How to get to the start station. To plan a journey by public transport from These 10 and 16 mile circular walks start and finish at Little Chalfont, Chesham, Amersham, and Latimer. Call www.tfl.gov.uk/tube

By car:

By bus:

There is a car park at Chalfont & Latimer station

Bus 71, operated by Carousel Buses, runs between Commonwood, a small common with its pond is a reminder that water was an essential common resource.


For the shorter Eastern circular walk, cross the field and take the left-hand fork and almost immediately left and follow this path downhill to and through a kissing gate. Cross the field then cross the Latimer Road via the kissing gates.

For the shorter Western circular walk, cross the river and take the left-hand fork and follow the river downhill. Leave the path at a kissing gate and take the left-hand fork.

For the full walk, or the shorter Western circular walk,

Cross over a bridge and take the left hand fork downhill. At a wide track turn right and almost immediately left and follow this path downhill to and through a kissing gate. Cross the field then continue along a track to the right of Watercress Cottage.

After approx 300 metres look for a possible hidden metal gate on the right and take the path as it winds its way through an industrial site. Cross a metal bridge and turn immediately left to walk along the river bank to the site of Canons’ Mill. Here, turn left and immediately right to follow the riverside walk.

Follow the river and cross the sports ground (on Chesham Moor) then turn right, cross the river and at the T junction turn left into Waterside (a road).

After approx 100 metres, turn right into Trapps Lane and continue uphill. Pass Big Round Green on your left. Continue into Bottom Lane (a paved road) until reaching Tylers Hill Road.

Turn right and, after approx 250 metres, turn left before the church onto a public footpath. Cross the field to the far right hand corner.

Enter the wood at a kissing gate. (Selecting the correct path through the woods can be challenging – a compass might help.) Follow the path to the right. At the first large pit follow the path to the left until approx half way round the pit. Take the path to the left. Follow a winding path (narrow in places) around further pits. Turn left onto a broad path leading to Kiln Lane.

At the road junction there are two pubs to your right The Swan and the Crown. Take the turning to Latimer/Flaunden passing through Ley Hill Common.

Pass the golf club and farm buildings on your left. Take the footpath on your left and follow for approx 1 mile. To return to Latimer for the shorter Western circular walk, turn right on the road and walk with care for approx 400 metres before turning left onto a footpath. At the top of the hill turn right onto the path signposted Latimer and follow it downhill to the road and turn left. Immediately after passing Latimer Green, go through the gate on your right and take the left-hand fork and follow the river. Then follow directions from point 3 to point 4.

Turn left onto the road and walk with care uphill into Flaunden passing The Green Dragon on the left and continue to Hogots Bottom Wood. (The Bricklayers Arms is a short walk to the left.)

Enter the woods on a path signposted Chiltern Way. Leave the wood at a kissing gate and turn right on the road.

After approx 200 metres, take the left path into Woodman’s Wood. At the fork take the left path waymarked Hertfordshire Way. Turn left onto the road.

After approx 50 metres turn right onto Windmill Hill. Immediately take the path on the right (entering Chipperfield Common). At the top of the hill, take the right hand fork. Continue on the Hertfordshire Way, initially keeping houses on your right.

When reaching a pond on your left, turn right onto a narrow footpath.

Leave the path at a kissing gate and, continuing in the same direction, join the road. Turn right at the Cart and Horses. Pass the pond at Commonwood. Follow the hedge on your left and continue to Commonwood Common and take the right hand fork. Follow the road through the common, cross a road, continue to the village green at Sarratt (and The Boot and The Cricketers.)

Directly cross the green, turn right through the road for a few metres and turn left onto a footpath signposted Dawes Common ½ mile.

Enter Dawes Common at a kissing gate and take left hand fork. Cross the road and re-enter the wood at another kissing gate.

Leave the wood and join a drive signposted Chiltern Way. After approx 50 metres take the path on your right.

Cross the field and walk through the churchyard (Church of the Holy Cross) to an access road. (The Cock Inn is approx 50 metres to the left.)

Cross the access road and go through a kissing gate to take the path downhill. Leave the path at the gate, continue a few metres down a track and turn right onto the Chosa Valley Walk. Pass through a gate to the left of a house and telegraph pole. Follow the path to a wooden gate at an entrance to a wood. Walk through the wood to a lane and keep in the same direction to the end.

Where the lane turns right uphill, take the concrete driveway on the left signposted Latimer. At the waterress beds, look for the path ahead past a couple of metal rails. Continue on the wooden walkway past the orientation boards (crossing a stile) for Frogmore Meadow Nature Reserve. The path emerges onto a footpath at a gate. Follow the grassy track ahead through a further gate and then between fences to a lane. This section of the path can be muddy at times. Turn left along the lane.

Turn right on a gravel driveway by Mill Farm Barns. At the end of the gravel go through the wooden gate on the left and follow the path in the same direction for nearly a mile. Just before a road, take the gate on the right.

Cross the road, go through the gate and take the left hand fork and follow the river.

Pass through the gate, turn left onto the driveway, cross the bridge and go through the kissing gate on the left into a field. Cross the field and then cross the road via two kissing gates.

Go uphill via the right hand footpath. Leave the field via a kissing gate and after approx 20 metres enter the trees. Continue uphill crossing a wide path. After approx 50 metres take the right fork and continue uphill, cross a bridleway to a cul-de-sac leading directly to Cheries Avenue. Turn left at the end of Cheries Avenue onto Bedford Avenue.

After approx 200 metres, turn right to return to the Station.

Description of route:
The route follows riverside paths and tracks on commons and across fields. Some paths may be muddy in places. There is one stile. Take care when walking the short distances on country lanes. Wear suitable footwear and allow time to rest and enjoy the extensive and varied views.

Maps: Explorer 172, 181 and 182.}

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