

The Full Moon Pub

The Full Moon serves food Monday to Friday 12-2pm and 6.30-9pm, Saturdays 12-9pm and Sundays 12-8pm. Open for drinks from 12 noon every day. Walkers, cyclists and horse riders are welcome and there is a large garden with a view of the windmill and the Common. Call 01494 758959 for reservations.

The Iron Age Fort Walk

Cholesbury is an ancient hill top village situated in the Chiltern Hills, which are officially designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. It has much to interest the visitor, especially the Iron Age Hill Fort, one of the most impressive prehistoric settlements in the Chilterns. The Fort can be reached from the shorter of the two walks in this leaflet. It was probably constructed in the Middle Iron Age (300 – 100 BC) and occupied, perhaps intermittently, from the Roman Conquest in the mid-First Century A D.

The area is criss-crossed with footpaths and bridleways and additional routes for riders have recently been created across the common land. It is rich in wildlife, including fox, badger and muntjac deer; birds including pheasant, woodpecker, and barn owl; butterflies include marbled white, orange tip, and meadow brown. The beechwoods, bluebells and orchids all add to the great diversity of life to be found here.

These walks start on common land. Common land is unusual, as the 'commoners' have rights to grazing and other activities, such as cutting turf, though they are not the owners of the land.

Cholesbury is part of a civil parish that includes the villages of St Leonards, Buckland Common, Hawridge and some smaller outlying settlements. There are three churches, four pubs, and a school. Cholesbury Village Hall was built in 1895 and, as well as being a meeting place for local societies, is well known for 'fund raising' cream teas during the summer. Cricket has been played on the Common for over a hundred years.

Two large working farms remain, but most agricultural land has been divided up, usually to keep horses or sheep. Highland cattle, alpacas, and ostriches, can also be found. There is a blacksmith, a farrier, livery yards, dog boarding kennels, a car repair business and an agricultural engineer. Brick making was common in this area, and the remains of clay pits can be often seen. HG Matthews Brickworks at Bellingdon still produce hand made bricks.



This is one of a series of walks through the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). It follows rights of way most of which are waymarked as follows:



Footpath (walkers only)



Bridleway (horse riders, cyclists and walkers)



Byway open to all traffic



Restricted Byway (horseriders, cyclists, walkers and non-mechanically propelled vehicles)

Please be considerate in the countryside – keep to footpaths, especially through crops, and leave farm gates as you find them. Beware of traffic when using or crossing country roads.

If you have enjoyed this walk, there are many other wonderful walks in the Chilterns:

- Visit www.chilternsaonb.org or call 01844 355500 for other Chilterns Country walks
- Visit www.chilternsociety.org.uk or call 01494 771250 for information on the Chiltern Society's walk programme, to obtain Chiltern Society footpath maps or to join the Society.
- Visit www.cholesbury.com (site of the Cholesbury-cum-St Leonards Local History Group) for local information and downloadable pub walks

The Full Moon pub, Cholesbury

A warm welcome awaits you in this old 17th century pub and restaurant, with open fires, flagstone floors and beamed low

ceilings. Fine cask ales, lagers, cider and wines compliment an extensive menu. Our chef produces home cooked good wholesome food from the plain and simple to the more imaginative and adventurous with much locally sourced British and fairtrade produce.

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Chilterns Country

The Iron Age Fort Walk

Walk Description: Long: 5m (8km)
Short: 2 1/2m (4km)

Walk Time: Long: allow 2 1/2 hours
Short: allow 1 1/4 hours

Start / Finish: The Full Moon, Hawridge Common
Nr Chesham, Bucks

How to get to the start

By car: Cholesbury is situated 2 miles south of Tring and 2 miles north of Chesham. The Full Moon is opposite Hawridge and Cholesbury Commons. You can park at The Full Moon or just off the road on the edge of the Common, (there is parking by the cricket ground) but do not drive on the Common itself. The Full Moon has cycle parking facilities.

By train: Take the Metropolitan Line to Chesham where there is a very limited bus service to Cholesbury. For details of train and bus times ring Traveline on 0871 200 2233 or visit www.traveline.info

Notes on the walk Anticlockwise from The Full Moon



The Full Moon. Both walks start opposite the driveway to this 17th century pub. For the short route, turn half left downhill across the Common to the trees. For the long route take the sign posted public footpath straight across the Common downhill to the valley bottom. Turn right and almost immediately left to cross a stile and make your way uphill with the hedge on your left towards Tring Grange Farm.



