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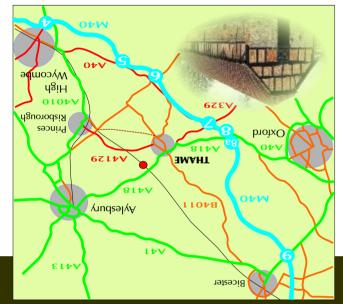


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4 short walks and 4 long walks in and around Thame

## Short Walks from Thame

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4 short circular walks in and around Thame of between 2 and 4 miles

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Moreton

**Main Route.** Start at the Town Hall. Cross the High Street, turn right and, immediately after the

Co-op, turn left into a passageway. Go straight across the car park and through a small residential area

2 Proceed down Moreton Lane passing the Recreation Ground on the right. Where the road bends

through the next two fields, keeping parallel to the hedge on the right. At the end of the second field go

to the left carry straight on into a lane which leads to the Phoenix Trail. Cross the trail and continue

straight ahead. Pass Bates Leys Farm on the right and, after an S-bend in the path, carry straight on

3 Go over the next stile, cross the footbridge over the Cuttle Brook and continue straight on

to a roundabout. Still going straight ahead cross the road into Moreton Lane.

through a gap in the hedge in front of you and turn right onto a bridleway.

along a grassy path ignoring the tarmac path to the right.

Distance 5.2km (3.2 miles)

**Around Moreton** 

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#### **Cuttlebrook Nature Reserve & St Mary's** Pass a picnic area on your right, cross over a tarmac path and carry straight on. To the right are medieval fish ponds and an old Church Distance 2.9km (1.8 miles) 1 Start at the Museum. Cross the road and turn right. Just before

woodland path into the Cuttlebrook Nature Reserve.

2 Follow the path through the woods running gently downhill

and straight over a crossing path, until you reach the brook. Pass a

pond on your left and continue alongside the brook until you come

to a bridge. Cross the bridge and turn right, then after a short

distance right again, retracing your steps on the opposite bank.

4 You soon leave the nature reserve and reach the main Oxford the Six Bells pub turn left into Brook Lane and follow this past St. Road. Turn right over the bridge, noting the site of the old ford on the Joseph's RC Church. At the end of Brook Lane go half left onto a right. Cross the road and continue up the slight slope passing the old

Rycotewood College on your left, now a housing development. 5 Where the main road turns right, carry straight on into Priest End passing the Prebendal on your left, now privately owned, and the church on your right. Follow the road down to the old Long Crendon Road bridges over the River Thame and the county boundary.

6 Retrace your steps back to the church and enter the churchyard up the steps in front of you. Turn right and follow the path around the church to the south porch. This is the parish church of St Mary the Virgin, which dates back to the 13th Century. Continue along the path in the same direction and where the paths cross, turn right.

7 At the far side of the churchyard go through a gate into the cricket field and head for the far right hand corner of the field. Another gate leads onto the Aylesbury Road near a roundabout. Turn right up Bell Lane, which leads you back to the Museum.

To the Bucks border 1 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 the road. 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 and bear slightly right. This area can be muddy. Ignore the stile on the left which leads to Haddenham.

Distance 5.7km (3.6 miles)

The track becomes narrower and enters a section through a tunnel of trees which can be muddy. Use the small path through trees on the right hand side as an alternative.

Go through a gate and follow the path around the edge of a field, over a wooden bridge. Continue along the edge of the next field beside a stream until you reach the corner of the field with a large stile in front of you. Do not cross the stile but turn right, back towards Thame.

6 Follow this path between fields of crops. It eventually widens into a track. Admire the views to the left of the Chiltern Hills, Whiteleaf Cross and the BT tower at Stokenchurch.

The track continues, 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 Kingsey

R Take the second footpath on the right alongside a wall to a recreation field. Cross the field diagonally to the left corner, take he road in front of you and after a few yards turn right slightly

 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.

