

# HOLMER GREEN WALKS

## Walk 12: Holmer Green to Great Missenden Church (east)

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

**Distance:** 5.8 km each way (total 11.6 km or 7.2 miles) **with 10 stiles** (1 wobbly, 2 difficult)

**Ascent:** 20m 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 **continue in the same direction** past the footpath signs, across the recreation ground following the hedge on your left.



13. At the end of the recreation ground the path narrows and emerges onto a road opposite the Full Moon pub. Cross over the road.



14. The public footpath passes curiously through the paved area of the pub, straight past the main entrance. Take this path, which then narrows with hedges on both sides, and continues with fields on the left and hedge on the right.
15. The path enters some woods (300m); just inside take the **fork to the right** over a fallen tree trunk. The path continues through the woods, reaching the edge with a field on the right and after comes to an unsignposted fork by a gate on the right marked with a hazard sign. **Take the left fork**, as the right fork peters out after some distance.



16. Then take an unsignposted **right fork** uphill with a faint arrow on a tree. The path eventually skirts a deep ravine on the right with a field on the left, and goes downhill to emerge at a road. Here **go straight across**, into more woods.



17. The path follows the edge of the woods steeply uphill with a field just visible on the right. At the top (250m) **turn right** onto a track, then through a farm gate and into Sedges Farm. The footpath passes through the farm paved area to the left, curves round to the right, then turns left again through a gate.
18. After a few steps take an unsignposted path **on the right**, leading downhill. The path broadens, reaches a low point then climbs ahead across an open field.
19. In 800m go through a gate, over the railway, and then take the first path (unsignposted) **on the right** through a metal gate. The path passes some garages on the left, keep to the hedge on the right. Cross a road at a school entrance and continue to a small parking area. Just past this **turn right** onto a footpath running parallel with a main road. After 200m at a major opening on the left, **cross the road** following the footpath sign.
20. Follow a short road, and at the end go through a gate into an open field. Cross the River Misbourne where there are stepping stones. Follow the metal railings and where they turn to the left keep **straight on**, making for a gap to the left of a clump of trees with a wooden fence.
21. Ascend a staircase, **turn right** at a road past some gates. 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. The church also has a porch with benches inside if it's raining.



22. Return to Holmer Green the same way.

## Maps

[https://streetmap.co.uk/prf.srf?x=489312&y=198040&z=115&sv=489312,198040&st=4&ar=Y&map\\_p=prf.srf&searchp=s.srf&dn=719&ax=490500&ay=197500&lm=1](https://streetmap.co.uk/prf.srf?x=489312&y=198040&z=115&sv=489312,198040&st=4&ar=Y&map_p=prf.srf&searchp=s.srf&dn=719&ax=490500&ay=197500&lm=1)  
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