

Around Buckland Monachorum

A circular walk of about 5.5 miles that starts at Long Ash Garden Centre passes through Buckland Monachorum out to Hatch Mill and then back passing an Iron age Hill Fort



Starting from the small car park opposite the entrance to Long Ash Garden Centre SX497694.....turn right and go through the gate next to the cattle grid and set off down the road but only for about 100m



Turn left through the wide gate then on through the small gate behind to go along a track then...

through a bit of woodland..



...then out into a field through this gate.

Keep next to the hedge on your left all the way down the field and then when you reach a lane turn left





A couple of hundred meters up Uppaton Lane turn right next to Uppaton Bungalow

Walk down the farm track that bends right and goes on down to a barn.



When you reach the barn fork right over the wooden stile and walk on down the edge of the field with the hedge on your left



Over a tall wooden stile with no dog gate and then stay on the well used path over or around a stone stile eventually passing the church on your left.



When you reach the main street turn left...



..then just as you pass The Drake Manor Inn turn right to go between the two houses

Stay on the pavement by the hedge ...



..then along a path



That has been resurfaced



At the footpath cross roads go straight across



..to stay on the resurfaced path.

Go through the gate and cross over to the other side of the farm track



Keep the hedge on your left ...

...and quite soon when you reach these two gateways keep left and walk next to the hedge on your right.



When the hedge stops keep going and turn right when you reach the road.



In less than 100m turn left up the driveway of a house called Rooksmoor.

When the drive bends



right keep left on to a path that takes you all around the edge of their garden and paddock





Through a gate into a field keeping the hedge on your left and out through another gate

Stay on the path and



...turn right when you reach the road.



Go down the hill and take the first right turn into the driveway of Higher Ludbrook





Keep going straight ahead keeping the building on your right

If the footpath becomes impassable there is an alternative permissive path through a bamboo thicket.



The footpath is a bit washed out but still walkable.

**Walk along
the river
bank**



**through Hatch Mill passing the
old mill on your left and then
up a steep hill.**

**At the top of
the hill turn
left**



**...and when the road goes
around a sharp right bend go
straight ahead up a track**



**The track takes you up to this
moor gate**



**Go through the gate and
fork right**



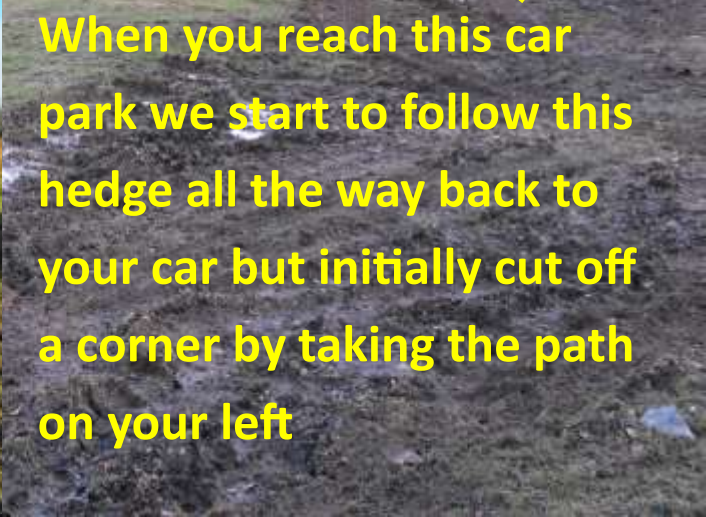
**When the track splits keep
left or right if you want to
visit Berra Tor rock**



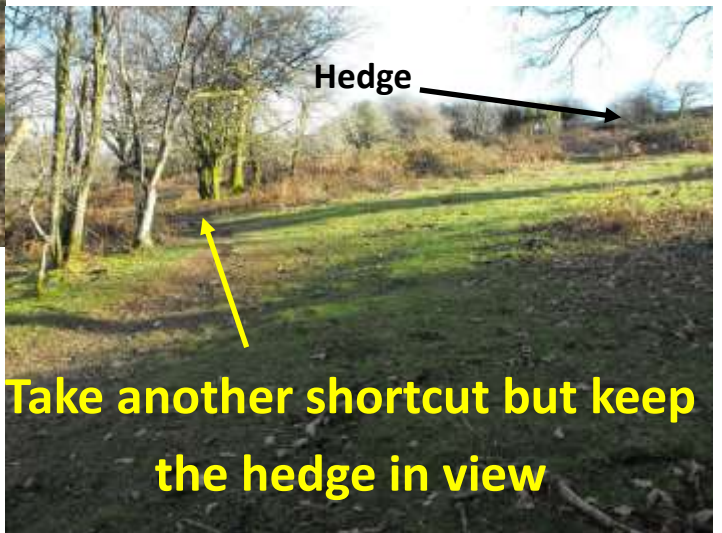
**When the two track
rejoin you will soon see
on your right a ditch
and wall which is the
boundary of the Iron
Age Hill Fort . Walk
along the top of the
down to a car park**



When you reach this car park we start to follow this hedge all the way back to your car but initially cut off a corner by taking the path on your left



Follow this hedge or at least keep it in view without going through any gates and taking the occasional short cut all the way back to your car at Long Ash.



Take another shortcut but keep the hedge in view



When you reach a tarmac drive turn right still keeping the hedge in view.



If you fancy a cup of tea Long Ash Garden Centre has a café which is normally open to 4pm