



Armistice Walk Middleton Cheney by The Waendel Walkers Club



Distance 10.0 KM App No PT310

Start & Finish: The Co-Op Shop, High Street, Middleton Cheney OX17 2PB

OS Map 151 Grid Ref SP 499 418

Fee £1.00

Route last checked on 12 December 2017

This route description is valid from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018.

This walk has been established by members of the Waendel Walkers Club (BWF Club No 01) and is a qualifying event in the IVV award scheme. It can be walked at any time.

Notes:

1. Certain parts of the route use rarely used footpaths so might be a little overgrown with nettles especially in the summer.
2. St Marys church has very limited opening times: church service every second Sunday & open from 10am till 4pm on Saturdays between April & October.
3. Cattle may be present in a few fields, so dogs must be kept under control.
4. Please take care when using or crossing roads.

From the Co-Op car park turn left & then cross over to the right side. Continue to crossroads at the Dolphin Inn pub. Look left & there is a stone memorial listing the Great War & WW2 sacrifices.

Go over crossroads and continue along Astrop road. Go over bridge & just after the bungalow at post signed Jurassic Way turn right.

Question 1: **What is the name of the bungalow?**

Continue along grass track between hedges to cross stile. Follow downhill with trees on left to footbridge in corner. Cross & through a small wooded area to next field. Ahead over field to gate in treeline & go thru. Continue ahead to go thru the next gate. Follow path slightly right aiming for a stile 10m to the right of the second tele pole. Cross stile, over track to gate opposite. Ahead over small field to next gate. Go thru gate & bear left on path to reach edge of field & then bear right to continue with hedge on left (ignore gap) to road. Cross over road & ahead signed Jurassic Way with hedge on left.

At corner cross low stile then a second stile to continue along an enclosed path with hedge on left/gardens on right. Follow this path as it goes left ignoring all turnings off. Eventually at open field continue with stone wall/cottage on right to gate. Thru gate & turn left to next gate, then bear ½ right over field to gate in hedge ahead. Go thru & turn left onto track & follow towards church as it bears left thru another gate. Keep to edge going right to go thru gate into church yard.

(Inside church is a memorial to the 2 villagers killed in WW1 see notes for a picture if closed)

Question 2: The bench at the church entrance is in memory of who?

Now need to retrace your steps back out of church yard, thru gate down to where you joined track at gate. Now turn left and continue on field edge with hedge on left for two fields to reach road. Turn right on road you are now in Warkworth village. Follow road to reach the T junction and turn right. After 200m at mirror on bend turn left onto wide track signed Jurassic Way. Continue for 800m on track to reach a series of gates & posts 15m before gate across track. Turn right over stile into a large field. Continue ahead on a slightly elevated track going towards the motorway. *(The area you are going into is the former site of a WW1 munitions factory - see notes for more info)*

Continue ahead thru an open marked gate heading towards white warehouse to another old gate. This gate does not open so you will need to climb over it. The path can get overgrown from here, continue following a worn narrow path that soon bears left between two old metal posts to edge near motorway. Turn right & continue with motorway on the left towards the radio mast. There is no set path pick the most trodden one ahead.

When you reach old barn cross stile & follow edge of barn to track by mast. Continue over next stile by gate & follow track to next gate. Go thru & bear right to cross stile into field. Turn left to next stile & cross onto access road. *(This is the end of the former munitions factory site)* Turn left for Bowling green pub.

Turn right on access road up to main road & turn right again. Cross to left side verge & after 120m at post signed to Overthorpe turn left over stile into field. Bear ½ right over field cutting the corner off towards large tree. At edge look for an overgrown footbridge/stile into next field. Continue up field bearing slightly left to reach stile by gate in top left corner. Cross stile & turn right, go over fence at way marker by tree stump & continue on overgrown path between fences/walls thru gate to road. If you look at the house called Church Room there is a stone tablet on WW1 set in the wall.

Question 3: What is the date & year on the tablet?

Facing Church Room turn left & follow road out the village, it soon bears right continue to the crossroads. Turn left and follow road to large roundabout, keep to left side and after crossing over roundabout continue ahead on tarmac path to reach lane. Turn right to road.

Question 4: Directly opposite you is a sign pointing to a school. What is the name of the school on the sign?

Retrace your steps along lane for 40m to turn right onto track, bridleway sign on right. Continue on track with hedge on the left to large gap on left. Keep ahead now on a grass track to soon reach corner. DO NOT GO THRU GATE but turn right & follow edge of field with treeline on left to corner. At corner bear left on path thru bushes to access road. Cross over road to next field edge, you will have a lone tree off to the left. Continue over the field on worn path to gate in hedge line ahead just to left of tele pole. Go thru gap by old gates (ignore marked gate on left into garden) and continue along worn path to exit over a stile to road by house.

Turn left on road & continue for 80m to post on right. Turn right & follow edge with trees on right, just before fenced pond area turn right on path thru trees to next field. Turn left on field edge & follow thru gap, then around to the right then left to reach some steps on left. Continue ahead past the steps with stream on left to cross stile in corner. After 30m turn left over gated bridge & go uphill to cross stile onto enclosed path. Follow path to road & turn left. Go thru main entrance of church yard & bear to left side to reach stone memorial at rear.

Question 5: What year was the cross erected?

From the cross continue down back of church to gate on left. Go thru & turn right on road. Continue ahead to join main road. Turn right on main road & follow back to the Co-Op on the left.

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