

HOLMER GREEN WALKS

Walk 4: Holmer Green to Hyde Heath via Little Missenden (east)

Destination: Hyde Heath cricket ground where there are lots of benches for a picnic

Distance: 5.8 km each way (total 11.6 km or 7.25 miles)

Ascent: 20m and 60m descent and ascent 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-WEST 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, crossing Earl Howe Road at the crossroads and continue straight on towards the bus shelter along Pond Approach.
2. Keep walking for 400m (crossing over Clementi Avenue) and **turn right** along Sheepbarn Dell Road. Proceed for 200m and take the public footpath **on the left**, between No 19 and No 21.



3. The footpath is quite narrow, crosses another footpath near the end and arrives at a tall garden fence; **turn left then right** to emerge into Winter's Way.
4. Cross Winters Way and continue in the same direction, taking another footpath to the left of No 36. This leads on to a narrow path with stables then fields on the right.
5. The path eventually starts to go downhill into some woods, up the other side, through a gate, and steeply up into a field. Walk up parallel with the telegraph poles to a gate (in all 1 km) into a road (Beamond End Lane), **turn left** here.
6. After a few steps along the road pass a no vehicles sign and head towards the fence

in front of you with sign saying Oaklands Farm, and **take the footpath on the right** of it.



7. Through the gate and on to another narrow path with a field on the right. After 200m **turn left** into a wide bridleway with lots of bumps which can get very muddy at times – this is Toby's Lane.



8. After 200m at a gap in the hedge bear slightly left (although the path on the right is a viable route which later on may be less overgrown).



9. The path passes under two sets of overhead power cables, and continues between two hedges, becoming narrower and overgrown in places. At a gate on the right, a footpath comes in – **IGNORE** this and continue on,



10. At a gate on the left a footpath goes off – **IGNORE** this. The path then descends more steeply, becoming cobbled, and a white house comes into view on the right (Toby's Lane Farm).
11. You come to a road where you **turn right**, opposite the Crown Inn. Sharply to your left is Little Missenden Village Hall where there is a bench outside for your refreshments now or later.



12. The road curves round to the left, **IGNORE** the footpath signs on the right for the South Bucks Way. Cross over the River Misbourne where there is a pond on the right, and keep to the road which goes up to the A413.
13. Cross the A413 to the central reservation, then across again and **turn right** into the **service road opposite**.



14. Take the public footpath through a gate next to a flinty wall after the entrance to Lime Farm, then immediately through another gate and into woods with a drive on the left. After 200m the path turns sharply right and goes uphill. After another 120m it turns sharply left, then goes up and over a railway bridge.



15. At the foot of the railway bridge **turn right**, and through a gate towards some woods. At a fork outside the woods **go left** (**DO NOT** go into the woods) and cross a large field towards some more woods in the distance.



16. A gate becomes visible, go through the gate **turn right** and immediately through another gate. There are paths either side but go straight on, at a vague fork bear left. The path widens out, past some fallen tree trunks and goes up the hill.
17. The path emerges into a road (Chalk Lane) where you **turn right**. Keep in this direction over a junction with Brays Green Lane and walk along Brays Lane.
18. The road passes a chapel and Hyde Heath Village Hall and Shop on the left as you meet a main road. The cricket ground is almost opposite and to the left, past The Plough pub, which may have closed down.
19. Return to Holmer Green the same way.

Maps

https://streetmap.co.uk/prf.srf?x=491612&y=197681&z=115&sv=491612,197681&st=4&ar=Y&map_p=prf.srf&searchp=s.srf&dn=713&ax=490402&ay=197099&lm=1
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