

# HOLMER GREEN WALKS

## Walk 9: Holmer Green to Great Missenden Church (west)

**Destination:** Church with several benches in the grounds for a picnic

**Distance:** 6.5 km each way (total 13.0 km or 8.1 miles) **with 10 stiles** (1 wobbly, 2 difficult)

**Ascent:** 15m and 60m 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 till you find somewhere you recognise – remember: your shadow points roughly north for much of the day

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

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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 right** here with a hedge on your right and fence on the left. In the distance you may see a herd of alpacas.



15. At the end of the field (180m) take the gate through the hedge on the right. The path continues with a field on the left and hedge on the right, and after a kink in the path at a footpath sign (showing only one route) the path crosses a field towards another footpath sign in the distance.
16. At the footpath sign **turn left** and make for the right side of the farm buildings (the footpath arrow is missing in this direction).
17. Through a gate, cross a farm track and onto a road where you **turn right** down the hill. After 120m the road begins to flatten out, take the road **on left** marked Sedges Farm and follow the line of telegraph poles.
18. After 300m the road turns to right, **go straight on** along an earthy track which is a public byway.



19. Where the path begins to go downhill, go through a gate (200m) **on the right**, and take the footpath (if you miss this, keep to the track and it will meet up in due course). Into the woods the path goes steeply downhill, then up and meets a nondescript track (200m) at a T-junction, here **turn right** the path is now a wide track. Where the path forks, keep to the left.
20. The path narrows and widens, and finally exits the woods at a gate onto a narrow path with a hedge both sides. A number of houses now become visible.
21. You pass a house on the left and meet a lane, **go left** here and **immediately right** into another lane. Pass a nursery on the right, under a railway bridge, past houses on both sides and at a main road (350m), **turn left**.
22. Pass the 20 mph signs and opposite The George Alehouse, take the road **on the right** marked Church Street (straight on here if you want the centre of Great Missenden).
23. After 200m you come to a flinty wall on the right past Abbey Farmhouse, turn right after this into Church Lane following the wall. The road goes uphill, curves left through some gates (330m). Then a bridge over the A413, and a few steps further on you arrive at St Peter and St Paul. To the right of the church there are benches with a fine view. Otherwise there are many benches overlooking the headstones.



24. Return to Holmer Green the same way.