

Walks from Great Horwood

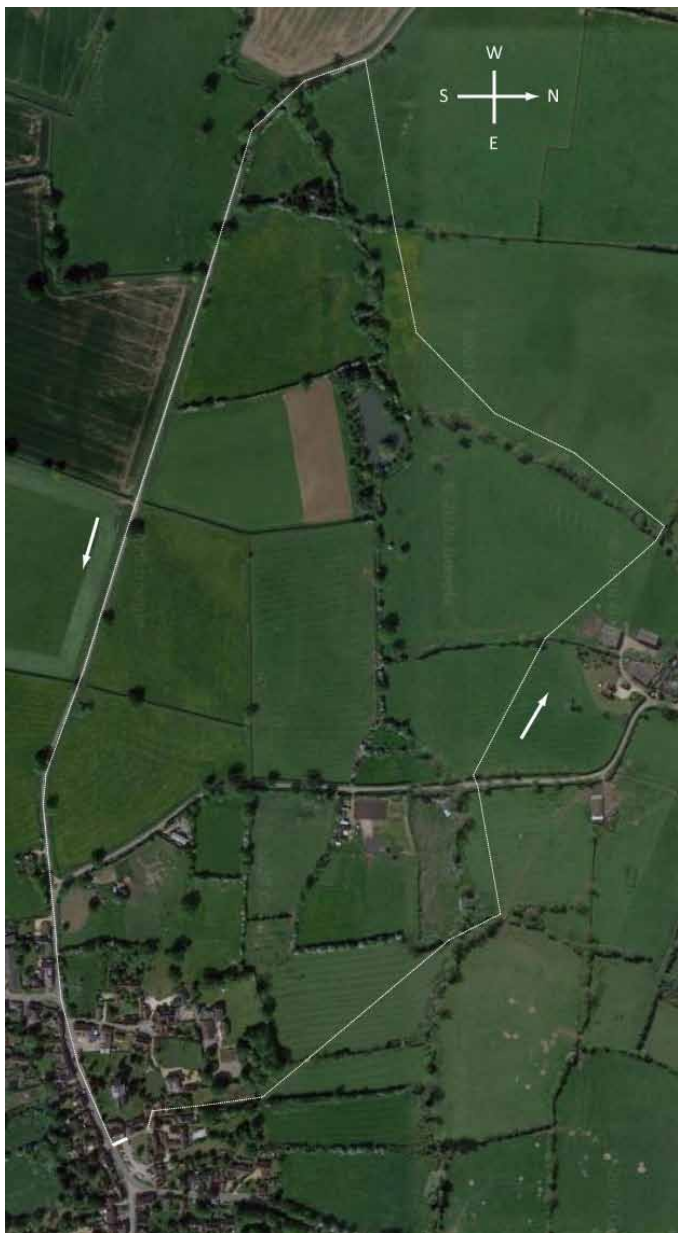


To the bridge on Pilch Lane (about 3 km, less than an hour)

This walk takes you across the fields to the bridge, returning along the road. You can of course do the walk in the opposite direction, or simply retrace your path across the fields to avoid the road (almost) completely. You can also use this as an alternative start to one of the longer walks.

There are nine modern metal walkers' gates along the walk (some of them double gates) and three short footbridges.

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Start from The Green by walking into Church Lane, to the right of the churchyard.



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Continue along Church Lane past the few houses; the road soon becomes an enclosed footpath. Go through the gate [1].



Aim slightly to the left, and walk across the field to a gap in the hedge [2].



Continue across to the far corner of the next field.
Go through the gate [3].



Walk a short distance along the enclosed path, and cross the stream over the footbridge. Go through the gate at the end of the footbridge [4].



Turn left after passing through the gate, and walk towards the trees along the left-hand side of the field. As you approach the trees, you will see a gate [5] at the far side of the field.



Continue towards the gate [5], passing through it and walking the short footbridge. Cross over the road and go through the next gate [6] by the footpath sign.





Walk uphill from the gate, bearing slightly to the right, in the direction of the tall tree. Continuing in the same direction, go through the gate ahead [7].



Continue in the same direction, towards the centre of the group of trees. At the bottom of the valley is a gate [8].



Go through the gate [8] and across the footbridge over the stream. Ignore the stile on the right. Instead, turn left into the large field.



Continue along the left-hand edge of this large field. About two-thirds of the way along, the path curves away to the right [9].





Keep following the path as it turns to follow the far edge of the field, to a gate in the far corner [10].



Go through this double gate [10] and walk across the next field to another gate [11].



Go through this last gate [11] and turn left along the road to the Pilch Lane bridge. Continue along the road to return to the village.

(If you want a longer walk, you could turn right along the road to visit the Pilch Field Nature Reserve, or you could cross the road and take the footpath towards Adstock. These longer walks are described separately.)



Advice for dog walkers

Here is advice from the Countryside Code, published by Natural England in 2016.

When you take your dog into the outdoors, always ensure it does not disturb wildlife, farm animals, horses or other people by keeping it under effective control. This means that you:

- keep your dog on a lead, or
- keep it in sight at all times, be aware of what it's doing and be confident it will return to you promptly on command
- ensure it does not stray off the path or area where you have a right of access