

**Free**

# 5 mile walk up to the fields behind **Old Amersham**

## **Great Walks in the Chiltern District**

This walk goes across the hills and down into dry valleys. Yet it can be very muddy in places, even some days after rainfall, especially around the farms. There are many stiles to cross, but most have a yellow arrow to guide you. Some stiles may be replaced by gates.

The walk starts from the Dovecote car park in The Broadway, Old Amersham.

Buses 4, 336, 353, 62 and 52 stop nearby. Please note if you are intending to use the bus service, not all of the bus routes run on Sunday, for more details check the bus timetable on [www.traveline.org.uk](http://www.traveline.org.uk)

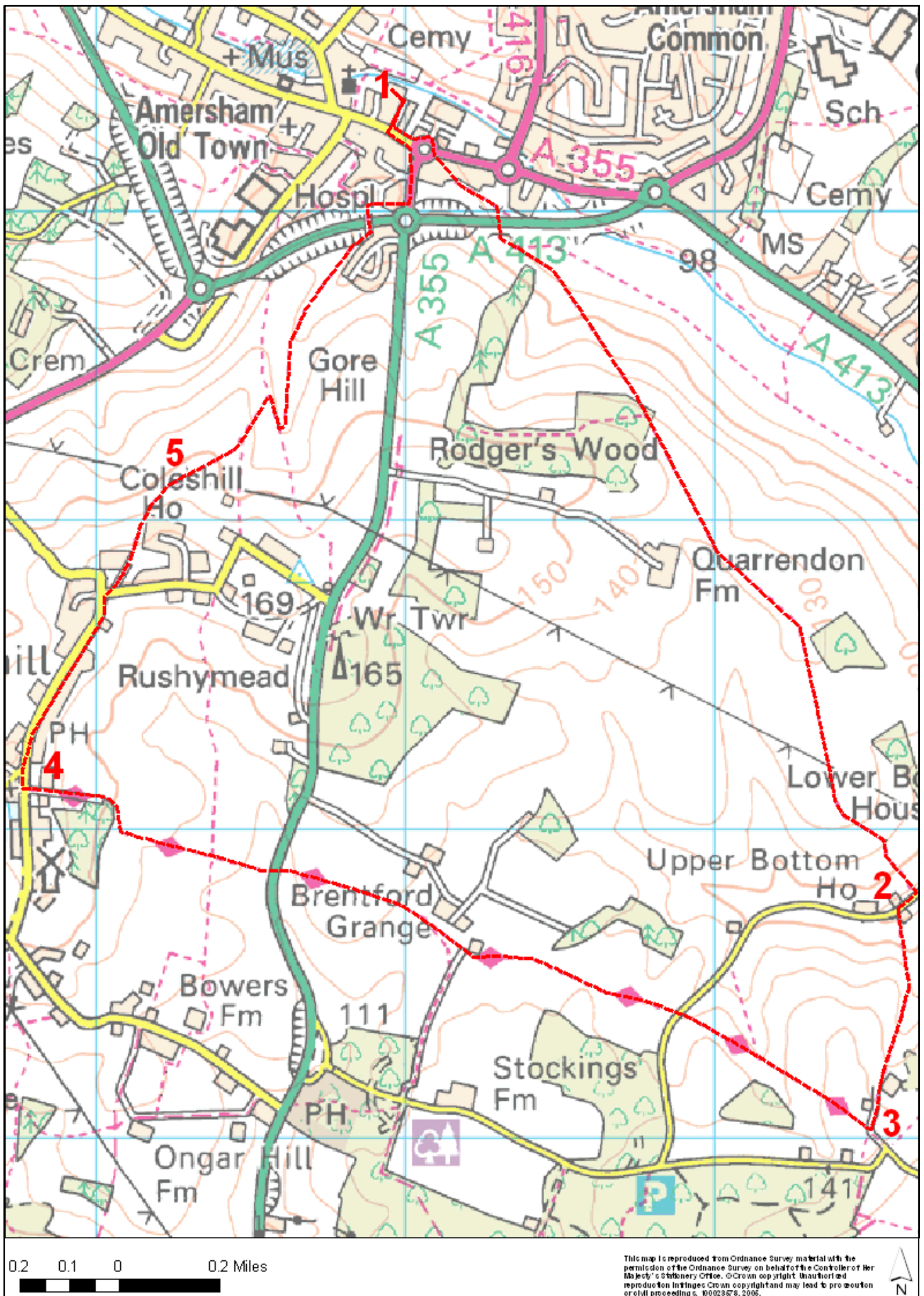
Amersham Station on the Metropolitan and Chiltern Lines is 1 mile up Station Road.



