



Walk 2: Badley Moor - 8 miles, allow 3¼ hours

The walk can be shortened to 4 miles (1¾ hours) or 5 miles (2 hours)



Before starting this walk, please read the general leaflet

1 Leave the town centre by passing the cinema on the right, to walk down High Street (under the Dereham sign). Pass the library on your left, and go ahead (slightly left) along London Road. Just past the petrol station, opposite Station Road, turn right down **Footpath 24**. At the end, turn left on South Green then right to join the main road and go under the A47. Take the first turn left on to Rash's Green; follow this round to the right and turn left down Charles Wood Road (which is also **Footpath 11**).

2 As Charles Wood Road turns right, turn left to cross the **Mid-Norfolk Railway** line and continue to Yaxham Road.



*The path emerges by what used to be the **Jolly Farmers**, a Grade II Listed thatched building.*

Cross the road to **Footpath 26** - legally only a footpath but a track throughout its considerable length - known here as Dumping Green. Pass

Borrow Hall (often wrongly stated to be the birthplace of George Borrow) and ignore any side turns: the track can be rutted and muddy in places, especially after wet weather.



3 The 'crossroads', about 150 yards on, is the junction with Footpath 25 on the left: continue ahead. *The second track on the right, after ¼ mile, is **Footpath 35**, which leads to **Badley Moor Common**, Open Access Land and a Site of Special Scientific Interest, to which there is public access.* Continue to Ivy Farm on the right. **Footpath 4** runs from here down to Mouse's Bridge and into Yaxham. Keep on Footpath 26, now a hard surface track, past Whitehouse Farm. *To the left is the route of **Restricted***



***Byway 3**, not presently available, but the walk can be shortened by turning next left towards and past Willow Farm, to join **Restricted Byway 38**, Cherry Lane: follow it to meet Footpath 2 at **5**. Continue to Mattishall Road. Turn right and follow Mattishall Road for about 100 yards. **!** Take care along here - traffic can move quickly.*

4 Turn up the first track on the left. Walk up the track to and through the edge of the woodland and at the end turn left and follow this new track, past Oaklands and ignoring all side tracks, until you reach some tall trees with a building largely hidden behind them. Turn left and follow the track back to Mattishall Road. **!! Take extra care along here - traffic can move quickly on this bendy road.** Go ahead up the road past 2 bungalows and at the end of the field, turn left along the hedge on to **Footpath 2**. This starts as a field edge path, then continues across the field.

5 At the end, turn right on the track (**Restricted Byway 38**, Cherry Lane) and shortly right again, and follow it to the 'crossroads' at Cherry Tree Cottage. Continue ahead on the track (now called Hall Lane). Leave the track to follow the first line of trees on your left, on **Footpath 25**. This runs into woodland, then rejoins **Footpath 26** at another crossroads (**3** on the map). Turn right to retrace your outward route to cross the railway. Go up Charles Wood Road and at the top cross Rash's Green, to follow **Footpath 11** over the footbridge and on to reach Westfield Road.

6 Turn right and immediately left into Sheldrick Place. As this bends round to the left, take the pathway to the right, to come out on to Shipdham Road. Cross the road, turning left, then right between numbers 35 and 37 Shipdham Road on **Footpath 12a**. Cross the culverted stream, then bear right between the houses, to Old Hall Road. Turn right then left up Farmway; immediately after it bends to the left, turn right up the footpath (still Footpath 12a). This continues across Middlemarch Road, where it also becomes part of Route 13 of the National Cycle Network. A little further on, it goes beneath the A47, to emerge as **Footpath 12**, passing the play area and allotments to reach Moorgate.

7 Cross slightly to the left: the path continues behind the wall - there is a metal fingerpost to point the way. The path then runs ahead between the houses to come out on to Gilpin's Ride: turn right. This soon becomes Littlefields (still Footpath 12). *You can turn right and cut through to Baxter Row and High Street via **Footpath 16** or **Footpath 15** (Wakes Lane) - see map.* A better route, however, is to continue ahead into St Withburga Lane to pass first **Bishop Bonner's Cottage**, then **St Nicholas Church**, and go up Church Street to get back to the town centre.





