



08 BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COOMBE HILL & THE RIDGEWAY

SOUTH EAST

▶ Distance: 10 miles/16km ▶ Time: 5 hours ▶ Grade: Challenging



View over Ellesborough from Coombe Hill.

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An ancient mound known as

‘Cymbeline’s Castle’, the red brick walls of Chequers, a hilltop monument to the Boer War... there’s plenty to see on this hike through the Chilterns. Enjoy a classic taste of the undulating Ridgeway path, with huge views, ancient beech woods and red kites wheeling overhead.

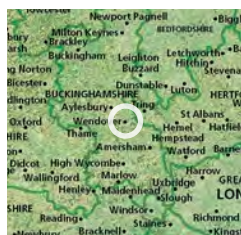
1 Start
Turn R out of Wendover Station, R over bridge, R onto Aylesbury Ring path. Head diagonally L from end of hedge. Go through gate at far side of field. Keep straight through three more gates.

Turn R on grassy bank towards house. Turn L along fence, continue between barns, turn R up drive to Wellwick House.

2 1 mile/1.6km
Turn L by house, with hedge on R, over four stiles. Go through gate onto grassy lane. Cross road and turn L. Turn R through gate opposite house 5, keep straight on fenced path, continue on lane. Just past cottages, go through gate into field and, after 50m, go L through gap up path to church. Cross lane beyond church, R for 10m, L at sign through gate, and up path towards Beacon Hill.

3 2¼ miles/4.5km
Keep along defined path

PLAN YOUR WALK



ROUTE

Start/parking Wendover station; station car park £4.50/day at weekend, HP22 6BT, grid ref SP865077

Is it for me? Several climbs; can get muddy in places, way-finding tricky in woods between points 5 and 6. For shorter route, turn L at point 4 instead of R and follow Ridgeway signs to reach point 7

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PLANNING

Nearest town Wendover

Refreshments Plough at Cabsden, Buckmoorend farm shop and outdoor café at point 7, Shoulder of Mutton near Wendover Station. More in Wendover

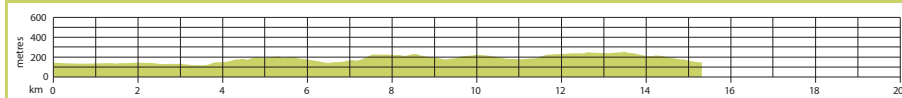
Public toilets

Wendover station

Public transport Trains from London Marylebone to Wendover Station

Maps OS Explorer 181; Landranger 165

GRADIENT PROFILE



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around hill, with summit on L. Go through gate and trees ahead, up steps, through gate, across open country, and through another gate into more trees. Fork R at junction, following waymarks and through gate into field. Head slightly R across field heading for signpost, through gate and turn R onto Ridgeway.

4 3½ miles/5.5km
Follow acorn waymarks across hillside, down through trees and gate. Fork L at junction down steps. Keep following Ridgeway signs and undulating path ahead. Turn L onto lane, forking R past Plough. Past pub, turn R uphill and follow waymarks to viewpoint on Whiteleaf Hill.

5 4¼ miles/7.5km
Turn L on hilltop, still following Ridgeway signs. At junction, turn L onto Bridleway, leaving Ridgeway. Continue through woods. Fork L at waymarks and continue to junction of paths. Turn L, carefully following Icknield Way signs where visible. After 50m, turn R following blue arrow and immediately L. Keep straight along edge of woods for ½ mile. Cross road L, turn immediately R onto path and continue on edge of Pulpit Wood.

6 6 miles/9.75km
Follow path L, R at T-junction, L before road. Follow path and dogleg L

and R, still on Icknield Way. Continue through trees, following path ahead. Cross road and turn L along path parallel to road. Follow path R around field towards white house (Buckmoorend farm shop and kitchen nearby R).

7 7 miles/11.25km
Cross lane and keep ahead, re-joining Ridgeway. Fork R following waymark and L on path. Keep straight uphill. At signpost, turn L on path and follow Ridgeway signs through wood. Turn R on lane and L at sign opposite house. Keep straight along R hand side of woods. After gate, turn L and

R along path with views L to monument on Coombe Hill.

8 8½ miles/13.75km
Turn R at monument along grassy path with waymarks. Go through gate and continue on stony path. Keep straight down to emerge on Ellesborough Road. Turn R over bridge. Turn L to return to station. **CW**

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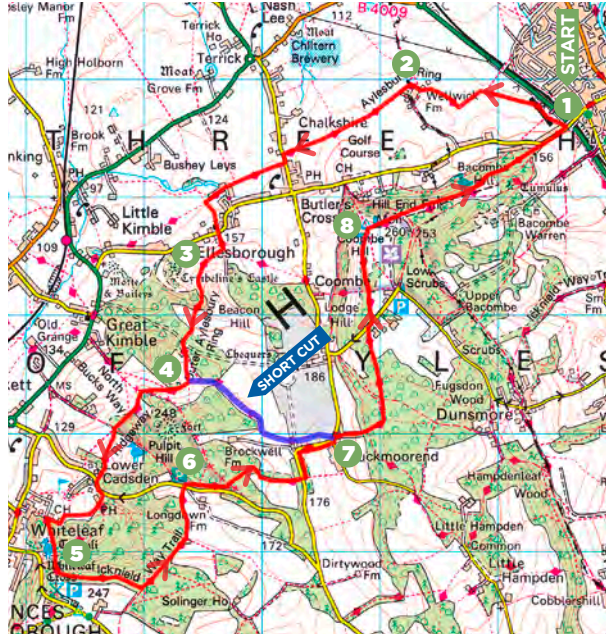
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DATE WALKED

TIME TAKEN

YOUR RATING