

OPT circular walks OVFORD PRESERVATION TRUST

A walk from Wootton to Boars Hill

This circular walk is about 2½ miles and takes about an hour and a half at a steady pace.



Getting to the start

This walk starts and ends at St Peter's Church, Wootton. **Bus Route:** Buses from the city centre to Wootton by Oxford Bus Company Number 4 or 4B. Check times with the bus company.

Parking: Car Park opposite St Peter's Church, Wootton, OX1 5HP

Share your experience Twitter: @OxfordPresTrust or Facebook 1. From the carpark, turn right, continue right signposted to Old Boars Hill.

2. Turn left opposite a white cottage, signposted for Linnings Fam . Walk down the drive towards some stables. Walk over some stiles to the immediate right of the stable block and continue along the hedge, over 2 more stiles until you reach the end of the field.

3. Turn right, over three more stiles keeping the hedge on your left. Through a metal gate, follow the path between garden and onto a track up a gentle hill until you reach a road (Orchard Lane).

4. At the end of the road, turn left and keep left as you walk up the hill.

5. Go through the kissing gate into Matthew Arnold Field. Walk straight across the field and through the kissing gate into Matthew Arnold Reserve.

6. Turn right and follow the path through the reserve. Keep on the footpath ahead between gardens. Continue across the track and through the bottom of Elizabeth Daryush Memorial Gardens.

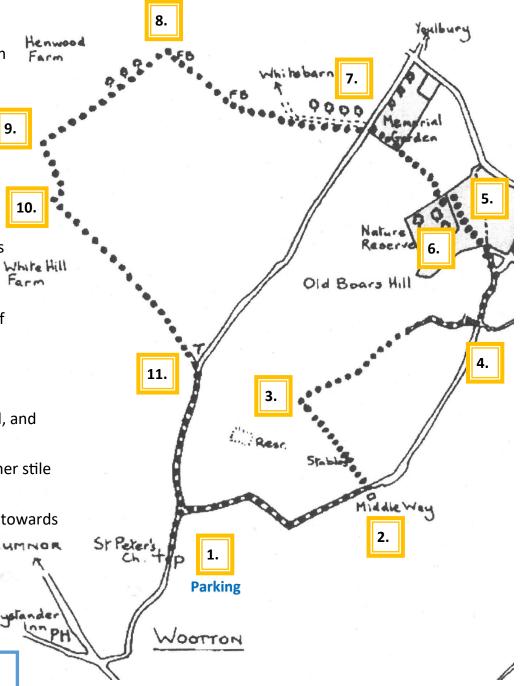
7. Cross the road and take the footpath on your left—not along the drive. Continue on the path through the trees, crossing two plank foot bridges.

8. Follow a line of Oaks which mark the position of a hedgerow, now removed, and cross the stile at the end of this row.

9. Take a diagonal across the next field to the opposite corner and cross another stile to exit the field.

10. Turn sharp left and follow the path, with the hedge on your left. Continue towards houses where the path comes out on a lane.

11. Turn right and walk back down the lane towards the church and car park.



On your return, pop into St Peter's churchyard and visit the graves of Ali Akbar Daryush and his wife Elizabeth bridges, whose generous bequest to the Trust included their house Stockwell and the adjoining land, now the Elizabeth Daryush Memorial Garden.