

OXFORD **OPT circular walks** PRESERVATION

A walk exploring Boars Hill

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This circular walk is approximately 3 miles and takes around two hours at a steady pace.



Getting to the start (by car)

Boars Hill lies to the south of Oxford. At the ring road junction with the A34 to Abingdon take the road signposted Boars Hill and Wootton (Hinksey Hill).

At the top of the hill, turn right. After a mile, turn right again onto Berkeley Road.

Parking: Parking available in the layby next to Foxcombe Hall (OX1 5HR)

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1. Enter the Old Berkeley Golf Course, by the information board. Bear right, alongside the road fence, enjoy the splendid views of Oxford.

2. Bear right at the oak tree with the seat beneath its branches. Continue to the bottom of the slope. Cross a gated wooden bridge and continue across the field to another gated wooden bridge. Cross the next field, aiming for the right.

3. Go through the gate and follow the bridle path. Through the next gate and continue across the field to the gate opposite.

4. Keep the hedge to your right, continue along the path until it brings you to a track, with Chilswell Farm in front of you.

5. Turn left along the track and keep left at the fork onto a gravel track which leads you up a slope towards a house.

6. On reaching the house, turn right and then left and follow the garden boundary until you join a stone track. Continue straight on and after crossing an open field you will join a lane.

7. Turn left along this wooded lane and after a couple of hundred yards, you will pass the entrance to Youlbury Scout Camp on your right and a bit further on, a reservoir on your left.

8. Continue to the junction with Sandy Lane. Cross over and go through the gate to Elizabeth Daryush Memorial Garden. Follow the path down through the garden, past the pond and to the bottom left hand corner.

9. Exit the garden on a path running between gardens, across a drive and into the Matthew Arnold Reserve. Turn left at the kissing gate and walk across the field to another kissing gate.

10. Turn right along the bridleway.

11. Turn left along the wide track until you reach the entrance to Jarn Mound and Wild Garden. Enter the garden through the kissing gate. Follow the path meandering through the garden until you emerge onto a lane.

12. Turn right and follow The Ridgeway to Berkeley Road along which you will find your parked car.

