

HOLMER GREEN WALKS

Walk 11: Holmer Green to Tylers Green Church, via Penn and Common Wood

Destination: Church in a pretty setting, with benches overlooking the headstones

Distance: 6.2 km each way (total 12.4 km or 7.8 miles)

Ascent: 20m descent, 45m ascent and return

Return: Mostly the same way, so **make sure you memorise where you have come from at each junction – CHALK MAY BE HELPFUL**. If you get lost keep walking NORTH-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 (Sheepbarn Dell Road, 500m), here **turn right**. WITH GREAT CARE follow the road to the A404, ignoring the road on the left signposted Beamond End.

4. Go straight across the A404, then cross a small parking area and go through the gate into Penn Wood. Keep an eye on the field to the right, and where the field ends (after 100m) at a footpath junction **take the right fork** (not sharp right) at the footpath marker post just after a large tree in the path.



5. After another 50m at a public footpath sign the path forks again, here **bear slightly left**.
6. Follow this path for 1km (15 mins). You may spot a pond on the right with a bench facing it. After a while, at another fork keep straight on to emerge at a small parking area, **turn left** at the road and follow this road to the T-junction, alongside the grassy area on your left.
7. **Turn right** at the road junction, passing Penn Street Village Hall on the right and keep on the road, past some smart offices and the Hit and Miss pub on the left. After 200m after a white house on the right and before 40mph speed limit signs, take the public footpath **to the right**. Cross over an open field and pass through an unsignposted gap into the woods opposite.



8. After 350m the path emerges through a gap in the laurels onto a tarmac drive (to Penn House), **turn right here**. Follow the drive for 150m and take the drive **to the right** opposite Garden Cottage. Keep in this direction for another 300m, the drive becomes a path at a row of wooden posts and enters some woods thick with rhododendron and laurel.
9. After a few metres the path forks at a public footpath post, take the **right hand** fork.



10. The woodland opens out, the path broadens and enters a 'sunken' section, then goes downhill. At the bottom of the hill, the path narrows, becomes overgrown and meets a road (Gravelly Way). **Cross over** and take the path opposite through a gate with wooden signpost saying Penn & Common Woods Long Trail.
11. The path now leads up a long hill, and at the top crosses a major path, go **straight across**, NOT following the Penn & Common Wood Long Trail.



12. Ignoring a number of minor paths coming in from both sides the path crosses a public footpath coming in obliquely, **bear slightly right**. The path continues along an avenue of giant fir trees.



13. The path crosses another major path going down to a small parking area and a few steps further on comes to a vague fork, here **go left downhill**.



14. Soon after, the path crosses another major path, go **straight across**, and shortly after, it meets a major path obliquely, **go right** here.
15. Shortly again the major path veers off to the right, take a minor path left into some thicker woods.



16. Finally the path reaches a T-junction of paths, **bear left** here and go downhill to the road (Common Wood Lane).



17. **Turn right** at the road, pass a 30mph sign and a few steps along look for a gap in the hedge **on the left** by a telegraph pole opposite a bungalow, and **take the path** which runs parallel with the road. The path emerges at a road junction, carefully **cross over** and take the public footpath **opposite**.
18. Follow an unadopted road, and at a junction bear **slightly right** towards an area of common. There are benches here where you can picnic. **Veer left** onto the common and make for some houses and a red dog waste bin in the distance. At the dog waste bin, **turn right** along a road and follow it to a junction, passing a small triangular green on the right with another bench.
19. At the junction the church is diagonally opposite. There are many benches inside the churchyard which look out over the headstones for your picnic.
20. Return the Holmer Green the same way.

Maps

<https://www.streetmap.co.uk/prf.srf?x=491800&y=196100&z=115&sv=491800,196100&st=4&ar=Y&mapp=prf.srf&searchp=s.srf&dn=710&ax=491800&ay=196500&lm=1>
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