

# **Top Walk**

## #2: Amersham to Chorleywood



Although the walk takes a bit of time to get out of suburban Amersham, once you do, it is worth it for its beautiful views across the Chess Valley. This is an easy walk with no major hills that can be shortened to terminate at Chalfont & Latimer station.

The instructions are as follows:

1. Leave the main entrance of Amersham station and walk straight ahead along Hill Avenue.
2. At the end of Hill Avenue, turn right into Sycamore Road.
3. Cross Woodside Road at the roundabout to continue on Sycamore Road.
4. At the junction of Sycamore Road and Grimsdell's lane, take the footpath ahead/slight right.



5. At the end of the footpath enter Parkfield Avenue
6. Take the next footpath ahead/slight left
7. Continue on the footpath (which veers slightly left).
8. Cross Chestnut Close and continue on the footpath.
9. Come out onto Chestnut Lane and turn right.
10. Continue along Chestnut Lane, which becomes Quill Hall Lane.
11. Continue along Quill Hall Lane.
12. Take the branch to the left onto an unmade road at a sign that reads "Private Road Access Only" towards a new housing estate.
13. Just before you reach the houses, turn left onto a footpath.



14. Continue on the footpath through some trees.
15. Eventually you will emerge onto a railway bridge (the Chesham branch of the Metropolitan line).
16. Cross the bridge. Straight ahead is the Chess Valley. To the left, there are views across to Chesham.
17. Once you have crossed the bridge, turn right to follow the footpath parallel to the railway line and into the woods.

*Most of the rest of the route involves walking along this ridge at the top of the Chess Valley. You can continue along it until you turn off to the right (south) for either Chalfont & Latimer or Chorleywood stations. Alternatively you could take one of the paths (north) down into the Chess Valley to walk along the river if you prefer (see [Chess Valley Walk](#)).*



18. Once in the woods you want to continue pretty much straight ahead. You can do that either by taking a path that heads off to the left (slightly downhill) and then goes back up to the right, or you can go more to the right and across a dip, before heading to the right again. Either way you are heading for the corner of the field opposite where you came in.

19. When you reach that corner, walk along the edge of the woods with the field immediately to your right, until you emerge onto a path.



20. Walk straight along this path. There are great views of the Chess Valley to your left.

21. At the end of this path you enter Lane Wood. Again keep to the path with a field to your right and the main part of the woods heading down into the river valley on your left.

22. After about 1km you will come to a road - Bell Lane. Cross the road to re-enter the woods (signposted as 'Chiltern Forest' in a Forestry Commission sign). Carry on in the same direction. Again you will be walking along the edge of the woods, this time with houses on your right hand side.





23. After about 500m there is a path off to your right (part of the Chess Valley Walk). This is the turn off for Chalfont & Latimer station (for directions, see below\*).
24. If you want to carry on to Chorleywood, continue along the path through the top of the woods. After another 900m you will come to Stony Lane.







25. Veer slightly right to walk along Stony Lane for a few metres before turning left to return to the woods.

26. Carry on straight ahead until you reach the grounds of Chenies Manor House. Either turn right before the house and walk around the house, or turn right down a narrow path that leads right up to the path.

27. From the house, turn to walk away from the house towards the church and Chenies village green.

28. Turn right to walk across the green and into Claypit Lane.

29. Walk south along Claypit Lane for about 400 metres until you reach Amersham Road (A404). There is a small layby and path directly opposite towards which you are heading. This is a busy road, so cross carefully.



30. Walk straight ahead (South) along the path. After about 900m you will come to a railway bridge under the Metropolitan line, which you walk through.

31. You are now entering Carpenters Wood. There are maps which show you routes that you can take if you want to wander around the woods, but I will describe the shortest route back to the station.



32. Turn right and follow the path nearest to the railway line on your left. After 100m or so there are houses on your left. After another 400 metres you will come to a path at the edge of the wood. Turn left to walk down to Whitelands Avenue

33. Turn right and walk along Whitelands Avenue into the centre of Chorleywood. After 500m you will pass shops and reach Shire Lane.

34. Cross Shire Lane and turn left to walk under the railway bridge.

35. On the other side of the railway turn right into Station Approach. The entrance to Chorleywood station is on your right.



### \* Chalfont & Latimer station short-cut

If you have walked enough, at this point you can branch off and walk back to the tube (just under 1km/ half a mile or 10 minutes walk).



If you want to take this option:

- a) Turn right at the sign for the Chess Valley walk.
- b) Walk a short distance through the trees to come out onto an unmade road (Chenies Avenue, pictured).
- c) Continue on Chenies Avenue, past the junctions with Beechwood Avenue and Westwood Park.
- d) Continue on Chenies Avenue to cross Elizabeth Avenue.
- e) Turn left onto Bedford Avenue. The station is on your right, along a footpath that goes up some stairs.