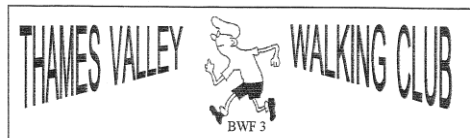


CHINNOR TRAIL (PT297)



- CONTACT:** Geoff Bullock - 11a Budes Road, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG40 1PL
Telephone - 07974 974236 E-mail – gblock11a@gmail.com
- DISTANCE:** 10km
- ENTRY FEE:** £1.00 per walker (Cheques made payable to Thames Valley Walking Club)
- AWARD:** There is currently no award for this walk. (Please indicate on the entry form if you would like an award if one is produced).
- START VENUE:** ‘The Village Centre’, High Street, Chinnor, Oxfordshire, OX39 4DH
(OS Explorer Map 181 GR: SP 757010).
- CAR PARKING:** Public car park next to ‘The Village Centre’ or roadside parking in the village.
- FACILITIES:** ‘The Village Centre’ cafe at the start point and various shops & pubs in the village.
- TRANSPORT:** There are bus stops at various locations in Chinnor.
- TERRAIN:** A mixture of footpaths, tracks & tarmac roads. Not suitable for pushchairs or wheelchairs.

The organisers are not liable for accidents, thefts and/or damage to property. Every effort will be made by the organisers to make this a safe, enjoyable and memorable event.

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

(Updated 18th March 2023)

PLEASE REMEMBER TO TAKE GREAT CARE ON ALL ROAD SECTIONS OF THIS TRAIL

With your back to ‘The Village Centre’, turn left on road passing War Memorial on left. (On the left hand end of the wall at the back of the memorial is a map showing the positions of various trees that were planted around the village commemorating those who lost their lives during the First World War). Continue ahead with war memorial on left & follow road to reach T-junction by The Red Lion PH. Turn left towards Watlington and follow road for approx. 330m to reach T-junction. Go straight ahead crossing road into Mill Lane opposite. After approx. 200m there is an entrance on the right to the windmill & playing field. (1 km)

Question 1: On the sign – what is the phone number for the community hall?

Turn around to return to the road. Turn right & continue along road in the same direction as before, passing school on right. At next road junction, turn left into Estover Way. Follow road as it bears right & then bears left and after approx. 350m & just before road turns right, turn left into Hedgerley. Follow road as it bears right into Riders Way. Continue to follow road to reach dead end. Go ahead on walkway, then ahead on road to reach T-junction. Turn right and after approx. 35m, go ahead on footpath/cycleway between wooden fences to reach junction with road. Turn left and follow road to reach mini roundabout.

Turn right towards Bledlow Ridge, passing The Crown PH on left. Cross road and follow left hand pavement over railway bridge (crossing Chinnor & Princes Risborough Railway). At end of walkway, turn right to cross road & then turn left to continue to follow the road in the same direction to reach roundabout. Go straight ahead on road towards Bledlow Ridge. After approx. 110m and at end of pavement, turn left to cross road **WITH CARE**. Go ahead uphill on steps to enter playing field. Go ahead

diagonally crossing playing field towards bench and green sign in far corner. At sign bear right to gate. Go around gate & turn left on track. (3 km).

Question 2: On the left is a sign headed “Red Kites in the Chilterns” - in what year were the Red Kites brought from Spain?

Go ahead on Ridgeway bridleway and follow for approx. 300m. Pass house and continue to follow Ridgeway for a further 425m to reach path junction. Continue ahead following Ridgeway for a further 500m & at next path junction go ahead passing house on right. Take right fork and immediately turn right on Ridgeway keeping house on right. Continue ahead on bridleway initially with hedge on right and continue to follow byway with woods on right and fields on left for approx. 800m.

At end of woods, continue ahead on Ridgeway (ignoring bridleway on left) and follow byway downhill for approx. 300m. Just before right hand bend there is a path junction with a seven bar metal gate on your left. Turn left through wooden gate (next to five bar metal gate) onto footpath. Follow footpath along right hand edge of field. At corner of field, go ahead through wooden gate and continue ahead following right hand edge of field (the Chiltern Way) to reach kissing gate in corner of field by houses. Go through gate & ahead on footpath between wooden fences to reach road. Turn right on road and follow for approx. 50m to reach church. (6½ km)

Question 3: On your left is a wooden bench - who is it in memory of?

Continue on road with church on left for approx. 60m to reach bench on left. Turn left on footpath (to left of bench) and follow footpath passing church on left. Bear right following footpath between fences and continue to follow to reach house. At house, turn left on driveway and follow with field and railway on right for approx. 150m. As track turns left, turn right through kissing gate onto footpath. Go ahead on footpath to reach kissing gate by railway. (7 km)

Question 4: Who donated the gate?

Go through gate, cross railway **WITH GREAT CARE** & go down steps to pass through another kissing gate. Go ahead bearing slightly left across field to reach stile. Cross stile and turn left to reach road. Turn left on road, go under railway bridge and continue to follow road. As road bears left, go ahead to reach The Lions of Bledlow PH. On reaching the pub turn right through gate onto footpath (do not go past the pub on track). Follow footpath across field heading towards and passing wooden electric pole. Exit field through gate and bear right on track between fields. Follow track for approx. 400m. Just after slight left hand bend and before the track heads uphill, turn right between metal gates over stile onto footpath.

Follow footpath along right hand edge of field (alongside wire fence) to reach wooden electric pole. Cross stile, then cross second stile and go ahead on footpath between fences. Cross stile and go ahead across small paddock, then across another stile to continue following footpath between wire fences. Go through gate and continue ahead crossing stile to reach road. Turn right and follow road for approx. 25m before turning left on footpath towards ‘Chinnor ½’. Follow footpath to pass gate and bear left following footpath with wooden fence on left. Footpath bears right, then continues ahead following left hand edge of field. Continue to follow footpath ahead between fields to reach junction with track. Turn right on track and follow to cross railway **WITH GREAT CARE**. Continue to follow track as it becomes a tarmac lane. Follow lane, bearing left, then right by the Post Office to reach road junction. Bear right onto High Street to return to ‘The Village Centre’. (10 km)

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