

A Short Walk at Orwell

To get to start of Walk

Take the M11 to Junction 12 and turn off left on the A603, heading towards Sandy. Orwell is sign-posted on the left not long before the right turn for Wimpole. Turn right down Town Green Road and park on the road near The Chequers.

Distance

About 2¼ miles. There is one short uphill section. The view at the top makes it worthwhile.

Maps

Use the route map provided or visit maps.the-hug.net to run off a free map extract. If you have access to local OS Explorer maps, Orwell is found on map 209.

Route of Walk

Start the walk from in front of The Chequers at Orwell, on Town Green Road. Cross the road and walk up the rough track to the right of the Post Office/shop. Turn left on a footpath and emerge at the end of a cul-de-sac (Cross Lane Close). Shortly after the side street to the left, turn up a footpath, which emerges on to Town Green Road again. Cross over and turn right. Go in to have a look at Chapel Orchard (Community Project with information board) and then carry on up the road to the junction. Cross over and turn left by the church, walking on the pavement until the main Cambridge Road at the end.

Cross over carefully and look for a footpath sign, through a gap in the hedge, to the left of the wood ahead. Go through the gap and walk along the field boundary with the wood to the right. Just **before** the second grass strip off to the left, marking divisions in the large field, turn right into the wood at a gap and follow this path until it shortly reaches a larger cross path. Turn right. You are now on Victoria Drive, an old carriage drive within Wimpole's Woodland Belt. Keep on until a path is seen to the left. Take it and walk up the left hand side of a field until a cross track is reached. Turn right and reach the main Cambridge Road again.

Turn right on the roadside pavement and carefully cross over when a footpath sign is seen opposite. Follow the path uphill and through a gate, to emerge at the top of an old clunch pit. Four counties can be seen from this point. Keep to the right of the pit and go through a gate into the field above the church. Walk diagonally downhill and then enter the gate to the churchyard. Go into the church (St Andrew's) to take a look. Then come out again and cross over the road to head down Town Green Road opposite, returning to the start.

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