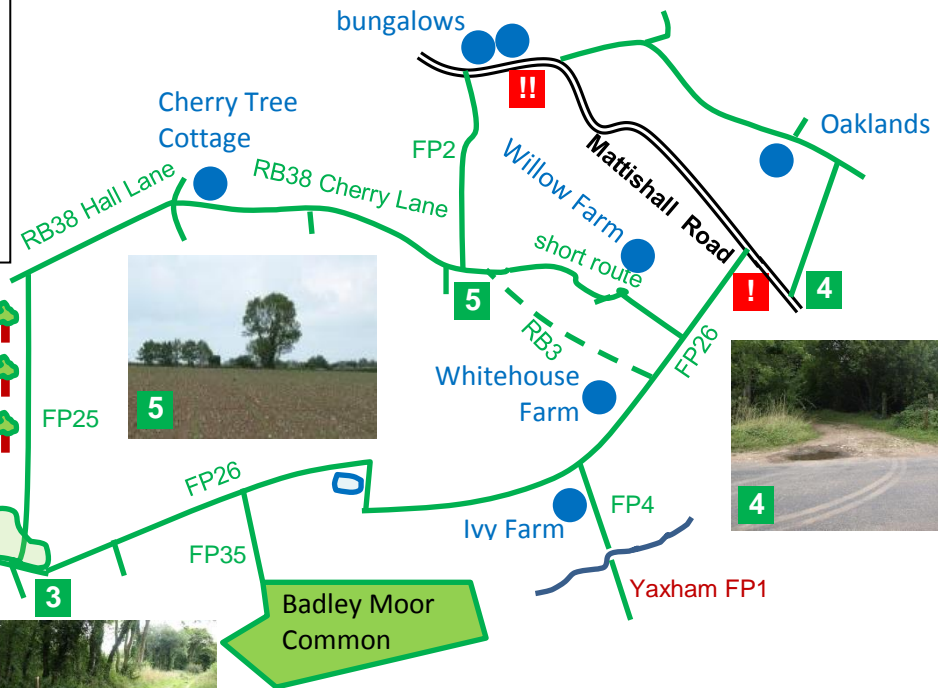
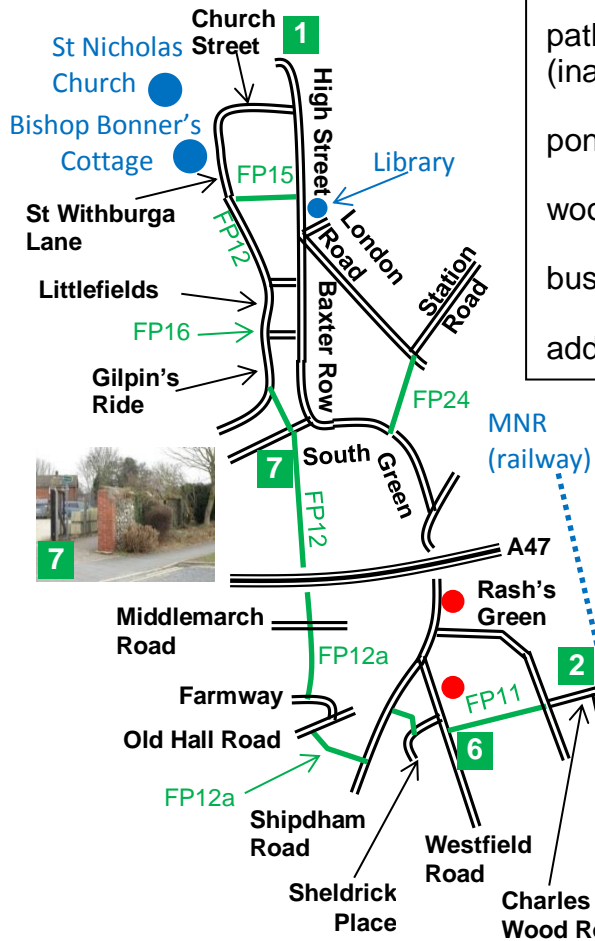
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direction points	
road	
path or track	
path or track (inaccessible)	
pond	
woodland	
bus stop	
additional care needed	

This walk can be shortened, missing out the sections in the town, by taking a Konect bus from the town centre (number 8 from outside Barclays Bank or 11 opposite Lloyds Bank): alight at the stop opposite Toftmead Close. Take the first turn left on to Rash's Green; follow this round to the right and turn left down Charles Wood Road to **2**.

On return, at **6** turn right to catch the Konect 8 from the stop on Westfield Road to return to the town centre. (This service runs as a circular service in one direction only.)

Car users can park at **2** to start and end there.



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