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Long Walks from Thame

4 long circular walks around Thame of about 5 and 6 miles

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North Weston & The Oxfordshire

Distance 8.1km (5.0 miles)

- From the Town centre make your way to the Leisure Centre car park to the west of the town just off the Oxford Road.
- Turn left out of the car park and walk down a path at the side of the road. Go past some houses and continue along the track ahead of you, bearing right at the fork. Cross the road by the roundabout and carry straight on to the cycle track that runs parallel to the main road.
- Follow the cycle track for 0.75 mile to North Weston then, where it runs out, turn left into a minor road. At the end of the road continue along the bridleway, passing over a bridge under which ran the Thame - Oxford railway. After the lane opens out carry straight on for about 200 yards and then, after going under some telephone lines, turn right across a small patch of ground to a lane running between hedges. Follow this second lane slightly uphill and across a wooden bridge until you reach a small gate onto a road.
- Cross the road and go through a gate on the far side. For the main route turn right and follow the path parallel to the road. At the Oxfordshire Golf Course entrance turn left up the private road for about 300 yards and then left again onto a tarmac footpath. Take the second tarmac path to the right leading to a bridge over a lake.
- Cross the bridge, go across a patch of grass and turn left onto a tarmac path alongside the lake. At a T junction turn right onto another tarmac path and follow this until you come to a gate. Turn right before the gate and after a few yards go left over a stile, leaving the golf course.
- Turn left along a lane which eventually becomes a tarmac road where you bear left to enter the village of Moreton. Carry straight on past the war memorial ignoring the road to the left. Upon reaching a fork, keep left and go left again onto a footpath past a pond and over a stile.
- Cross a field keeping alongside the trees on your left. Go over a stile and footbridge and turn right. Where the path ends continue straight on across a field following the hedge on your right to a stile. Step over this and up a slope to the Phoenix Trail.
- Take the path straight ahead through a metal barrier, passing the Lord Williams's School playing fields on your left. Half way along take the paved path to the left into the school grounds. Go past the Leisure Centre on the left and the original Lord Williams's School building on the right, back to the Leisure Centre car park.
- Alternative Route.** Turn left point 4 above and follow this broad path around the golf course perimeter. This eventually meets the lane that runs into the village of Moreton. Turn left and follow the instructions from point 6 above.

The Oxfordshire Golf Course

Long Crendon

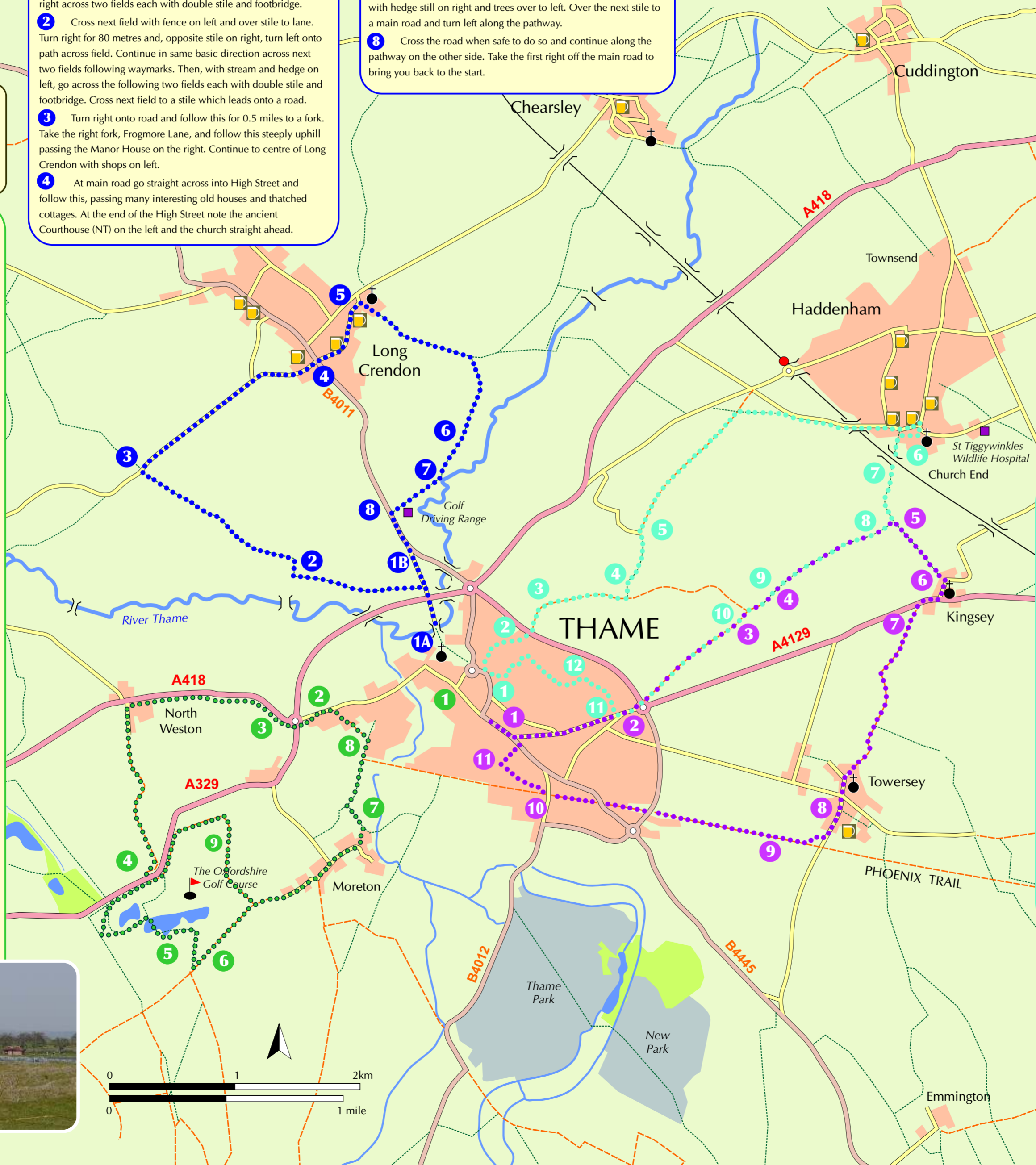
Distance 8.0km (5.0 miles)

