

Walk 4 - Tipping Shaw Wood

Distance:

About 4½ miles (7.2 kms)
- allow 2¼ hours

MODERATE walk over two differing Commons - Wheeler End and Cadmore End - and into the hidden valleys to the NW of Lane End. Fine views over surrounding countryside.

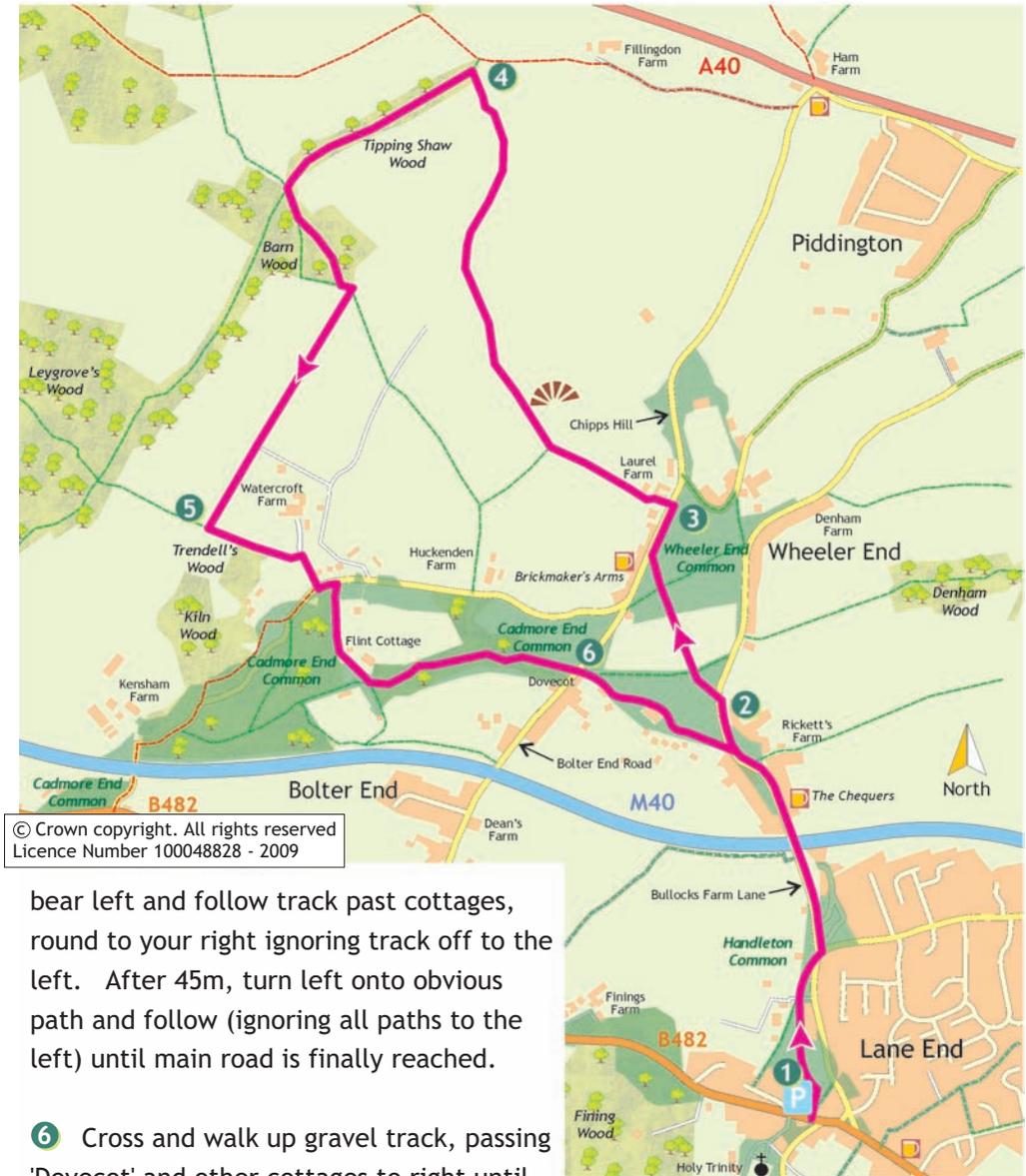
Start/Finish

Lane End Car Park
Alternative Start/Finish
- 'Chequers' pub at Wheeler End Common

- 1 From car park, walk straight down Handleton Common to Bullocks Farm Lane and cross. Turn left, cross over motorway and pass 'Chequers' pub.
- 2 Cross to 5 mph sign, bear ½ right and take 2nd grassy slope downhill to 'X' path at valley bottom. Cross and climb straight up to Wheeler End Common. 'Brickmaker's Arms' pub is visible almost straight ahead. Cross common towards pub and, before road, turn right and walk along until opposite large brick/flint 'Laurel Farm' building.
- 3 Cross road, stile to the left of large barn, 2nd stile through farmyard and 3rd stile at far end of field. Continue along farm track ignoring path to your left. Far-reaching views from West Wycombe to Stokenchurch are superb and show the mosaic nature of the Chilterns. Pass double telegraph pole, and continue to next stile. Cross and walk diagonally right, downhill, towards triangular wood across valley. At field bottom, cross another stile, turn right, and continue to junction of footpaths in valley floor.

4 Turn left into Tipping Shaw Wood and walk to next stile. Cross and immediately turn left to ascend steeply through Barn Wood. At summit, turn right and walk straight along until finally passing fenced field to your left beyond which turn left into woodland.

5 Pass through 3 gates, enter field, turn right and walk to kissing gate (kg) and minor road beyond. Turn right, to reach 'T' junction, turn left and, shortly, turn right again onto unmade track. At 2nd house (Flint Cottage),



bear left and follow track past cottages, round to your right ignoring track off to the left. After 45m, turn left onto obvious path and follow (ignoring all paths to the left) until main road is finally reached.

6 Cross and walk up gravel track, passing 'Dovecot' and other cottages to right until 5mph sign is reached again. Turn right, pass 'Chequers', and retrace steps to car park.

