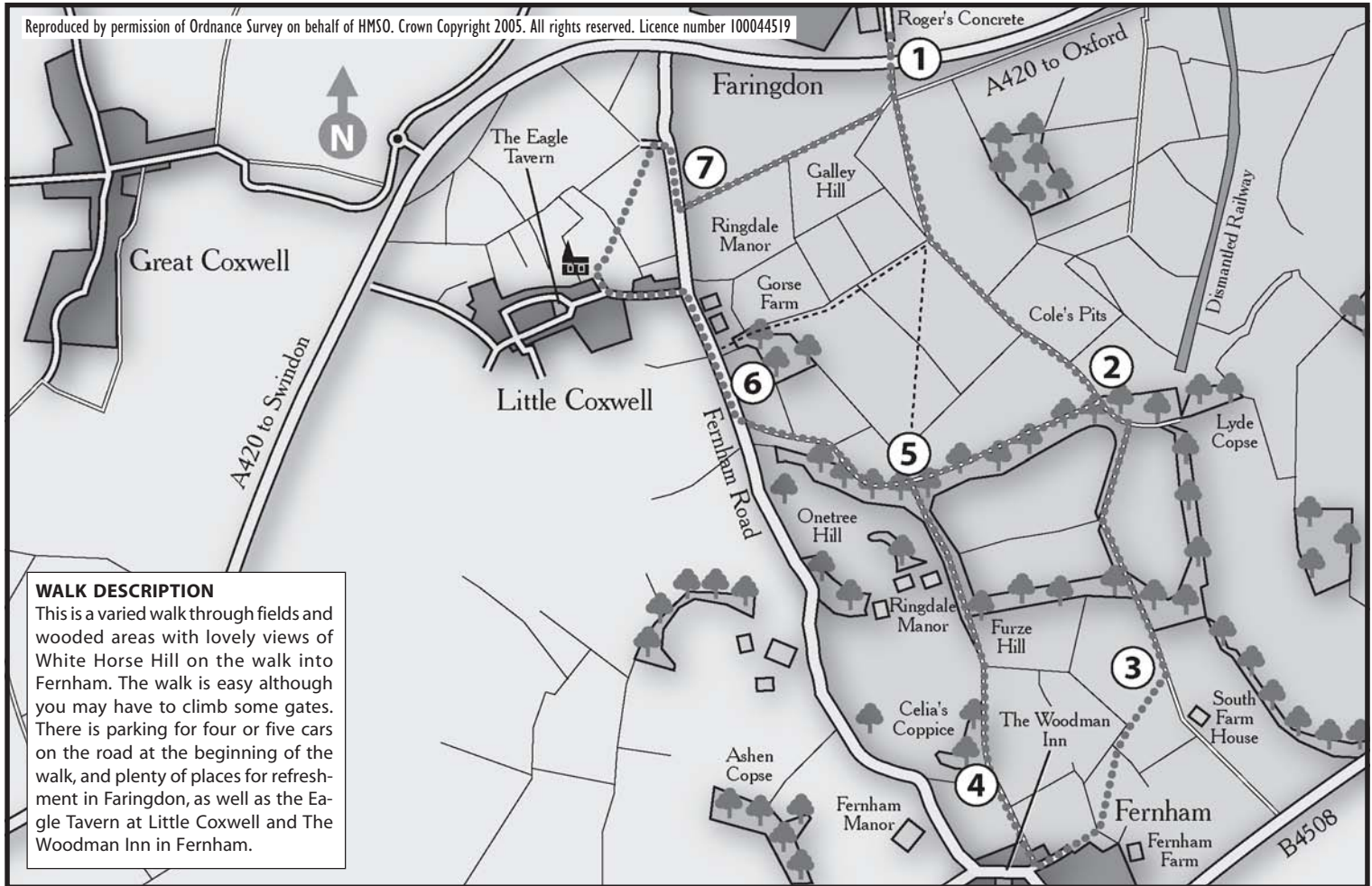


Walk 5

Faringdon, Fernham and Little Coxwell

approximately 5 miles/8km



WALK DESCRIPTION

This is a varied walk through fields and wooded areas with lovely views of White Horse Hill on the walk into Fernham. The walk is easy although you may have to climb some gates. There is parking for four or five cars on the road at the beginning of the walk, and plenty of places for refreshment in Faringdon, as well as the Eagle Tavern at Little Coxwell and The Woodman Inn in Fernham.

To start the walk from Faringdon town centre, walk up Marlborough Street (with Budgens on the left) and at the roundabout turn left along Park Road. After about 400 metres, *at the sign for Rogers Concrete*, turn right and walk up the lane until you reach the A420 Swindon to Oxford road.

1) Cross the A420 with care. Follow the path and go **straight across** the junction, up the hill towards Moorhill Farm (signposted).

2) The track goes downhill to another junction... *Here, the walk can be shortened substantially (leaving out Fernham) by turning right and continuing until the Faringdon to Fernham road at point 6 is reached.* To continue the walk into Fernham...

...**Bear left** into the trees then **fork right** soon after and follow the path uphill. **Continue** along the track with woodland on the right hand side.

3) The walk **continues along the track about 400m, but cuts right** before reaching South Farm House, over a low fence (*not signed*) and **diagonally** across a field. **Walk diagonally across two fields** towards Fernham until you reach a stile onto a lane at the outskirts of the village. As you approach the road, **identify the Circular Path sign on your right which indicates Faringdon 2.5 miles...**

At this point you could take a short detour to look around Fernham, where there are seats on the village green and the Woodman Inn for refreshment.

4) After looking round Fernham, return to the Circular Path sign and **cross the stile, following the path** up to the next stile and on along the edge of Celia's Coppice...

Look back for a good view of White Horse Hill.

...**Continue** through a conifer plantation and pass Ringdale Manor on your left. Follow the track until you reach a junction signed Circular Walk and Bridleway in both directions.

5) Turn left and keep straight on until you meet the road.

6) At the road turn right and continue along the road **and then turn left** towards Little Coxwell. Walk along the road until you see a row of thatched cottages on the right. *To explore Little Coxwell, continue along the road into the Village, where the Eagle Tavern will be found at the junction of two lanes.*

After looking round the village, return to the thatched cottages, **taking a footpath which leads to the church**. Follow the path past the church, through a kissing gate, until another stile is reached (*signposted Little Coxwell .25, Bridleway*). **Turn right** up to the road **and right again** and go along the road for 200m.

7) Turn left onto the bridleway. Follow this track to the first junction, **take a left turn** towards the A420 **Crossing it with care** and return to your 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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