Walk 6: Yaxham and Clint Green – 7 miles, allow 3 hours

The walk can be shortened to 5½ miles (2¼ hours)

Before starting this walk, please read the general leaflet

This walk does not start from the town centre, but the corner of Charles Wood Road by the railway. To reach this, catch 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.

1 Walk up Charles Wood Road (which is Footpath 11), then turn left on Rash’s Green. At the end, turn right on Westfield Lane, then left on Westfield Road. Take care – this road has no footway. Cross the barely visible River Tud to enter Whinburgh.

2 Turn left on to Whinburgh Footpath 1. The track opens out into a field and changes direction slightly to head towards (ultimately under) a distant pylon to emerge on to Shipdham Road. Turn left along the road (again, with no footway), and follow it to cross the Mid-Norfolk Railway at Yaxham Station and continue to Yaxham.

3 To use a shorter route, turn left here then first right on to Cutthroat Lane. Follow this for about 1¼ miles to point 5. Turn right, and then, just after the village sign, left up Church Lane. At the church gate, follow the lane round to the right and where it is about to turn left, go ahead through a gate on Yaxham Footpath 4 which crosses the recreation ground. At the end, leave on the left, following the same general direction. Cross two fields to Mill Lane. There is a second chance to shorten the walk here, by turning left along the road. Go ahead at the farm on to Yaxham Restricted Byway 8; at the end, turn right along Cutthroat Lane for about ½ mile to point 5. Cross the lane on to Yaxham Footpath 3; at the end turn right on to Low Lane (a green lane, also Unclassified Road 35008), to reach Norwich Road.

4 Cross the road and go through the trees across the green to reach Yaxham Restricted Byway 9 (Pinn’s Lane). Follow this path to Stone Road. Turn left and where the road turns sharply to the right, go left to join Yaxham Restricted Byway 10. After about ¼ mile, the path turns right and becomes Mouse’s Lane, running behind a hedge. When it reaches the road (Well Hill), turn left and follow the road to Clint Green. Konect bus 4 runs from here to Dereham. Cross Norwich Road to join Yaxham Footpath 2 to the right of the school. Follow this path across the fields until it meets Cutthroat Lane.

5 Turn right and soon after passing “The Cottage”, a house on the right displaying the date 1852, reach a path, Yaxham Footpath 1, on the left by a wooden pole. Cross the field to reach and cross the River Tud by Mouse’s Bridge, entering Dereham on Footpath 4. At the top, turn left along Footpath 26. This track winds its way west, keeping the same general direction, apart from one short section where it turns right then left. Further along, it passes Footpath 35 (Dereham’s newest footpath, leading to Badley Moor). The track then continues to Dumpling Green and Yaxham Road. Cross the road on to Footpath 11, noting the thatched former Jolly Farmers on the right. The path crosses the Mid-Norfolk Railway (take care) to reach Charles Wood Road and the starting point.
Konect bus service 4 runs between Clint Green, Yaxham and Dereham and can be used to split the walk into rough halves or smaller sections.