects - 'Capability' Brown and Humphry Repton.

The River Misbourne, a chalk stream, flows through Chalfont Park and feeds into the Colne at Denham.

5) Turn right over the stile immediately before the bridge and continue along the path which passes the lake and the main house of Chalfont Park. This path leads to the golf course.

Designed in the 1750's Chalfont Park House is a prime example of 18th century Gothic revival architecture, with Victorian additions. However, the Manor of Chalfont ('Cellfunde') first appears in records as early as 1040AD. The house was used as a military hospital during the first world war and thereafter became a luxury hotel and country club. It became the headquarters of British Aluminium in 1944 and now forms part of a prestige office development.

Historical information on Chalfont Park has been obtained from 'The Buildings of England - Buckinghamshire', Penguin Books 1994 and an information leaflet on Chalfont Park, produced by British Alcan.

