About the walk

Just a 45 minute train ride from London Marylebone and a few minutes walk from Wendover station you can enjoy the fresh air and fantastic views of the Chilterns countryside.

These two walks take you to the top of the Chiltern Hills, through ancient beech woods, carpets of bluebells and wild flowers. There are amazing views of the Aylesbury Vale and Chequers, the Prime Minister’s country home. You might also see rare birds such as red kites and firecrests and the tiny muntjac deer.

You can finish your walk with a tasty meal, pint of beer or a cup of tea.

Walking gets you fit and keeps you healthy!!

Features of Interest:
(see numbers on map)
1. Coombe Hill Monument, Memorial to the men of Buckinghamshire who fell in the Boer War. It was erected in 1904 and has been damaged by lightning on several occasions. The National Trust owns the hill.
2. Chequers House and Estate is clearly visible in the valley to the left of the hill. Best known as the country residence of the Prime Minister it was presents to the nation by Lord Lee of Fareham in 1917. The house is 16th century.
3. During early May there is a spectacular carpet of bluebells.

Visitor Information

Wendover is a small historic market town at the foot of the Chiltern Hills. The town has a range of shops, pubs, restaurants and accommodation to suit most tastes and budgets. There is an information centre (01296 696758) or visit www.visitbuckinghamshire.org

Public toilets are located in the High Street car park.

There are no toilets or refreshments on the Coombe Hill walk, though there is often an ice-cream van in the Coombe Hill car park on busy weekends or during the summer. On the Wendover Woods Walk there are public toilets and a café (open seven days) at the Wendover Woods main car park.

How to get to the start

Wendover is located off the A413, five miles south of Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.

By train: Wendover is easily reached by rail and the walk starts from the station. Chiltern Railways run direct services from London Marylebone (45min). Trains also call at Harrow-on-the-Hill (connections with London Underground Metropolitan Line), Rickmansworth, Chorleywood, Chalfont & Latimer (connection for Chesham), Amersham Great Missenden, Stoke Mandeville, and Aylesbury. For train times and fares call National Rail Enquiries on 08457 484950.

By bus: Bus service 50 links Wendover (Clock Tower) with Aylesbury. Monday to Saturday, every 30 minutes (not evenings). On Sundays and Bank Holidays there is a limited service on route 50, which also runs through to Tring, Munwroth and kinghow. Bus Service 11 links Wendover with Aylesbury, Great Missenden and Chesham, Mondays to Fridays every two hours. For bus times call Traveline 0871 2002233.

By cycle: There is cycle parking at Wendover rail station and in the High Street.

Parking: There is a car park on the High Street, or limited on-street parking is available away from the village centre. It is also possible to follow these walks from the car parks at Coombe Hill (free) and Wendover Woods (£3).
Go over two stiles and then follow the path across the field to just after the end of the bridge take the footpath on the left. Turn right and then cross the road and over the bridge. Another stile.
The field. Do not go over the stile but turn right through the metal gate. Follow this path uphill for just over ½ mile.

At the top of the hill turn right onto a well surfaced bridleway. After about 140 metres you will cross a private drive and the path ahead divides; take the right-hand path (the footpath). After about 180 metres turn left at a waymark post along a footpath through the wood. Follow this path until another waymark is reached, indicating a T-junction of public footpaths. Turn right here and keep going straight ahead until another waymark post is reached (after about 230 metres), where you turn left and follow the path through a dark section of wood to emerge at a National Trust car park.

Continue straight ahead to a wooden gate, and take the right-hand of two signed public footpaths. Just after the path forks left after about 50 metres turn right and follow the path between houses on your left.

From the Monument continue along the hilltop to the right, following The Ridgeway National Trail, passing a black Ridgeway waymark post (visible from the monument) and through the kissing gates across the bridleway.

Keep straight ahead downhill, eventually through a kissing gate to the road. Take care crossing the road. Turn right and follow the road downhill back to Wendover Station.

The Ridgeway drops down (via steps) to meet a bridleway in a sunken lane. Turn 90 degrees left here (leaving the Ridgeway) and after some 40 metres take a public footpath to the right. Follow this well waymarked path uphill through the wood until it meets a wider stony track. Turn right along this track and follow it, climbing gently. At a fork of tracks take the right (upper) one which brings you to the Wendover Woods main car park.

Follow the tarmac road to the left (the café is ahead of you where you meet the road, if you wish to take refreshment) and turn left to follow a wide track for ½ mile, which passes picnic areas with barbecues. Keep straight on at a sign for Boddington Bank viewpoint. After 300 metres there is a piece of fitness equipment (part of the Fitness Trail): do not turn left here – go straight on and follow the track downhill. You will eventually meet another track, turn right and join this track, continuing downhill. Then carry straight on until you reach the road at the bottom.

Turn right and follow the road back to Wendover (please take care if walking on the road). At the junction turn right and after 50m take the path between houses on your left. This brings you back to the park at the start of the walk. Follow the stream and then on to the Heron Point to come out on the High Street by the Clock Tower.

Turn left and walk back up the High Street to the rail station.