

North Marston & Oving

The walk is about 5 miles long. The route is clearly waymarked and provides a pleasant opportunity to see a quiet, rural part of Buckinghamshire

Circular Walk

Directions

- Start the walk in North Marston. Walk to the end of Church Street and then head north along the byway in the direction of Marstonfields Farm.
- For the short walk, turn right 350 metres after leaving the village following the signposted footpath across fields and heading in a roughly north easterly direction merging with the longer route on meeting a bridleway.
- For the longer walk, continue along the byway, skirting Marstonfields Farm to the right and following the bridleway mainly along field margins, eventually turning right at a road.
- After 250 metres head right along another bridleway. Continue roughly south across fields, following the hedgerow to the right just before Buttermilkhall Farm. Pass to the right of the farm and after a gate turn right, following the bridleway through several sharp turns, finally turning right onto a track by Hideaway Farm.
- Once again, our route takes us across fields and onto a broad path which leads back to North Marston.

Features of Interest

This is a completely rural walk (the longer route can be ridden either by bike or on horseback) passing through no settlements, but skirting the villages of North Marston and Oving, both of which contain pubs where refreshments can be obtained.



The scenery encountered is very typical of the gently rolling countryside of Aylesbury Vale with tantalising views of higher ground at nearby Quainton and, on a good day, the Chilterns some way to the south.

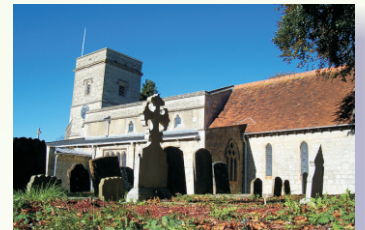
The soils of the vale are frequently heavy, due to the presence of clays (waterproof boots are essential in the winter) which led to the predominance of stock rearing and its associated hay meadows. Today however, farming is much more mixed and many types of crop may be encountered on the walk.



Hedgerows, many of them delightfully unruly are still commonplace and provide habitat for a wide variety of wildlife.

1 North Marston is a pleasant village noted for its holy well. Founded in the late 13th century by the rector of the village, John Schorne, his blessing of the well (still to be seen in Schorne Lane) was reputed to give the water healing powers, leading to claims of miraculous events. At one time, North Marston was said to have been the third most popular place of pilgrimage after Canterbury and Walsingham.

2 The nearby village of Oving has a church originating from the 13th century and buildings from a variety of periods. Its position on a Portland limestone ridge gives it extensive views across the vale.



Follow the Countryside Code:

- Be safe, plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people

Further Information:

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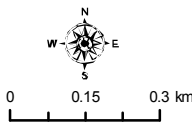
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