

Free

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Old Amersham

Great Walks in the Chiltern District



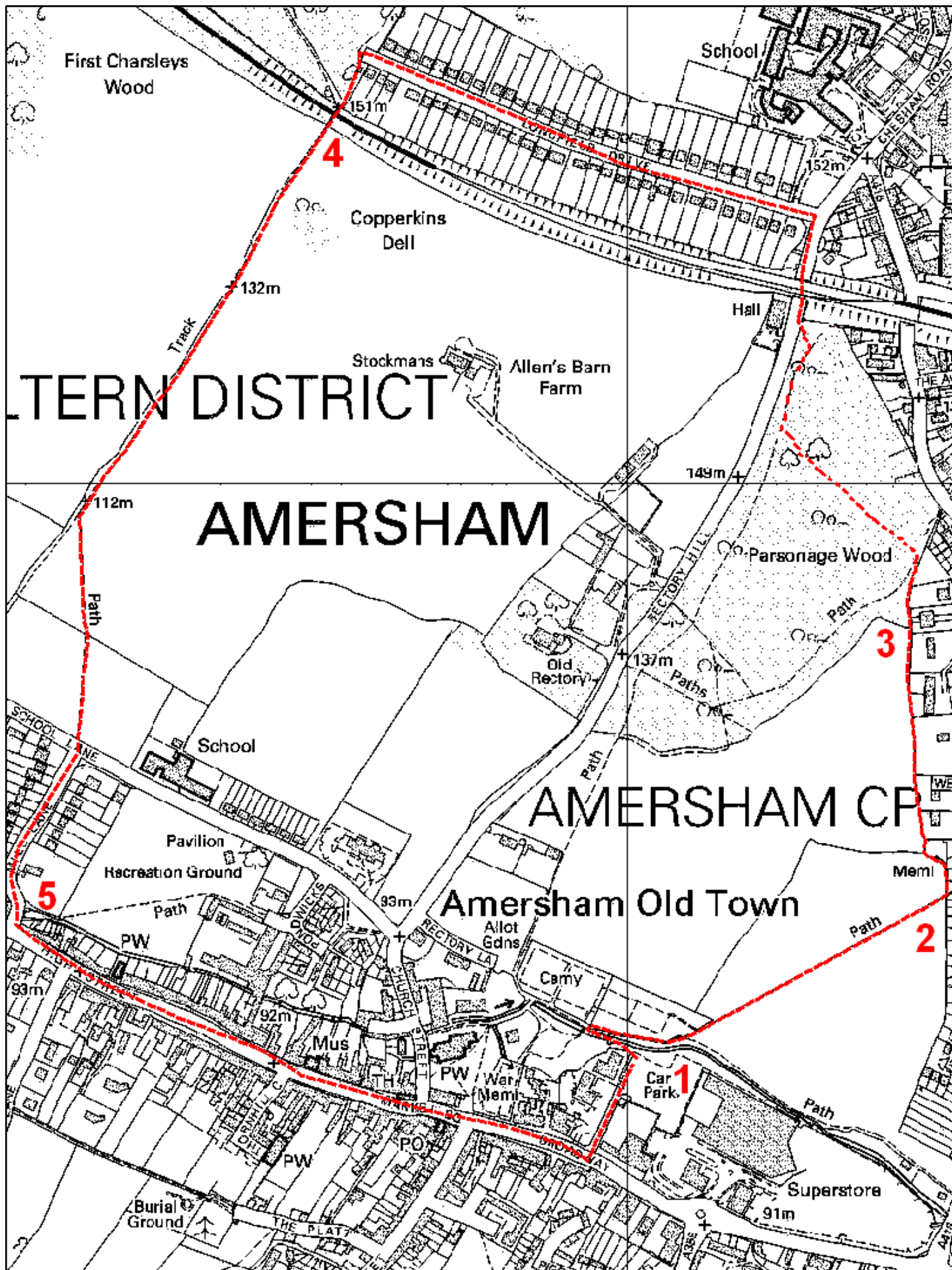
Public Footpath



The Ramblers



Chiltern
District Council



2.5 mile walk around woods and hills behind Old Amersham (should take 1 to 1½ hours)

Suitable for a small pushchair, but paths maybe slightly muddy after rain

You can start this walk from the (1) Dovecote Car Park off The Broadway in Old Amersham or from the nearby bus stops on routes 4, 336, 353, 62 or 52.

If you are intending to use the bus service, please note not all of the bus routes run on Sunday, check the bus timetable on www.traveline.org.uk for more details.

Leave the back of the car park to the left and cross the River Misbourne on the wooden footbridge. Turn right along the side of the cemetery, left at the end and continue straight up the steep hill. At the top of the steepest part, turn and look down to Old Amersham, with 12th century St Mary's Church, the Broadway and the High Street with many old buildings to the right. The road opposite is Gore Hill, the supposed site of a skirmish between the Saxons and Danes in 921. Coleshill water tower is at the top of the hill. Note Shardeloes House, former home of the Squire Drake, on the far right hill.

Continue up the path to the hedge and turn left to the (2) Martyrs' Memorial, commemorating the Protestant martyrs burnt here in 1521. Follow the hedge round to the right, alongside some houses and make for the edge of (3) Parsonage Wood. This is a typical Chiltern beechwood, now owned by the Town Council. Enter the wood and walk ahead along the path through the middle of the wood, veering towards the left where necessary to come to the edge of the wood by a road, Rectory Hill. Turn right and join the road, pass under a railway bridge and turn left into Longfield Drive, with houses of the 1930s Metroland development. At the end is Hervines Wood, another hilltop beechwood and to the right Hervines Park, with swings at the far end.

Turn left in front of the wood, walking down to the railway, the Chiltern Line to Marylebone and Aylesbury. Cross the (4) level crossing with care. Go down the footpath opposite and Old Amersham gradually reappears. At the end of the wire fence, bear slightly left, following the yellow arrow, to go through a gap in the trees and then alongside a row of trees to reach School Lane, with St Mary's School to your left. Cross over into Mill Lane to reach the River Misbourne again, the site of the former (5) mill. Turn left along the High Street and Broadway passing old buildings, pubs, cafes and restaurants, back to the car park.

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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

Email: simplywalks@buckscc.gov.uk

or visit website: www.buckscc.gov.uk/rights_of_way

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 are 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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