- This walk may be started at either (1A) from Priest End by St Mary's Church or, (1B) to avoid crossing the busy A418 by-pass, from the far side of the by-pass in the Old Long Crendon Road. (1A) Starting from Priest End bear left, keeping the church on your right, and cross the bridge over the River Thame (the county boundary). Take great care crossing the by-pass, then cross over a stile a few yards up on the left signposted "Thame Valley Way". (1B) Starting from the Old Long Crendon Road go through a gate and take the same stile a little way down on the right. (1A & 1B) Follow the path straight ahead with hedge/fence on right across two fields each with double stile and footbridge.
- Cross next field with fence on left and over stile to lane. Turn right for 80 metres and, opposite stile on right, turn left onto path across field. Continue in same basic direction across next two fields following waymarks. Then, with stream and hedge on left, go across the following two fields each with double stile and footbridge. Cross next field to a stile which leads onto a road.
- Turn right onto road and follow this for 0.5 miles to a fork. Take the right fork, Frogmore Lane, and follow this steeply uphill passing the Manor House on the right. Continue to centre of Long Crendon with shops on left.
- At main road go straight across into High Street and follow this, passing many interesting old houses and thatched cottages. At the end of the High Street note the ancient Courthouse (NT) on the left and the church straight ahead.

- Before reaching the church take the waymarked lane on the right which leads to an enclosed footpath. At the end of the path carry straight on with hedge on right, then through gap in hedge to continue with hedge now on left. Cross two fields then turn right onto track which comes in from the left. Follow this across two fields, passing a small wooded area and a pond on the left. Then through a gap into an industrial area.
- Follow the red brick path to the end of the first road, then left and right into Hikers Way (note green sign). At end of Hikers Way turn right and follow the red tarmac path through the rest of the estate, emerging at a stile and footbridge into a field.
- Go diagonally left across two fields and stiles then bear half right to follow hedge on right. Over another stile then up a slope with hedge still on right and trees over to left. Over the next stile to a main road and turn left along the pathway.
- Cross the road when safe to do so and continue along the pathway on the other side. Take the first right off the main road to bring you back to the start.



The Courthouse, Long Crendon



Haddenham

Distance 9.4km (5.8 miles)

