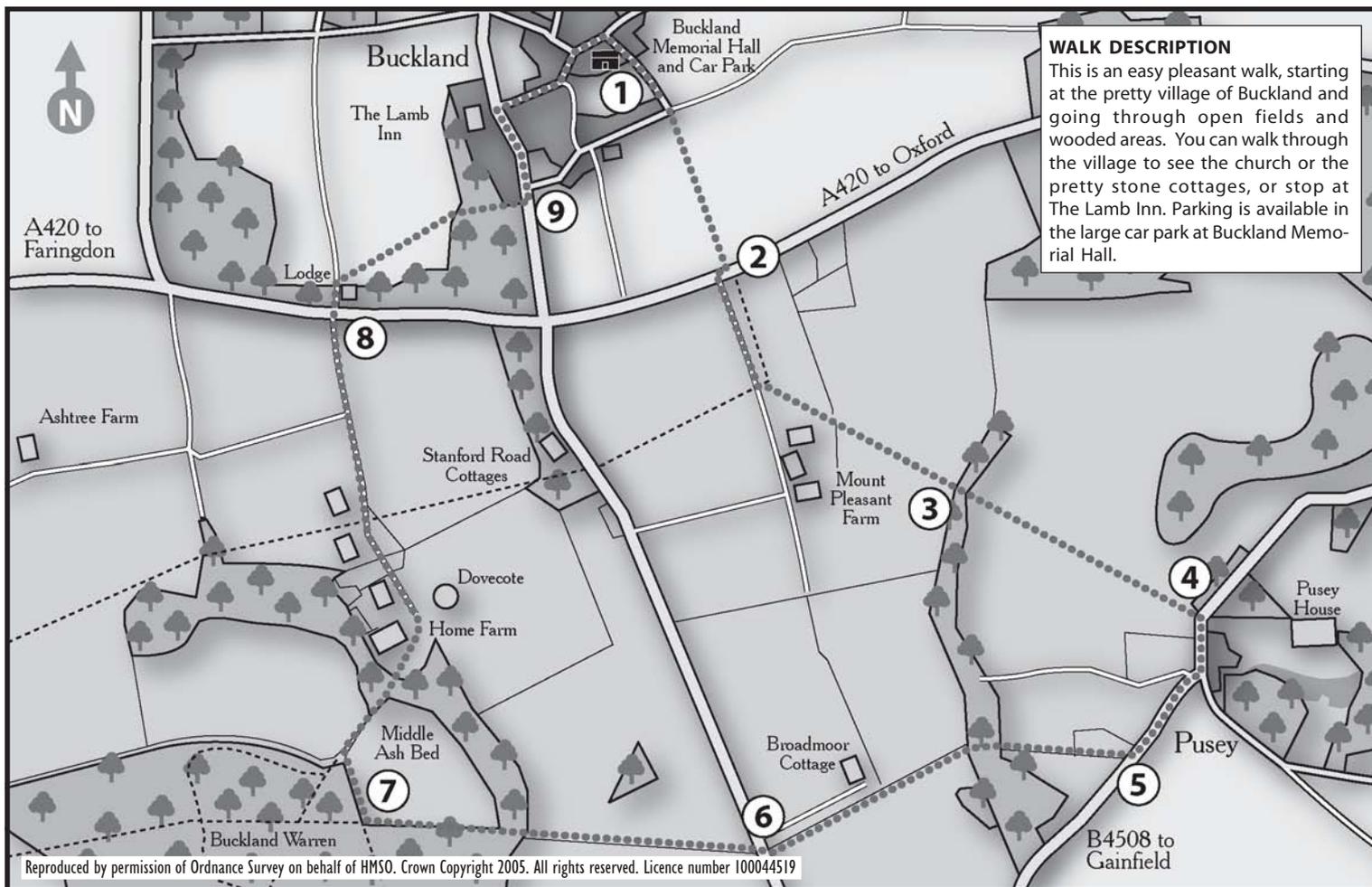


Walk 2

Buckland and Pusey

approximately 3.5 miles/5.5km



WALK DESCRIPTION

This is an easy pleasant walk, starting at the pretty village of Buckland and going through open fields and wooded areas. You can walk through the village to see the church or the pretty stone cottages, or stop at The Lamb Inn. Parking is available in the large car park at Buckland Memorial Hall.

This short walk can be extended by walking to Buckland from Faringdon. Start at Church Path (see the beginning of the route on Walkcard 8) and follow the path to Haremoor Farm, then Littleworth, then Buckland (approximately 3.5 miles).

1) Start at the large car park at Buckland Memorial Hall. **Turn right and walk downhill.** At the end of the road, **take the bridleway straight ahead** along the edge of a field.

2) At the **main road (A420) cross the road to a gateway slightly to the right.** This is a very busy road, with poor visibility to the right. It may be better to walk along the verge to the right to improve sight of oncoming traffic. **Cross a stile,** and walk along a slightly raised path, with a hedge on your right. Proceed for about 150 metres and **then fork left diagonally (waymarked)** across two fields following overhead cable lines.

3) At the edge of the field, the path leads over two stiles into a small copse. **Through the trees, continue along a track** in the same direction as before. *The field on the right is a disused polo park - note the wooden boards running along the field side, and an old scoreboard half way along.* Continue following the track until you reach a farm gate and the B4508 road.

4) **At the road, turn right** and walk through Pusey village (or turn left and walk for 150 metres to see Pusey House, and return).

5) After following the road for around 300 metres, **take the bridle path to the right,** and follow this between a double fence and through a copse, continuing along the field path to a road.

6) **Cross the road** and continue along the track, which continues alongside woodland (*Buckland Warren*) until you reach a junction of tracks.

7) **At the junction of tracks, turn right** with woodland to the left and a field on the right. **Keep right** at the next intersection and walk along the track through trees, to pass a large and beautifully restored stone dovecot on the right and farm buildings (*Home Farm*) on the left. **Continue along the track** until you reach the road (A420).

8) **At the main road, cross with care and take the path opposite** through stone gateposts. Go past the lodge and **take a stile on the right. Take the path, bearing right,** across the field to another stile into woodland. *Look to the left to see Buckland House.* **Follow the path through woodland to the road and turn left.** Walk until you see The Lamb Inn on your left. **Turn right opposite the Lamb** and follow the road back through the village to the starting point.

Comments about these Walkcards are very welcome, and can be emailed to: walkgroup@faringdon-online.co.uk

Accessibility

If you see any part of the walk that needs attention (eg stiles, gates, vegetation, surfaces, signage etc) please report this to Oxfordshire County Council Tel: 01865 810226 or email countryside@oxfordshire.gov.uk.

Countryside Code

- Be safe - plan ahead and follow any signs.
- Follow paths across land that has crops growing on it, wherever possible.*
- Leave gates and property as you find them.
- Use gates and stiles wherever possible.
- Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home.
- Keep dogs under close control.
- Consider other people.

* Follow the walk directions where possible as this is the legal right of way. If because of an obstruction, animals, or the path is obscured, you are allowed to take as little avoiding action as is necessary to continue your journey while not causing criminal damage.

For more information on the countryside code see: www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk/countryside_code and for walks in the area www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/countryside.

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