

Chesham Stile-Free Walk

This walk takes you from the edge of Chesham up through Great Bois Wood, along fine woodland paths and back through fields.

Distance: 2 miles (1 hour)

Start: There is parking at the Chesham Open Air Pool on Moor Road SP964007.

Access Information: An easy-going walk with some gentle slopes. The path through the Great Bois Wood from 4-6 can be muddy after rain.

Refreshments: There are a number of pubs and a cafes in Chesham.

Park next to Chesham Pools **1**, turn right past the front, cross the road and go over the little bridge onto Chesham Moor. Walk along the south side ignoring the footpath to the right on the far side of the little wooden pavilion. After about 200 yards come to a gate with a white building beyond where the path leads off to the road.

Cross the road **2** and go up Woodley Hill, a rough road which bends round to the left and continues for 200 yards until it meets a junction on a bend. Turn right there and go under the railway bridge **3**. Follow the broad track (a bridleway) leading away from the railway. You will pass a cemetery on your right followed by a line of huge hornbeam trees. Keep on this track which is good underfoot. Coming to Great Bois Wood House on your right, follow the tarmac road for about 100 yards. You will find a path on the right going up a short steep bank, doubling back and through 'bike proof barriers'.

Follow this path **4** which can be muddy and opens up between large gardens with huge beeches on the left. After walking along this path for 400 yards the route will divide **5**. Take the left fork along a wide woodland path which divides again after 50 yards, this time go to the right. You descend now and reach the edge of the wood where you can look out over Chesham **6**.

Go through the gate and follow the path left across the field. Go through the gate at the edge of the field, picking up a path and going right, passing back under the railway bridge. You come out amongst houses and follow the road round to the right where you will see Chesham Moor and the place where you began. Follow the road back round to the left past the front of Chesham Pools to your car in the car park.

