



Beaconsfield New Town to Ongar Hill Harte and Magpies

circular walk over fields, no syles or main roads

Distance = 4.5 miles /7.2km

Ledborough, Netherlands and Browns woods can be quite muddy so suitable footwear and clothing are advised.

With your back to the Town Hall Green, go right along Station Road and onto Penn Road and in 100m turn right into Warwick Road to pass Bekonscot on your left. Go diagonally to your left across St Michael's Green and take the footpath to the left to reach Ledborough Lane. Keep to the right hand side of the Lane until close to the end where it meets the A355. **CAUTION BUSY ROAD** Cross Ledborough Lane to the small car parking area and footpath on the left.

Follow the footpath through two fields past Pegg's Wood on your left to continue diagonally through the next field. Cross the track to the Grange and continue north to a crossing path at Wood Cottage.

Optional pit stop *one mile (1.5km) round trip extension to the Harte and Magpies, turn right and immediately left, past the gate and head north again, up Ongar Hill. past the first crossing path and on to Ongar Hill Farm where, through a gate on you right take the narrow diagonal path and turn right again in front of the farmhouse. About 300m straight ahead is the gate to the Harte and Magpies.*

<http://www.magpiespub.com/> Retrace your steps back to Ongar Hill Farm and onto to Wood Cottage.

Turn right in front of the cottage. Ignoring minor paths to the left and right follow the broad path through the woods for about one mile before reaching a gate at an intersecting path. Turn left and take this path due south until it reaches the wooden fence bordering the houses of Copperfields and an intersecting path.

NOTE: In Winter, the path ahead can be particularly muddy so you may wish to take the footpath to the right, keeping the fence to your left until it emerges on Sandelswood End. Turn left down Sandelswood End, right into Ledborough Lane, left on Penn Road to return to your starting point.

Continue south down the footpath behind houses, keeping the fence to your right all the way until it meets Ledborough Lane. Cross Ledborough Lane and go down Wilton Road, turn right into Grenfell Road and cross St Michael's Green diagonally and into Warwick Road. Proceed along Warwick Road and pass the entrance to Bekonscot on your right until you reach the Penn Road. Turn left pass Waitrose to arrive at your starting point.