



05 OXON/BUCKS/BERKS STONOR & HAMBLEDEN

▶ Distance: 13 miles/21km ▶ Time: 6 hours ▶ Grade: Challenging



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Mill End, near the walk's end.

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Explore three counties in one day with this hike through Chiltern Woods and along the river near Henley-on-Thames. The deer park at Stonor, crossing at Mill End and elegant Temple Island are among the highlights.

1 Start

R on Station Road then L on Thameside, passing bridge R. L on New Street, R on Bell Street pass two mini roundabouts, taking L fork into Fair Mile. Opposite Fair Mile Court, R on path, signed Oxfordshire Way.

2 1 mile/1.6km

Climb through trees on

main path leading, through gates, straight past houses and on along drive marked Tanglewood. Turn R on lane, leaving Oxfordshire Way.

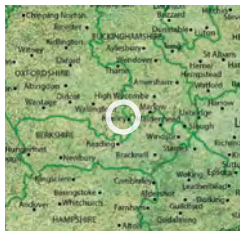
3 2 miles/3.25km

Keep L on lane signed Fawley. At The Cherries, turn L and fork L again to stile. Follow signpost over second stile, turn L and follow fence, through gate in corner of field onto track. Continue downhill, across tarmac drive and through trees. Turn L down lane and R into Fawley Bottom.

4 3½ miles/5.5km

At junction, keep straight up Bosmore Lane and through barrier at top. Turn L through tall gate onto path. Go through

PLAN YOUR WALK



ROUTE

Start/parking Henley Station, RG9 1BE, grid ref SU766821

Is it for me? Way-finding can be tricky in woods. Hilly terrain, but mostly good paths and tracks. **Stiles** 11

PLANNING

Nearest town

Henley on Thames

Refreshments On route

Public toilets At start; Stonor visitors' centre; Hambleden village hall

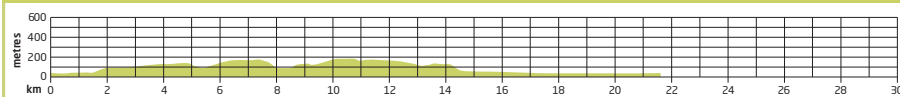
Public transport Railway station in Henley. Bus 800/850 Reading-High Wycombe links Henley with Mill End at point 8.

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second gate, over field and stiles. Continue to cottages; turn R on lane and L on bridleway signed to Stonor. Where track bends L, turn R down path beside chain link



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fence. Turn R on road and R through gate into Deer Park, following Chiltern Way sign.

5 5½ miles/9km
Climb hill ahead and follow footpath through parkland at Stonor. Go through gate and woods until track passes brick cottages. Cross road and follow track ahead and R past Kiln Cottage. Keep straight and cross stile by gate; soon after, R over second stile and L along field edge. A third stile leads back through hedge; turn R and continue over fourth stile into beech woods, descending and climbing again through trees to emerge, via stile, into field. Continue to stile onto Dudley Lane.

6 7 miles/11.25km
Cross and keep straight on lane ahead. L after farm onto bridleway (Private). Follow Shakespeare's Way, forking R and continue on path. Continue through woods on sunken path; at junction, fork L downhill to cross track. Climb R-hand path ahead, with white arrows, curving R. Fork R at junction and, soon after, fork L onto smaller path. Turn R on gravel track and L at crossroads.

7 9 miles/14.5km
Continue, leaving woods. R at waymark into woods again, heading downhill. Continue on hedged path and through gate onto Skirmett Road. R into Hambleden and L, through

Colin's Gate, towards bridge. L on lane and follow to church. Walk through churchyard and past shop. Before junction, turn L through gate on path across fields. Cross track and continue across two fields to emerge through gate onto road and keep straight to Mill End.

8 10½ miles/17km
R on road, then L at sign and follow path to river. Cross

weir/lock, turn R along river and follow to Henley. Cross Henley Bridge and L to return to station and car park. **CW**

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