8. Charlbury

Very short family walk on mown grass leading to a playground.

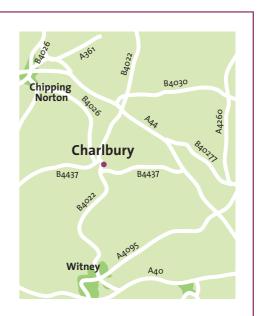


Where is it?

Charlbury is 15 miles north-west of Oxford. Take the through-traffic road (the Slade/Sturt Road) above the town centre. Near a school sign turn into Ticknell Piece Road, signed Bowls Club. As you wind between the houses watch out for the car park on the right. There are three blue badge spaces.

The walk

The short walk (only 200 metres there and back) is almost level, mainly on mown grass and suitable for all wheels. An alternative return route (total 350 metres) through the housing estate starts with a short rise on hard surface to a gate. Another longer route on grass around the edge of a wood and meadow may not be suitable for wheelchairs or small-wheel scooters and buggies.



Directions

Cross the car park to a radar-key gate. Go through the gate, cross a path and go through a gap in the hedge to an open meadow where your turn left. 1 With the hedge on your left take the mown grass path to a tree 2 near a children's playground. Return to the car park the way you came.

For a longer return on tarmac go 40 metres beyond the tree and turn left on a surfaced path that rises through a wheelchair kissing gate 3 to a housing estate.

Follow the road ahead and to the left. In about 180 metres turn left again and the car park is on your left after 50 metres.

Alternatively, turn right at 2 on grass to the skateboard ramp, then right along the hedge line and right again at 4 back to the gap in the hedge and the car park. This route may not be feasible after rain.

Refreshments and toilets

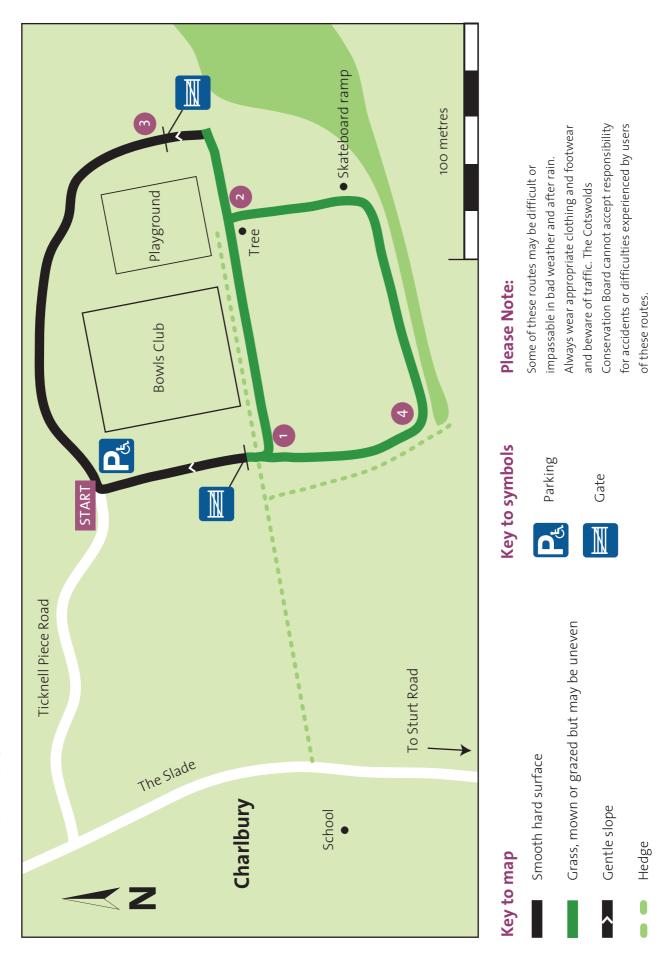
Charlbury has four pubs, two of which serve food. Shops in Sheep Street sell take-away food and drink.

There are accessible public toilets at the Spendlove car park near the town centre. Turn right out of Ticknell Piece onto the Slade and continue to the crossroads with Enstone Road. Turn left and the car park is in about 800m on the right. The toilets are on the left in the Co-op building.



Walks on Wheels was devised by the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens to mark their 40 years of helping to improve access to the Cotswolds and conserve its special landscape.

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