

FARINGDON CIRCULAR ROUTE 1:

FARINGDON / BUCKLAND WARREN WOODS / FARINGDON

8 MILES

Note: dog owners should be aware there might be deer in and around the woods.

Figures below represent miles / km from Faringdon town centre

<u>miles</u>	<u>km</u>	
		From Faringdon town centre walk uphill along London Street, passing both The Bell and The Wheatsheaf pubs.
0.18	0.29	At the Folly Inn turn right - follow the sign for 'Folly Sports Park'. Continue to walk straight ahead all the way to the sports park, passing Folly Tower on your left.
0.74	1.19	At the end of the road cross over the main road (A420), going straight on at the traffic island.
0.92	1.48	Pass Oxpen Farm on your left.
0.96	1.54	Pass sign for the Old Pump House on your left.
1.01	1.63	At Charney Pet Car Centre cross the road and head along path, following sign for 'Bowling Green Farm House'. Follow path for some distance.
1.40	2.25	Go through gate and follow concrete path.
1.43	2.30	With barn on your left follow grassy path next to wire fence.
1.55	2.49	Path ends. Pass through gap in fence and enter a field – follow path straight on.
1.65	2.66	Pass through gap in fence. Follow grassy path straight on for some distance, keeping wire fence and field on your left.
1.85	2.98	Note white gate on your left. Continue to follow path and tree line.
2.11	3.40	Reach gap in trees. Follow path straight on (slightly right), with fields either side.
2.43	3.91	Note house on your right. Follow tarmac road straight on.
2.63	4.23	Arrive at house (small sign reads 'The Hideaway'). [E on map] Go straight on (left fork in pathway – right fork is the return route). Walk along road for short distance then dead ahead through field towards trees.
2.95	4.75	Enter trees [G on map] . Walk through Carswell golf course - in near straight direction, in between railings.
3.21	5.17	Enter woods (known as Buckland Warren) [H on map] , walking along path. Note: be careful of protruding tree routes – trip hazard.
3.60	5.79	Pathway comes to a Crossroads [I on map] – turn right.
4.10	6.60	Leave woods and enter open field [C on map] . Go straight on along path.
4.41	7.10	Path comes to a T junction [D on map] – turn right along a tarmac road. Remain on this road until it ends.
5.30	8.53	Back to 'The Hideaway' house. [E on map] Go straight on along path (same route as you came).
5.50	8.85	Note house on your left. Keep going straight on.
5.82	9.37	Go through gap in trees, hugging the tree line on your right.
6.09	9.80	Ignore white gate on right and keep going straight on.
6.29	10.12	Reach gap in trees (open gate on right). Go straight on through field.
6.39	10.28	Reach far side of field. Follow path to the right.
6.50	10.46	Head straight on and follow tarmac path.
6.54	10.53	Go through gate and follow path. Go straight on all the way to the main road.
6.91	11.12	Reach main road. Cross over and turn right towards Faringdon, walking past Charney Pet Care Centre. Go straight on towards traffic island (A420).
7.17	11.54	Cross A420, going straight on uphill.
7.73	12.44	Turn left towards Faringdon town centre.
7.95	12.79	Reach Faringdon town centre.

How to drive to Buckland Warren woods

From Faringdon Esso garage turn left onto A420, heading for Oxford. After ~4 miles take a right turn into Stanford Road, signposted 'Gainfield / Stanford'. After ~0.5 mile you will see woods on your right and a house on your left set well back from the road. On the property's fence (left hand side of road) is a sign which reads 'Studland House'. Park your car in the road opposite the sign, on the right hand side of the road where there is room to park.

On the right hand side of road is a gap in the fence, signposted 'Bridleway'. Go through gap into a field. See map below: start at point (A) and take path to point (K) - back to start.

Best places to see deer are in the fields next to the woods, particularly the field on your left as you enter the woods. Sometimes deer can be seen in the woods itself.

- A: start
- B: 0.51 miles / 0.82 km – reach path crossroads
- C: 1.00 mile / 1.61 km – leave woods
- D: 1.30 miles / 2.09 km – reach tarmac road
- E: 2.20 miles / 3.54 km – reach house 'The Hideaway'
- F: 2.28 miles / 3.67 km – reach soil pathway
- G: 2.54 miles / 4.09 km – reach golf course / rails
- H: 2.80 miles / 4.51 km – reach woods
- I: 3.19 miles / 5.13 km – return to path crossroads
- J: 3.35 miles / 5.39 km – leave woods
- K: 3.70 miles / 5.95 km – return to start

