

Route instructions

A: From St Mary Magdalene head left up Park Street and then right into Chaucer's Lane and take the steps down to the A44. Turn left, cross the R Glyme and then turn left into the park. Walk round the head of Queen Pool and then turn right up the hill to the Column of Victory (B).

B: Continue and descend to the head of the lake, bear right to join the drive and then left uphill to High Park and the Combe East End gate (C).

C: Continue past High Lodge, downhill to Springlock Gate and Bladon bridge (D).

D: Immediately over the bridge turn R along the river bank and then through Bladon Gate. Cross the A4095 at the crossing and go uphill past the school to St Martin's (E).

E: Return and cross the A4095 turning right along the pavement until the Park exit road. Take the footpath to The Cowyards. On reaching the A44 Oxford Road, turn left and then turn left along High Street and Park Street to return to St Mary Magdalene.

This path can be walked in either direction and from any convenient start point.

Parking

In Woodstock (only main car park is free)
At Blenheim Palace (payment required)
Hanborough Station (payment required)
At Combe East End

Bus

S7 (Witney-Woodstock-Oxford) bus stops at Hanborough Station, "The White House" pub, Bladon and Oxford Road, Woodstock.

Train

Hanborough Station (Oxford-Worcester) and use alternative route or S7 bus.

Things to note:

Woodstock St Mary Magdalene – largely 18th century. Churchyard on south side a haven of peace and tranquillity contrasting with the bustling tourist street on the north side.
Bladon St Martin – Sir Winston Churchill's grave in churchyard and Churchill family memorabilia inside.

Blenheim Park

Although most of the route is on public footpaths the section between Springlock Gate and Bladon Lodge is not and requires a park pass. An alternative route round by Hanborough Station is shown.

Woodstock Deanery Pilgrim Paths

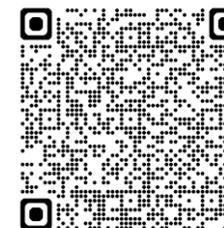
3: Woodstock and Bladon

8 km, 5 miles

alternative route via Hanborough Station and permissive path 6 miles

Mapping from OS Explorer map 180

Link to route on OS website:-
<https://tinyurl.com/6e2rw8y9>



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 Route for those
 with path passes

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 Detours for those
 without passes

-  Park Boundary
-  Minor road
-  railway
-  housing

