

CIRCULAR WALKS FROM SHRIVENHAM

Using O.S. Explorer 170

WALK 3 3 MILES (ABOUT 1½ HOURS) PENNYHOOKS FARM

The walk starts from the stocks in the High Street and crosses the A420 twice. Please take care when crossing the golf course. Return across Tuckmill Meadow Nature Reserve may be muddy, even when using the alternative drier route. Please keep dogs on a short lead in Tuckmill Meadow Nature Reserve to protect wild life and ground nesting birds.

1. From the stocks walk up to the church through the lych-gate. Continue ahead with the church on your right.
2. Reaching a lane turn left and walk to the end; turn right between houses.
3. Turn left at the end of the alley and follow the pavement as it bears right.
4. Turn left onto a footpath just before a house.
5. Go through the gate at the end and walk across the field to a bridge between two gates (slightly to your left).
6. Turn half right and cross this field towards a fence on your right. You will see a stile in the hedge in front of you half hidden behind a big tree stump. Climb the stile.
7. Cross the field diagonally towards a field gate, either go through the gate or over the stile into a lane. This is Pennyhooks Lane; turn left and follow it to the A420.
8. Cross the A420, with care, and continue down the lane on the other side.
9. Ignore a bye-way on the left and continue following the lane as it bends to the right and goes downhill beside some telegraph poles.
10. When the lane ends by a house go straight ahead, through a gate into a field. Bear slightly left across the field to a field gate. Go through the gate and turn right.
11. Turn through the next field gate on your left and go between bushes into a field.
12. Walk across the field, slightly to the left, to a small wooden gate by a telegraph pole.
13. Cross the Huntsman's bridge and walk across a small rough field between a fallen tree and a telegraph pole towards a bank.
14. Once up the bank look for a stile in the wire fence in front of you do; not follow either of the arrows. Instead, climb the stile and walk a quarter right to a stile in a hedge on your right.
15. Climb the stile, go across a plank bridge and climb a second stile into a field.
16. Turn right and follow the field boundary on your right.
17. The fence bends left and then right, just before the right bend you will see a stile into a wood. This is the public footpath. If you find this path too overgrown then continue in the field (permissive path), still keeping the fence on your right.
18. Reaching the corner of the field climb over two stiles (beware of barbed wire).
- 19.. Cross the A420 again, on to the grass verge on the other side. A footpath sign points straight ahead at a hedge. Again, you have a choice of paths.
20. The public footpath has the hedge on your left and you must go down to the right first, before turning left to rejoin the hedge. You are now on the golf-course.
21. If you prefer, from the grass verge beside the A420, go straight ahead, through a big gap in the fence and walk on M.O.D. permissive land with the hedge on your right.
22. In either case follow the edge of the field almost to a road and a house with a tall hedge in front of it.

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23. Joining a footpath in front of you, turn hard right and follow it between bushes onto the golf-course. Walk downhill towards a silver birch tree with a green notice on it
24. Leaving this tree on your right look ahead and you will see a footbridge.
25. Walk down to the bridge and cross the brook, follow the fence on your right.
26. Where the fence ends, go through a gate into Tuckmill Meadow.
27. If you are wearing wellies, walk straight ahead with the field boundary on your left. Ignore directions 28 and 29.
28. If you are not wearing wellies, turn right with the field boundary on your right.
29. Follow this path as it bends to the left beside Pennyhooks Brook taking the first turn to the left to cross a bridge. You are now parallel to 27,
30. Both these paths come together to leave Tuckmill Meadow.
31. Turn left on Pennyhooks Lane and follow it until opposite the Club House.
32. Go through the field gate on your right (or climb the stile).
33. Cross the field diagonally to the stile in 6 above, but instead of climbing over it turn right and walk ahead with the hedge on your left-hand side.
34. Just before the hedge ends, turn left across a footbridge into a lane.
35. Follow the lane back to the church and your starting point.