

HOLMER GREEN WALKS

Walk 7: Holmer Green to Ashgrove Picnic Site

Destination: Abandoned picnic site with NO benches, tables or anything, in a woodland setting
Distance: 4.7 km each way (total 9.4 km or 5.9 miles)
Ascent: 30m 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-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**.



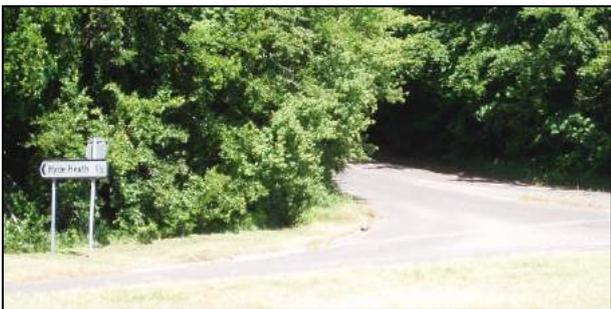
7. Through the gate and on to another narrow path with a field on the right. After 200m cross a bridleway, through the gate and across another field, making for an angle in the hedge ahead. Follow the hedge (the path passes through a wide gap in the hedge) and continue with the hedge on your left. After 400m in all go through a gate and **turn left** into a road (Mop End Lane).
8. Pass Rose Cottage on the right, then **turn right** at the farm entrance, keeping to the road. A few steps further on the road turns left and becomes a narrow path. Keep to this path without deviation for the next 2 km (25 mins).



9. Under 2 lots of power cables, keep on the path – this is still called ‘Mop End Lane’. [After 1 km just before some woods on the left hand side there is a gap in the hedge on the right leading to a stile where you can stop now or on the way back for refreshments]. As you enter the woods (Todd’s Wood) the path begins its descent into the Misbourne valley.
10. The path starts to widen and you begin to hear the traffic noise of the A413 ahead. At the bottom of the hill cross over the South Bucks Way footpath at a giant fallen tree.
11. Cross over the River Misbourne at a small weir. Then up to the A413 just after a very splendid tall brick wall on the right.



12. Cross over the A413 – it’s dual carriageway making crossing a little easier. Take the lane almost opposite signposted to Hyde Heath.



13. After 250m you spy the Ashgrove Picnic Site board, though there are no benches or picnic tables, car park or any other evidence that there was ever a picnic site.



Near the Picnic Site board there is a large fallen tree where you can sit for your picnic, and just before the road crosses over the railway there is a footpath sign and track to the right, where in 100m there are a couple of fallen tree trunks..



14. Alternatively, 80m past the railway bridge you arrive at a concrete and brick construction on the right with a low wall you can also sit for your picnic.



15. 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&mapp=prf.srf&searchp=s.srf&dn=713&ax=490402&ay=197099&lm=1>
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