

Walks from Great Horwood



Alongside Stocking Common (about 5km, less than 1½ hours)

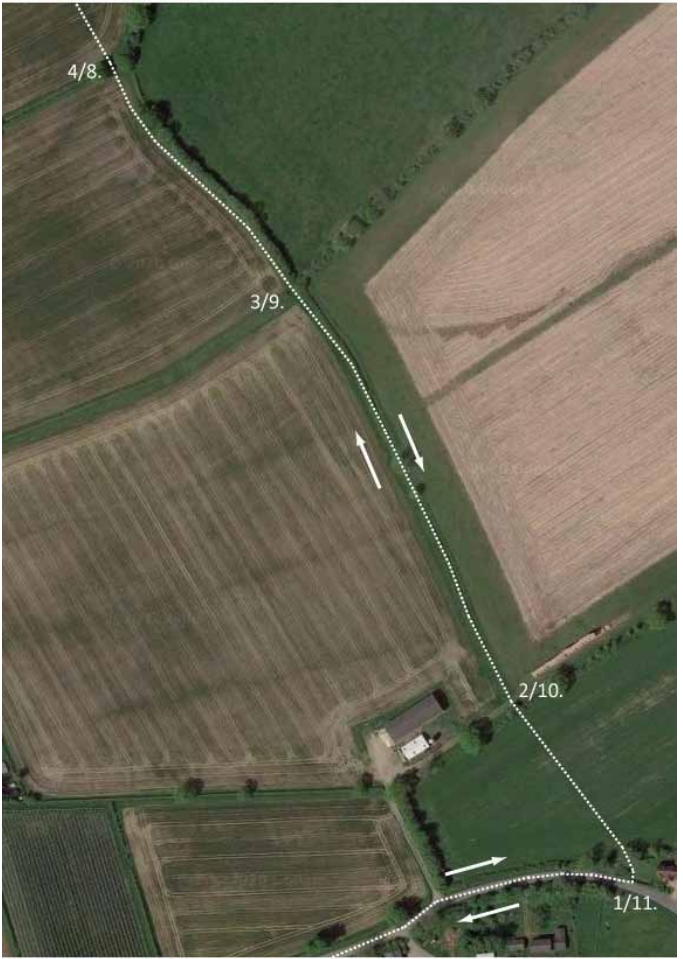
This walk starts along the road, but continues on a right of way along the edge of land known as Stocking Common. Retracing your steps to return gives distant views of Great Horwood. (Continuing along the verge of the main A421 to the roundabout, and returning along Nash Road instead, is not recommended.)

There is wooden one walkers' gate as you leave the road, and a field gate onto the A421.

Walking a dog? Check the last page for advice.



Start from The Green, walking along Little Horwood Road and out of the village (the satellite images were taken before the new houses were built). Continue past the three farms on the left (Spring Hill, Sunnyhill and Cakeford).



Just past Cakeford, as the road swings round to the right, there is a modern house on the left (Hooters). There is a footpath sign on the left just before the house. Go through the gate [1] (also numbered [11] for when you return).



Cross the field to a gap in the hedge between two small trees [2].



Cross the small bridge across the stream, then walk along the right-hand side of the field, to a gap in the hedge [3].



Continue through the gap, following the right-hand side of the field. Before 1842, these two fields were part of an area of common land known as Stocking Common. The fields you see today were formed as a consequence of an Act of Parliament, allocating land to individual owners.





The edge of the field curves round to the right.
Follow it, and then continue through the gap [4]
to the large field ahead.



Continue across the field towards the tree ahead [5]. Ignore the gap in the hedge to the right of the tree leading into a smaller field; the right of way passes to the left and remains in the large field.



Continue along the right-hand edge of the field to the field gate [6]. The public right of way ends the other side of this gate, on the main road (A421). Walking along the A421 verge is not recommended.



Retrace your steps to return to the village. From the field gate, walk back along the left-hand edge of the field past the tree [7], and then continue across the field as it opens out to the left [8].



To the right, there are views of Great Horwood from afar.



Continue along the left-hand side of the field, curving round towards the gap in the hedge [9].



Go through the gap, and continue along the left-hand edge of the field.



Go through the gap between the two small trees [10], and cross the next field towards the gate to the right of the house.



Go through the gate [11], and turn right onto Little Horwood Road, back towards the village.



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