

CIRCULAR WALK AROUND LEY HILL

LENGTH — Approximately 4 miles

TERRAIN— Fairly flat. Footpaths and tracks mainly through open fields and through some woods.

Minimal road walking

2 stiles

START and FINISH — Ley Hill Memorial Hall

THE ROUTE

1. Leave the Memorial Hall, turn RIGHT along the pavement, then just before the Common cross over Bovingdon Road to the footpath to the LEFT of the 8th fairway on the golf course. Go downhill at the end, turning half LEFT along a broad footpath called Green Lane, known locally as "Soldier's Bottom". Carry straight on for 600 yards.
2. Turn LEFT onto a semi-tarmacked path, passing New House Farm and Cattery on your right. Exit onto Jason's Hill, turn left and walk for 100 yards along the grass verge.
3. Turn RIGHT by Beechwood Stables onto quite a narrow footpath straight ahead. Follow this footpath behind gardens, across a field with fences to both sides. Turn half LEFT and follow the footpath along the edge of the field.
4. Turn RIGHT through a metal gate, cross Rushmere Lane onto a footpath along the edge of the field.
5. At a 4-way junction turn LEFT onto the bridleway. Cross Grove Lane onto a footpath with Little Grove to your right. Walk straight with houses on your left, then pass through a small copse and carry straight on across a field to Two Dell's Lane. Cross over, then turn LEFT for 100 yards then RIGHT through a wooden gate. Take the diagonal footpath across the field to exit at Lycrome Road. Cross the road with the Black Cat to your right.
6. Enter a large field and walk diagonally across. Climb a stile, cross Lye Green Road and take the footpath to the right of Brockhurst Farm. Go straight ahead, through 2 kissing gates and exit onto Botley Road with Kimblewick Feeds to your right. Turn RIGHT.
7. Walk down Tyler's Hill Road opposite the Hen and Chickens. Turn RIGHT at the cross roads at the bottom and take a first left after 10 yards up a broad track along a field edge. Go through the kissing gate to your left.
8. Exit onto the lane, turn RIGHT with St. George's Church to your left. After a 100 yards, turn LEFT by a triangular flowerbed onto a broad track. Follow this through Cowcroft Woods back to Kiln Lane. Turn LEFT onto the Green to the Memorial Hall.

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