

Heath and Reach Walk

approx 2¼ miles - allow 1½ - 2 hours

P Park in car park at Stockgrove Country Park (fee payable, facilities available). (Note chalkboard on facilities building with wildlife and plants to look out for whilst in the Park.)

1 Turn right at entrance to car park and look for footpath almost immediately on right. Go through gate and follow path, with Bakers Wood on your left. Continue along path. As the path comes to an end, turn left up hill, go through gate, and continue until path reaches a road (close to British Legion clubhouse).

2 Continue along Thrift Road, past recreation ground, until road ends at T Junction.

3 At T Junction, turn right on to Linslade Road and continue along road. Turn left on to The Stile.

4 At first junction bear right along Abbey Walk. Follow road, up steps and continue along path.

5 When path reaches a road, turn left on to Lane's End, past several listed buildings, including Linden Cottage. Follow Lane's End around The Green with its clock Tower/Village Pump and Iron's Cottages.

6 At junction, turn right towards Eastern Way to see the Village Barn. Head back to The Green and continue along Leighton Road and on to Birds Hill.

7 Continue past row of shops. Where Birds Hill ends, continue right on to Woburn Road. Look out for interesting buildings such as The Grange dating back to the eighteenth century, a seventeenth century thatched cottage, and The Old Wheelwrights.

8 Turn left on to Brickhill Road and follow road back to car park **(take care, no path)!** Again, look out for thatched cottages and historic buildings, including Home Farm.



Linden Cottage



Irons Cottage



Village Barn

If you want to make this walk slightly longer, try one of the walks around Stockgrove Country Park – leaflet available at visitor centre.



Clock Tower