- Start at the Cattle Market car park and turn right into Moorend Lane. Pass the Bishop's Palace on the left and a green on the right to the end of Moorend Lane.
- Bear slightly right onto a footpath leading between houses to where it exits into Cromwell Avenue beside numbers 42 and 44. Turn left, and at the end of Cromwell Avenue cross the main road to the lane on the other side. This is the continuation of Moorend Lane – an ancient trackway.
- Follow this wide track past the sewage works and Ham Wood. Go past a farm on your left, under a power line and then, after 100 metres, turn left off the track and over a stile.
- Follow the left hand field edge to a double stile and footbridge. Over this and bear right 45 degrees to a concrete bridge. Continue across another field to the stile and bridge in front of you. The stream marks the county boundary.
- Continue through a small wooded area and past Scottsgrove Mill. Then head up the wide grassy track in front of you for about 0.75 mile to a metal gate on your right. Through this and follow the path straight ahead. Continue on a permissive path running parallel to a road, until you see the "30mph" sign. Go through a gate onto the road, turn right over a railway bridge and follow the road to an open green area with the church and pond on the right. This is Haddenham Church End.
- Leave the pond and church on your left and turn right into Flint Street. Where the road bends to the right, bear slightly left onto a footpath. Follow this through a metal gate and under a railway bridge to a path junction.
- Go straight on following the right hand field edge until you reach a kissing gate on the right. At this point bear half left towards a stile at the edge of a wood. Go through the wood and, as you leave it, turn right onto a path cutting diagonally across the corner of a field to a stile.
- Continue in the same direction across another field past some horse jumps to a stile towards the far left hand corner. Cross this and follow the path alongside a fence, then a wood and then across a large open field to a stile.

- Cross a small field, through a gate and across a storage yard and bear slightly right past a cottage. Cross the bridge, which marks the county boundary, and climb over a metal gate using the step built into it. Continue through an avenue of trees, which was part of the old carriageway from Thame to Tythrop House, then cross the stile on the right.
- Bear left onto a path through crops with views of the Chiltern Hills and Whiteleaf Cross to the left. The track eventually widens, passing the site of the Thame Show, some allotments and Chinnor Rugby Club. At the main road, cross over and take the footpath opposite alongside the Kingsey Road.
- Take the second footpath on the right alongside a wall to a recreation field. Cross the field diagonally to the left corner, take the road in front of you and after a few yards turn right slightly downhill.
- At the end of Onslow Drive turn left into Cromwell Avenue and follow this road, eventually coming to a green area on your left. This is The Moats - an ancient fishponds site. At the far side of The Moats turn left into Chalgrove Road, then take the second right into Parliament Road. Follow this road round and at the end turn right onto a footpath which leads you back to the Cattle Market.



The village pond, Haddenham

Kingsey, Towersey & the Phoenix Trail

Distance 9.9km (6.2 miles)

- Start from the Upper High Street car park. Walk up the Upper High Street away from the town to the mini roundabout and turn left into East Street. Continue past the hospital and go straight on at the next mini roundabout into Kingsey Road. Where the pavement runs out use the parallel roadway in Churchill Crescent.
- Just before reaching the main road bear slightly left onto a pathway. Go across the main road to a wide track leading past the Chinnor Rugby Club, some allotments and the site of the Thame Show. The track narrows to a path through crops with views of the Chiltern Hills and Whiteleaf Cross to the right.
- At the end of the field go over the large stile to the right and continue on through an avenue of trees. This is part of the old carriageway from Thame to Tythrop House. Climb over a metal gate using the step built into it and cross the bridge which marks the county boundary. Pass the cottage on your left and bear left across a storage yard, through a gate and across a small field to a stile on the far side.
- Continue in the same direction across a large field aiming for the left hand edge of the wood in front of you, then continue along the path with the wood to your right. Over the next stile and bear slightly left across a field aiming to the right of some horse jumps. Cross the stile in the fence ahead of you and go across the corner of the next field through the crops.



St. Catherine's Church, Towersey

- At the path junction turn right and follow this grassy path slightly uphill. Tythrop House is ahead to the right and the path converges on an iron fence. Follow this and through a gate to a drive on the edge of the village of Kingsey.
- Take the drive slightly to the right and at a road turn right along it until you reach the main Thame - Princes Risborough road. Cross this and turn right along the grass verge for about 80 yards until you reach a track to the left signposted "Public Bridleway".
- Take this track and at the end of the horse paddocks bear slightly right to go over a bridge and past the car park for a fishing lake. The track narrows for about 0.75 mile until you reach the village of Towersey. Bear left along the road, passing the pond on the right and the church on the left. At the crossroads carry straight on along the road in front of you.
- Pass the "Three Horseshoes" pub and continue until you reach a bridge across the road. This is the Phoenix Trail which follows the line of the old railway between Thame and Princes Risborough. Just before the bridge take the path to the right which leads up onto the trail and turn right towards Thame.
- Follow the Phoenix Trail all the way to Thame noting the various artistic structures which were designed and constructed by students from Rycote Wood College. At the pedestrian crossing continue straight across towards the centre of town.
- Soon after passing under the second bridge, turn right off the Phoenix Trail and bear left onto a footpath alongside houses. Go past the John Hampden Primary school grounds and turn right into Elms Park.
- Go straight across the park and leave it at the iron gates. Turn left into Park Street and follow this past the mini roundabout and back to the Upper High Street car park in front of you.

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