

HOLMER GREEN WALKS

Walk 3: Holmer Green to Prestwood Nature Reserve Picnic Site

Destination: Picnic site with 3 fine picnic tables, and 2 more benches in the nature reserve

Distance: 6.1 km each way (total 12.2 km or 7.6 miles) **with 10 stiles**

Ascent: 10m and 65m descents and ascents each way

Return: The same way, so **make sure you memorise where you have come from at each junction**. If you get lost keep walking SOUTH-EAST till you find somewhere you recognise – remember: your shadow points roughly north for much of the day

Start: **Holmer Green – Lynford Parade shops**

1. **From the shops**, set off down the hill towards the pond, **turning left** at the crossroads into New Pond Road. Continue along for 350m, passing the Little Missenden Parish Council offices / Rossetti Hall on your left. At the end of the road **turn left** into Beech Tree Road.
2. Keep walking for 400m to the double mini-roundabout with Beech Tree Autos on your left and **turn right** into Watchet Lane.
3. Proceed for 100m with allotments on your right, passing the 40mph speed limit signs, and just before the drive to the first house on the left (Fieldsview) cross over and take the public footpath (stile 1 of 10) **on the left**.



4. Follow the path, with a field on the left, and at the end of the field go over another stile, and within a few steps another stile. The path narrows between a field and a large back-garden, then over another stile where the wooden steps are completely missing.
5. Over a track to another stile, the path proceeds to another stile, then another stile directly beneath overhead power cables.
6. Down a field with the hedge on your right, at the bottom of the hill go over another stile, and go up a few steps to another stile. Keep on in the same direction with the hedge on your left.

7. At the end of the field you come to another stile next to a farm gate, **DO NOT** go over this stile, but **turn right** with the hedge on your left.



8. Follow the path for 150m, then over a final stile and into the woods. The path continues just inside the woods with a field on your left. The path then forks, but you can take either route as they both join up later on.
9. Go under some power cables (these may be difficult to see), and where the two paths merge the path swings round to the left. The woods have a good display of bluebells in the spring.
10. After another 300m the path arrives at a T-junction of footpaths where you **turn right** up the hill. The path exits the woods with the hedge ahead on the left and a field on the right and is overgrown in places. After another 350m, through a gate, now there is a wall on the right and hedge on the left.
11. After another 100m you pass Kingshill Baptist Church, where there is a bench for your refreshments now or later. There is another bench overlooking the headstones.



12. Keep on the path and at the main road, cross over and **turn left**. Cross over Hare Lane, and just before the 30mph repeater sign (120m) **turn right** into a shingle road, Shepherds Gate (the public footpath sign is hidden).



13. Past a sign that says Oaktree and through the gate. The path narrows with a field on the left and hedge on the right.
14. After 200m the path forks, **go straight on** (not right), the path is fenced in with fields both sides where you may see a herd of alpacas.



15. At the end of the path (500m) you come to a T-junction, where you **turn left**, then within a few steps you meet a wide bridleway where you **turn right**.
16. Peterley Manor Farm comes into view (after 150m) and you take a footpath through a gate **on the left**.



17. With the hedge on your left, the path turns right, left round a pond, and right again. When a distant farm gate comes into view take the footpath **on the left** through a gate, into some woods. At the first opportunity to turn right at a footpath junction, **turn right**.
18. At the road, almost opposite and **to the right** take the bridleway into the woods. At several vague forks bear left, keeping parallel with the field edge on the left.
19. Follow the bridleway for 250m, and at the footpath sign, **turn left**. Follow a narrow path until it emerges at a main road opposite the Polecat Inn pub. Here **turn right**, cross over and **turn left** at the far side of the pub car park (the footpath sign is almost hidden).



20. Through the pub activity area, and into a field following the line of telegraph poles. Then through a gate and **bear right**, initially keeping with the telegraph poles then making for the houses in the distance. At the end of the field where the path meets a road, go through a gate and **turn right** along the road (Perks Lane).
21. Proceed for 600m to a T-Junction, here **turn right**. After 2 houses on the right (100m) you have arrived at the picnic site.



22. Return to Holmer Green the same way.

Maps

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