Towersey



4 After about 50 yards go through a small gate and across the next field following the hedge on the right. In the far right hand corner go through a large metal gate onto Judd's Lane and turn right towards Moreton. At the war memorial turn left along the road.

The War Memorial, Moreton

5 Just before a bungalow on the right, turn right onto a footpath, which may be muddy. At the end of the enclosed footpath go through a gate into a field.

6 Cross the field following the hedge on your right to a stile. Over this and up a slope to join the Phoenix Trail. Take the path straight ahead through a metal barrier, passing the Lord Williams's School playing fields on your left. At the end turn left into Sycamore Drive.

Take the first right into Beech Road and, soon after the road bends to the right, take the path in the corner on the left between houses. Follow this over a bridge and up a slight slope. At the top of the slope turn right alongside the Recreation Ground. At Southern Road turn left and, at the end, turn right into the High Street and back to the Town Hall.

8 Short Cut Option 1. Near the end of Point 2 above take the tarmac path to the right and follow this over a small bridge to the outskirts of the village of Moreton. Before the village, turn right along a path with a pond on your left. Go over a stile and across a field keeping alongside the trees on your left. Cross the next stile and turn right, thus rejoining the main route at Point 6.

**9 Short Cut Option 2.** Take option 1 above but instead of turning right on the outskirts of the village, carry straight on, ignoring the side road on the left and passing houses on both sides of the road. Take the next road on the right by the war memorial and join the main route at Point 5 above.

#### 10 lowersey Distance 6.4km (4.0 miles)

1 Start at the Upper High Street car park. Cross the road and walk down Nelson Street, passing the Fire Station and the Players Theatre. At the end turn left into Elms Road and where this bends to the right carry straight on along a footpath.

2 Go past Elms Park and the grounds of John Hampden Primary school. Where the path ends turn slightly right to join the Phoenix Trail. Turn left onto the trail and follow this under two bridges and across a pedestrian crossing.

3 Continue along the Phoenix Trail passing a light industrial complex and noting the artistic structures which adorn this old railway line. After about 1.5 miles turn to the left off the Phoenix Trail just before it passes over a road bridge. Go down the slope to the road and turn left along the road into the village of Towersey.

4 Pass the Three Horseshoes pub and at the crossroads turn left back towards Thame. Cross the road to the pavement and continue along it for about 1.5 miles until you reach the main road. Cross this with care and go through the metal barrier opposite into Towersey Road.



The Three Horseshoes pub at Towersey

Continue along Towersey Road passing Lord Williams's Lower school and at the T junction turn left into Queen's Road. Take the second on the right into King's Road and at the mini roundabout turn left into East Street. Follow this past the hospital and at the next roundabout turn right into the Upper High Street and back to the car park.

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### North Weston & The Oxfordshire

#### Distance 8.1km (5.0 miles)

1 From the Town centre make your way to the Leisure Centre car park to the west of the town just off the Oxford Road.

2 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

4 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.

7 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.

8 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

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)

1 This walk may be started at either (1A) from Priest End by St Mary's Church or, (1B) to avoid crossing the busy A418 bypass, 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.

4 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.

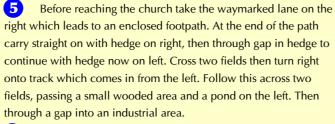
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6 Follow the red brick path to the end of the first road, then left and right into Hikers Way (note green sign). At end of Hikers Way turn right and follow the red tarmac path through the rest of the estate, emerging at a stile and footbridge into a field.

7 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.

8 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.

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The Courthouse, Long Crendon



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Haddenham

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

Continue in the same direction across another field past some horse jumps to a stile towards the far left hand corner. and then across a large open field to a stile.

#### 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.
- 5 Continue through a small wooded area and past Scotsgrove 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
- 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.
- Cross this and follow the path alongside a fence, then a wood

- 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.
- 12 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)

1 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.

2 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.

- 6 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".
- 7 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.
- 8 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 Rycotewood College. At the pedestrian crossing continue straight across towards the centre of town.
- 10 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.
- 11) 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

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