

BURY SELF - LED WALKS ROUTE MAP

FREETOWN - CHESHAM WOOD AND PARKLAND WALK



WALK NAME: Chesham Wood and Parkland Walk

START POINT: Hoyles Park, Car Park Huntley Mount Road, Bury BL9 6HY

BUS SERVICE: 467; 468

DISTANCE: 4.6 km / 2.8 miles • **DURATION:** 60-90 minutes • **STEPS:** Approx 6,000

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

- 1 Exit the car park going between the bowling greens and children's play area, turn left and follow the footpath bearing right behind the pavilion up to the second carpark.
- 2 Cross the road, go right, then turn left onto Kingfisher Drive. Take first left onto Swallow Drive. Continue to the end going through the swing gate on the right.
- 3 Follow the footpath on the right until you reach the road. Turn left and before you go under the motorway bridge, take footpath on your left accessed by a wooden stile. Continue up a gentle incline turning left at top now descending a narrow pathway for about 100m.
- 4 After passing the metal railings on the left, take the swing gate on your right into the woods and follow the path, keeping to your right all the time. Near the end of this path, where the path splits right to a stile, go left between two low walls, this will bring you to a metal gate and a small road, cross here.
- 5 Re-enter the woods passing the turning circle for where the old Chesham House would have stood on the right. Continue along the path as it descends down towards the left to re-join the main track into Clarence Park.
- 6 Here you can go around the Lido or just walk straight forward out of this part of the park and turn left by the children's play area. At the entrance to the Bowling Green is the Green Café ideal for a stop.
- 7 Coming out of the café turn left and go behind the café crossing the grass to join the footpath which runs left to right. Turn right towards the end of the footpath where the path meets Delamere Street.
- 8 From here (if dry underfoot) go back onto the grass following the outer edge of the park. Follow this all the way round until you get to an exit by Clarence Gardens apartments. When wet underfoot you could go out of the park following Delamere Street, then Chesham Road until you get to the apartments.
- 9 At the rear of the apartments is a footpath, follow this until you see the gate you went through into Chesham Woods, which is on your left. On your right is a path way with two metal posts as an entrance, follow this path. You will then come to the swing gate you went through from Swallow Drive, go to your right here and follow the path through the houses.
- 10 Go across the island back onto the footpath and then cross the main road, keep going to your right and turn left following the park railings, re-entering Hoyles Park following the footpath back to the car park.



Moderate: Suitable for walkers who are happy to walk along countryside footpaths and Public Rights of Way with some steeper inclines and steps with possible stile crossings.