

HOLMER GREEN WALKS

Walk 10: Holmer Green to Amersham Cricket Ground

Destination: Amersham Cricket Ground, where there may be benches for a picnic.

Distance: 4.9 km each way (total 9.8 km or 6.1 miles)

Ascent: 15m ascent, 75m descent and return

Return: The same way, so **make sure you memorise where you have come from at each junction.** If you get lost keep walking WEST till you find somewhere you recognise – remember: your shadow points 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 right** into Earl Howe Road at the crossroads. Continue on for 250m, passing the Earl Howe pub on the left, and **turn left** into Hogg Lane.



2. Walk to the end of Hogg Lane (350m) and **bear right** at the footpath sign to which a dog waste bin is attached.



3. Just a few steps along the path there's a gap on the right where you can enter the field and walk parallel with the footpath. Make for the farm buildings in the distance. The path eventually squeezes between the hedge and the first building, crosses a farm area (Blairavon Farm) and arrives at a road (500m). Here **cross over** (Sheepbarn Dell Road) and take the

public footpath opposite, just to the right of the bus stop.



4. This leads along a narrow path with a garden on the right and a hedge on the left, and after 75m arrives at another road. At the road **cross over** (Beamond End Lane) and take the unmade road opposite.



5. The unmade road passes a garage and Bucks Bodyworks and some houses, then peters out into another narrow path. Keep straight on for another 200m, with a fence on the left and eventually woods on the right.

6. At the end of the path go through a gate and across a field. At the end of the field go through another gate, cross a track, through another gate and into another field towards a white house (450m) in the distance.
7. At the far end of the field go through the gate, cross the road (Mop End Lane), and **take the footpath** opposite.



8. The path goes through some lovely woods on the right, where (further on) in Spring there is an amazing display of bluebells. Pass tennis courts on the left, a carved mushroom (later) on the right, pass a signpost that only points one route, and bear left coming out of the woods.
9. The path passes another signpost that only points one route and a giant pylon, and a field becomes visible on the left. Along this path beware of the remains of previous fence posts which can present a serious trip hazard.
10. [Just before the pylon there is a path on the right at the signpost, which leads through the woods, down some steps to a duck-pond with benches where you might stop for refreshments now or later].
11. Back into woods, under some overhead power cables and within a few steps the path curves to the right. Pass another signpost only pointing one route, and pass a drainage outfall on the right, the first of several.
12. The path eventually starts to descend, and leaves the woods at what looks like a junction. Ignore the stile and path on the right and head out along an open path/track towards an amazing view. Keep straight on with the hedge on your right.



13. Following the footpath signs, after 350m cross over a track and keep on with the hedge on your right through open fields. Take the right fork at another (wooden) signpost that only points one route.
14. After another 250m at another junction bear left and go under the trees on your right. Pass a number of horse jumps on the right and make for a public footpath sign in the distance (500m).
15. Go through the gate and **turn right** into the service road for Shardeloes. The road goes downhill, keep to the road for 350m.
16. The cricket ground comes into view, and at the end of the cricket ground take the road **on the left**, the public footpath sign says South Bucks Way. If you want to go further into Amersham, any of the paths on the right will take you there.



17. If you cannot find a bench at the cricket ground for your refreshments, walk to the right side of the pavilion and look for a footpath gate on the opposite side of the field. Follow the South Bucks Way to a point (150m) where the lake starts on your right, and through a gate there is a low concrete construction (apparently for a sewer) where you can sit down.
18. Return to Holmer Green the same route.

Maps

<https://streetmap.co.uk/prf.srf?x=491492&y=197552&z=115&sv=491492,197552&st=4&ar=Y&mapp=prf.srf&searchp=s.srf&dn=720&ax=490500&ay=197500&lm=1>
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