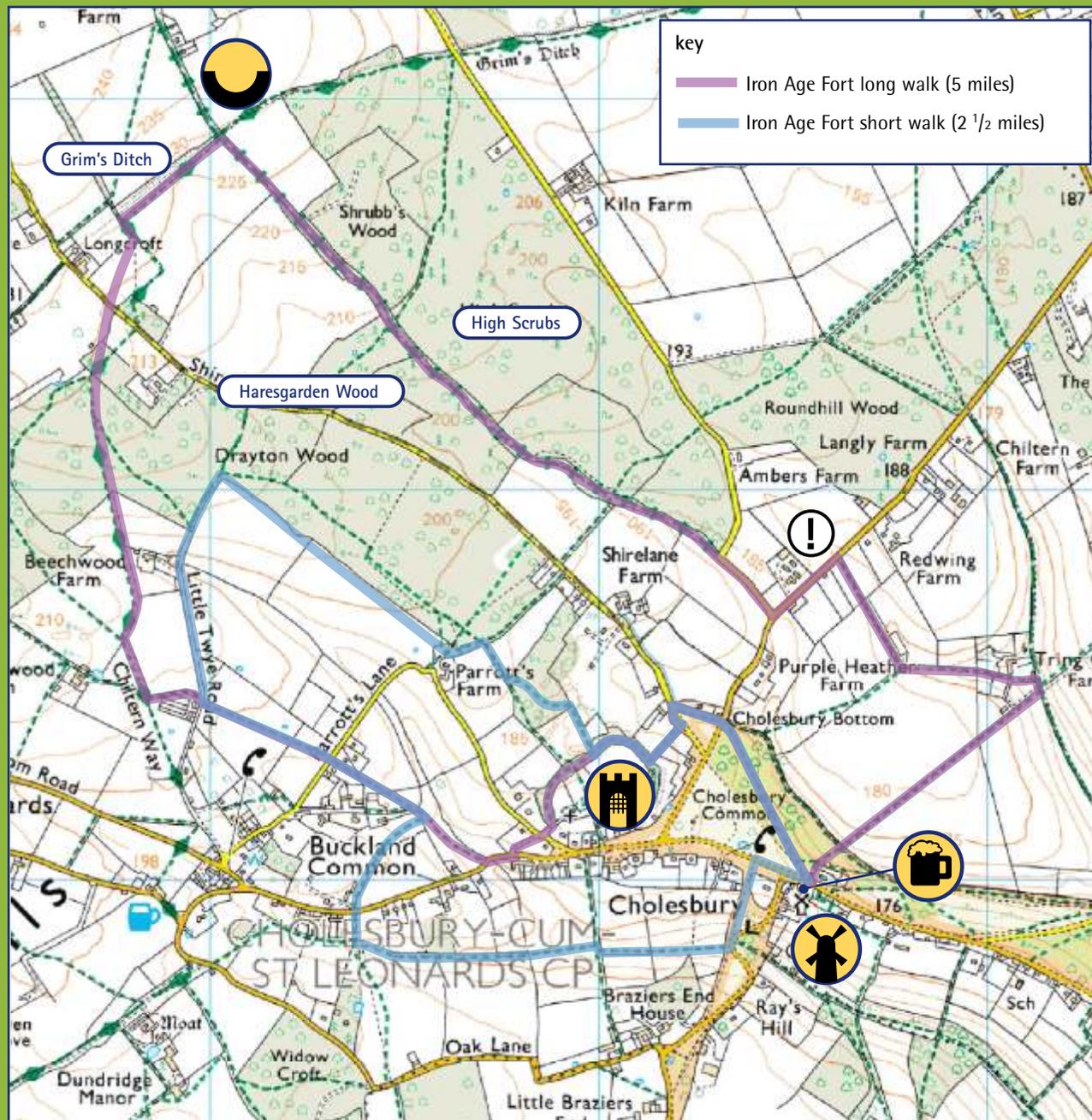
Grim's Ditch. An ancient earthwork of uncertain origin, although probably pre-Saxon, along which runs The Chiltern Way (a 134 mile circular walking route of the Chilterns. Call 01494 771250 for details).



Cholesbury Camp. The Fort consists of a large ditch with ramparts crowned by beech trees. It covers an area of 10 acres, within which is situated the Holy Pond and St Laurence Church. The Church is one of two in the county to be found inside a hill fort. The original Norman church, having fallen into disrepair, was rebuilt sympathetically in 1872.



The Windmill. (Not open to the public). First recorded in 1863 as a smock mill and used for the milling of flour, by the 1880's it had been rebuilt in stone and continued to be used for grinding corn until the outbreak of the First World War. During the Second World War, the Mill was used as a lookout post. Subsequently it became derelict, but in 1968 it was restored as a dwelling and given a new set of dummy sails.



scale: 1 kilometre



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