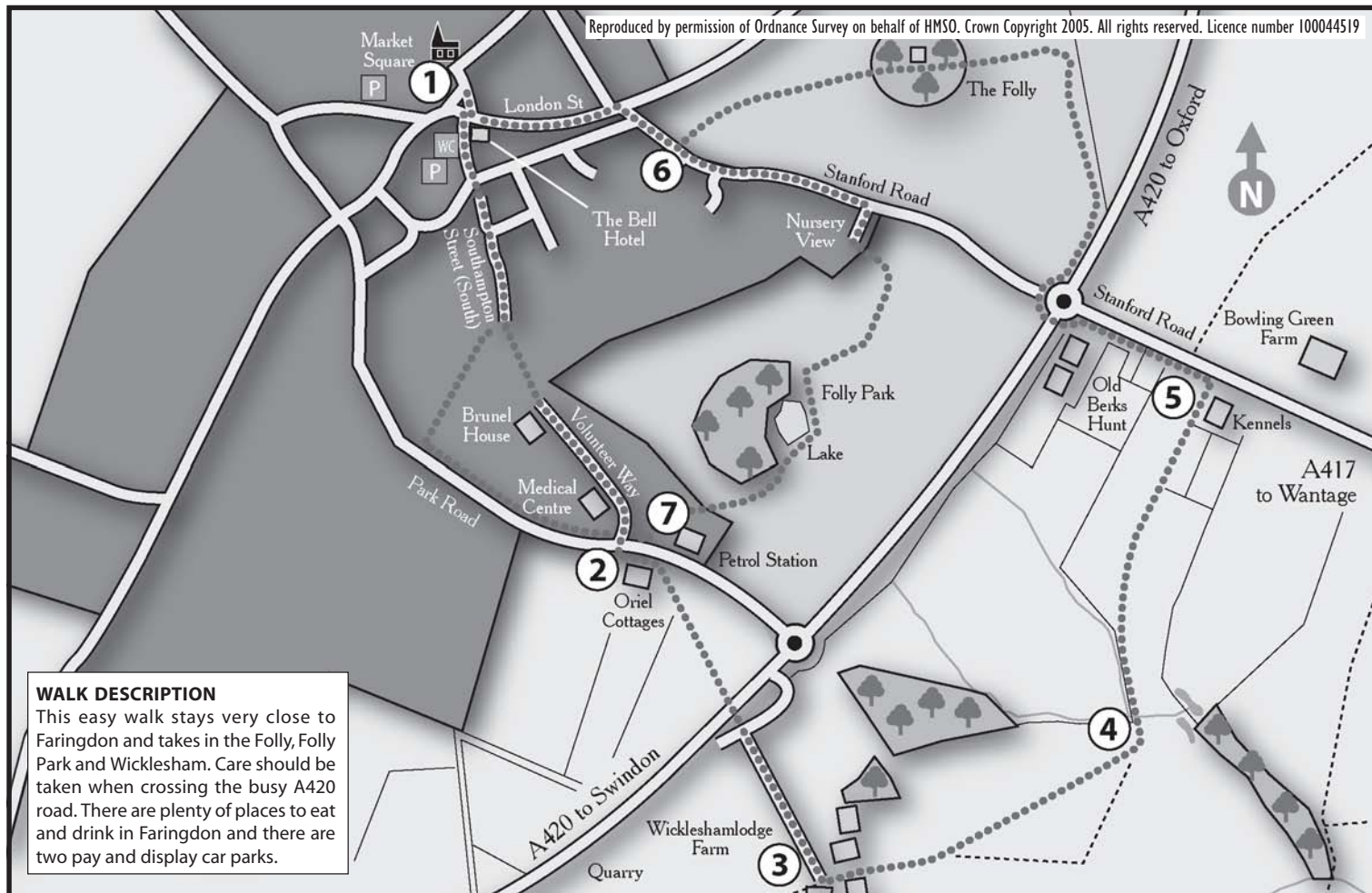


## Walk 4

### Faringdon, Wicklesham, The Folly and Folly Park

approximately 3 miles/5km



#### WALK DESCRIPTION

This easy walk stays very close to Faringdon and takes in the Folly, Folly Park and Wicklesham. Care should be taken when crossing the busy A420 road. There are plenty of places to eat and drink in Faringdon and there are two pay and display car parks.

**1)** From the Market Place, walk along **Southampton Street** (with the Bell Hotel on the corner). Continue over a road and along Southampton Street (South).

At the end of Southampton Street, **continue along the track** into the housing estate. Carry straight on along Volunteer Way (passing Brunel House and the Medical Centre on your right) until you **reach the A417 (Park Road)**.

**2)** **Cross the road**, turn left and pass two houses (Oriell cottages). Turn right after the cottages (signed) and follow the footpath over a stile and on to the next stile. **Cross the A420** with care and at the top of the bank go over a stile, (signed).

*It may be easier to cross the A420 if you walk up to the roundabout and follow the drive to the quarry, you will soon join the drive to Wickleshamlodge Farm.*

Continue straight on down the farm access track to **Wickleshamlodge Farm**.

**3)** **Turn left** remaining on the bridleway. Just **over a little bridge** (once a bridge over Faringdon branch line) bear left diagonally across a field.

**4)** **Turn left onto a track** which exits onto the Stanford Road by the kennels.

**5)** **Turn left back towards the A420**. Cross the road near to the roundabout with care. **Turn right** through a gate into a field. Follow the field edge path,

then **turn left up hill** to the Folly, (where on a clear day you have a magnificent view of a large part of Oxfordshire, and parts of Wiltshire and Gloucestershire).

Continue straight on past the tower (on your right) **following a metalled path down to Stanford Road**.

**6)** At the road, turn left to continue your walk through Folly Park or turn right to join London Street and return to the Market Square.

To visit the Folly Park **turn left and walk up the Stanford Road** (dead end) until you reach the entrance to the Nursery View estate on the right. **Walk down through the estate** until you reach the back entrance to the Folly Park. Walk down through the Park and eventually out onto Park Road.

**7)** At **Park Road**, **turn right** and after about 200m look out for a **footpath on the right** near to a zebra crossing, which takes you back into Southampton Street. At the end then turn left to return to the Market Square.

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

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