

Walk 10

Amersham to Little Missenden along the Misbourne

This leisurely walk takes you along the edge of Shardeloes Lake with its many water birds and past the imposing Shardeloes Manor. It continues through fields by the River Misbourne to the picturesque village of Little Missenden with its ancient church, manor house, and pubs.

Distance: 2½ miles to the Crown pub and back (allow 1½ hours), another ½ mile if you continue the walk through Little Missenden village.

Start: Lay-by next to Shardeloes Manor. By car, leave the A413 at the roundabout north west of Amersham Old Town and take the exit signposted Shardeloes. Go down the hill and park in the lay-by on the right just before you reach the gates to Shardeloes Manor House. If using public transport, follow the path from the north west end of the town which goes through the underpass under the A413 towards Shardeloes Manor House.

This walk may also be started from Little Missenden.

Access Information: Level walk. The walk is suitable for all terrain pushchairs as the path is easy to negotiate and there are only a few gates to open.

Refreshments: Two pubs at either end of Little Missenden, and pubs and restaurants in Old Amersham.

Route:

From the lay-by, ① you will see a signpost for the South Bucks Way next to the post box. Go through the gates to the driveway of the Manor House and immediately turn right towards Amersham Cricket Club pavilion. Here, go across the grass to a gate on your right. Go through the gate, along a narrow path and shortly after, another gate, to follow the path bordering Shardeloes Lake on your right. ② The River Misbourne used to have a productive milling, watercress and fish industry.

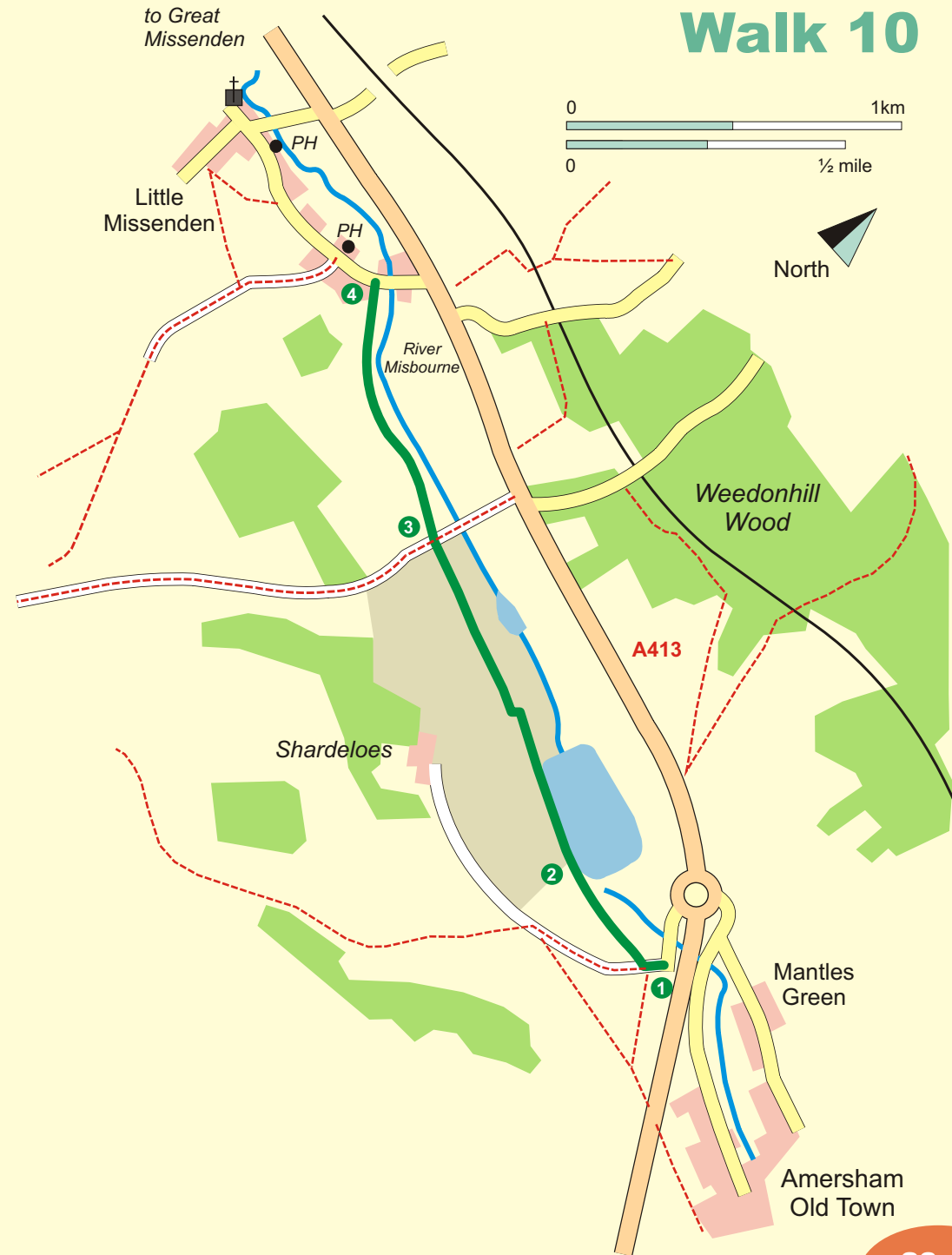
On the top of the hill to your left you can see Shardeloes Manor House. The surrounding parkland was laid out by Humphrey Repton in 1793. Continue along the path through another gate, then across

fields to a meet a crossing path. ③ Go straight over along the path with the River Misbourne clearly visible on your right and cross over a farm track with a bridge to your right.

The path soon becomes fenced; continue on until you reach a gate at the road by the Mill House at Little Missenden. ④ To see the trout in the village pond, turn right for a few yards.

A few yards further along the road to the village there is a pub on your right where you can stop for refreshments; however you may like to continue the walk for a further ¼ mile to see more of the village which has another pub at the other end.

Return the way you came.



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