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Turn left out of the car park (1), cross the roundabout and after a few yards turn into the opening to Bury Farm, signposted South Bucks Way. Branch left past some buildings, recently redesigned into 13 new houses; continue along a track, through a gate and pass under Amersham by-pass. After a further 50 yards, pass through a gate to your right and take the path going up diagonally across a field, through a gap in a hedge and another field, making for Rodgers Wood.

Cross a stile and follow the footpath through the wood; this is a typical Chilterns hilltop wood with tall beech trees. You leave the wood and come out on the top of the side of the Misbourne valley. There are views across the valley to Amersham College.

Continue across the field in front of you in the same direction and you will see Quarrendon Farm appear on your right. Go forward again until you reach the hedge. Walk alongside the hedge until just before another wood, Days Wood, when you see a stile to your right. Cross the stile and walk across the field near its left side, making for a metal gate and stile in the wire fence. The path is usually just discernible in the grass. The stile leads you into the next field, under overhead cables and look for another stile in the hedge opposite. Turn right, then left into this field and go downhill past another stile, then bear right downhill, looking for a stile immediately to the left of the farm buildings, which takes you into the farmyard (2). This is Upper Bottom Farm, which lies in a delightful dry valley. (However the mud may still be wet!)

Turn right (2) and immediately left up alongside a barn. After 300 yards, take the right path and continue upwards past Kiln Cottage. After another 100 yards at the path junction, take the path to the right through a metal gate (3). At the lone tree by the hedge, continue in the same direction with Coleshill water tower on the horizon. The path may not be visible at some times of the year. Go down into the dip, bearing slightly left and now making for a clump of trees in the next dip. Cross the lane with care and walk along the left edge of the field, crossing another stile in a dip. Soon after the dip, there is a stile to your left which takes you into an adjoining field. Continue along the right edge of this field and then straight on, crossing two more stiles; Coleshill windmill (disused) can probably be seen on the horizon. You come to Brentford Grange Farm building, where you mount two stiles and continue walking in the same westerly direction. Cross another stile and pass through a small plantation, across a tarred track and then over another stile in the hedge. Walk along the left side of the next field making for the busy A355 road to Beaconsfield.

Cross this with great care and go down steps opposite to a path on the right side of a tall hedge. Make for the wood ahead, crossing another path on the way. You come to Herts Wood ; go round the wood to the right and then continue up a dark track to come out alongside the Red Lion pub (4) in Coleshill. This is a hilltop village, 550 feet high, with Georgian houses clustered around All Saints Church, built of flints left over from the last Ice Age. Coleshill was formerly a detached part of Hertfordshire and a refuge for dissenters fleeing from Buckinghamshire. Walk round the village and see the views (on a good day) to Surrey and London.

From the Red Lion, turn right and walk along the road through the village until it splits in two. Take the path between the two roads to Cherry Tree Farm, on the right of the hedge. Walk past the house and continue down alongside hedges, white fences and stiles until you come out onto a large field (5). There are views now down into Old Amersham and up to the newer Amersham-on-the-Hill. Straight across is The Chilterns Crematorium in the trees and you may be able to see above that on the far horizon the top of the Chilterns scarp slope near Wendover. Turn right and walk along the right side of this field, under overhead cables, to the end of the hedge. Continue in the same direction below a bank of the next field keeping the line of trees on your left. When the bank ends, turn sharp right downhill and make for a meeting of paths by a single tree at the bottom of this dry valley. Coleshill water tower is in front of you. At the tree, turn sharp left and walk along the top of the bank, winding downhill along the bottom of the valley. You arrive at a housing estate and walk at the back of the gardens until you reach a tarred path. Turn left onto the path and cross Amersham by-pass on Royle Bridge. Turn right at the fence and go down to the roundabout. Turn left down Gore Hill and left again to the car park.

There are teashops, restaurants and pubs to your left in the High Street for thirsty walkers.

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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.

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**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](http://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](http://www.chiltern.gov.uk)**

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