

9. Amberley

4km on lanes and the common. Tarmac and grass with one steep descent. Not for wheelchairs.

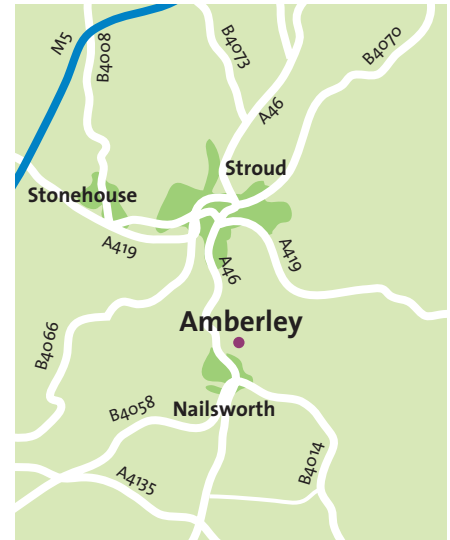


Where is it?

From Stroud take the A46 south towards Nailsworth for two miles. After the Old Fleece Inn at Rooksmoor take the second left turn (Culver Hill) climbing for one mile to arrive at the Amberley Inn. There is free roadside parking nearby.

The walk

This 4km walk is not recommended for hand propelled wheelchairs. On the way to the turn around point at the Bear of Rodborough Hotel you are on minor village paths and roads, with gentle ups and downs but one steep 250 metre descent. The return is largely level: after a short section of tarmac you walk on grass along the edge of the common. The common is habitat for a variety of birds, butterflies and orchids. **This section may be difficult, even impassable, after heavy rain.**



Directions

To the right of the Amberley Inn and a bus shelter, with your back to the school, take a level tarmac path which soon crosses a lane and passes in front of a former Wesleyan Chapel. The path bears around the back of the chapel to the Black Horse Pub. Just past the front of the pub turn left and left again at a junction near the Old Bakery Cottage where you come to the top of a steep 250 metre descent on tarmac. Head on down and after 180 metres you bear right and after a further 70 metres arrive at a T-junction, **1** with Hawthorn Cottage opposite. Here turn right between houses along a quiet lane with a few ups and downs. The lane rises gently to pass the back of the Bear of Rodborough hotel, where you turn right with care, **2** and right again on to a tarmac path beside a busy main road. Facing the traffic go past the hotel car park and climb

gently to the common. After the tarmac deteriorates, **3** bear right away from the road onto grass. You will soon pass Amberley Ridge School and (after gaps in the low earthwork ahead) the entrance to Moor Court.

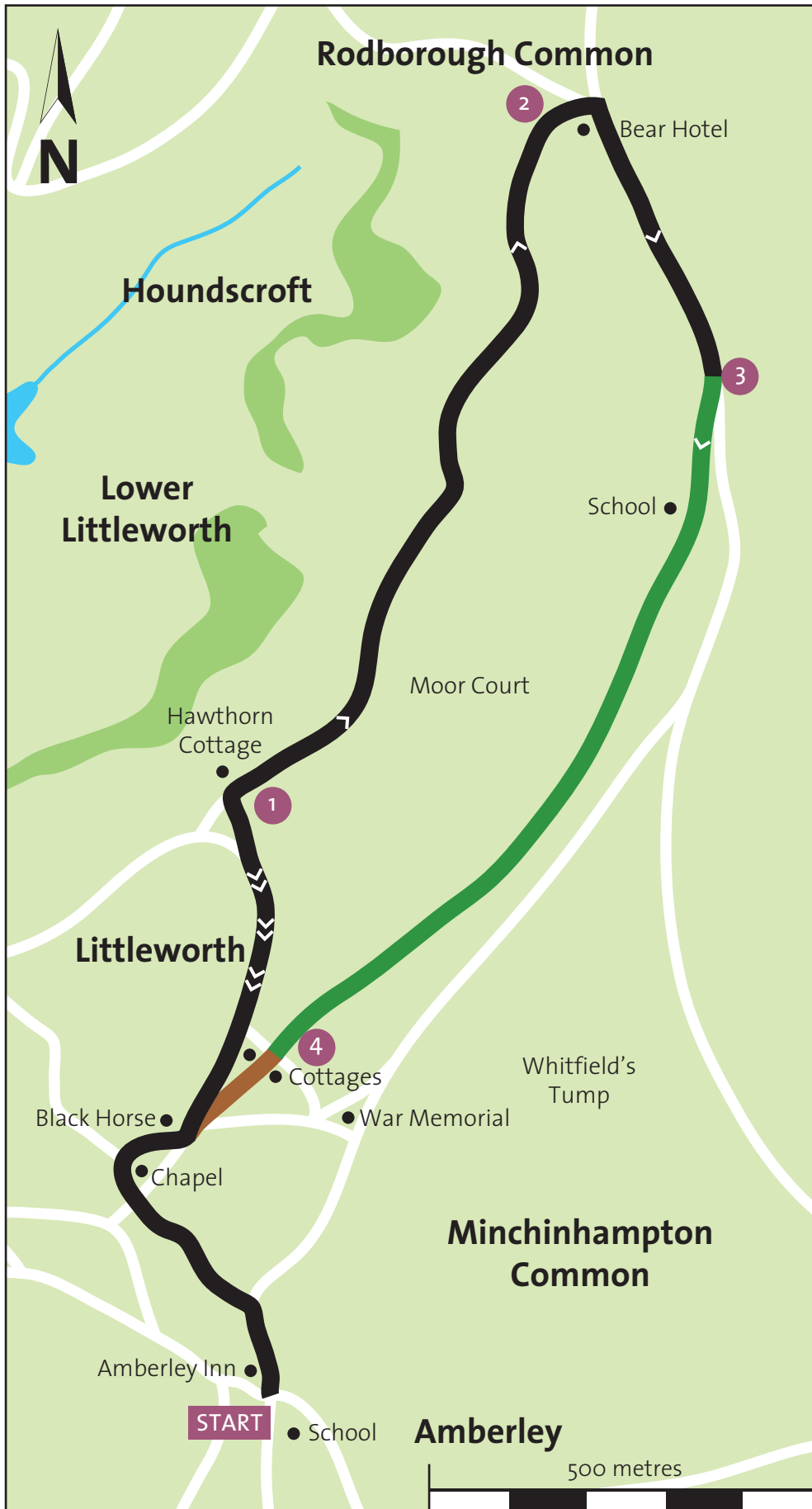
Continue in the same direction on grass, which may be knobbly and/or wet, towards distant cottages, keeping well to the right of a memorial cross. At the first houses cross a minor lane **4** and soon join another lane which leads to the Black Horse Public House. After passing the pub on your right, bear right and retrace your steps past the chapel to the start.

Refreshments and toilets

The Amberley Inn, the Black Horse and the Bear of Rodborough which can provide ramp access to toilets.

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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Key to map

-  Smooth hard surface
-  Grass, mown or grazed but may be uneven
-  Earth paths, generally smooth
-  Gentle slope
-  Steep slope

Please Note:

Some of these routes may be difficult or impassable in bad weather and after rain. Always wear appropriate clothing and footwear and beware of traffic. The Cotswolds Conservation Board cannot accept responsibility for accidents or difficulties experienced by users of these routes.

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