

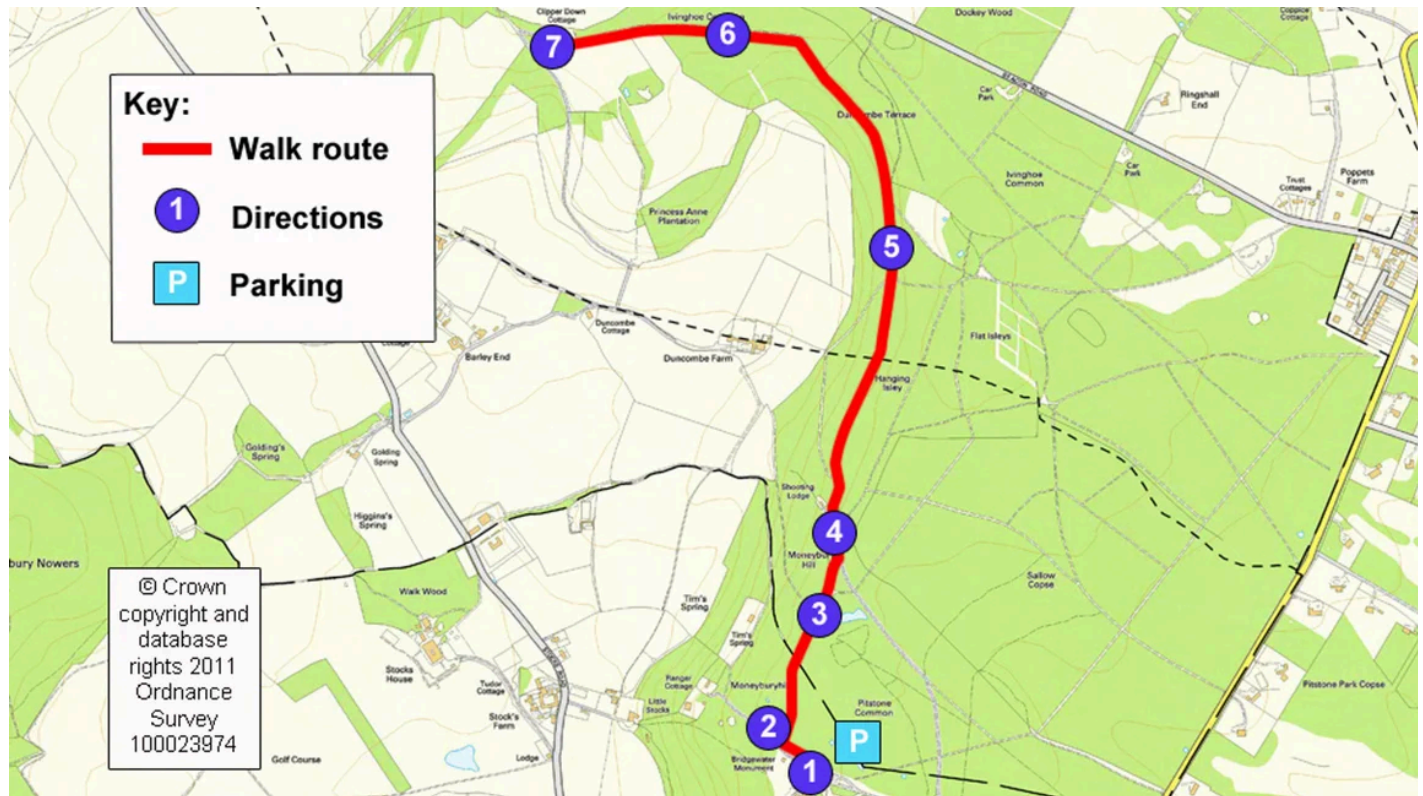
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Duncombe Terrace walk

Enjoy a gentle walk along the popular Duncombe Terrace, taking in the historic Bridgewater Monument, as well as Ashridge Woods with its ancient trees and varied wildlife.

A walk for all seasons

The Ashridge Estate has plenty to see all year round. The bluebell displays in spring are superb, and you can find lots of grassland flowers, such as orchids, in summer. Autumn is a great time to come and watch the deer rut, while winter brings a sense of magic and wonder to this corner of Hertfordshire.



Information

Address: Ashridge Estate, Moneybury Hill, Ringshall, Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire HP4 1LT

Activity: Walking

Easy: This is a level trail that shouldn't pose any problems. For further details, please see Terrain section.

Dog friendly: Dogs are welcome on this trail but must be kept on a lead around wildlife.

Full trail: Miles: 2 (km: 3.2)

Duration: 1 hour 40 mins

Terrain

This is an even walk with no steep gradients. It doesn't tend to get muddy or slippery.

Total stages: 7

Start point: Ashridge Estate visitor centre. Grid ref: SP970130

1. Starting at the Ashridge Estate visitor centre, cross the green, taking the path that leads from the main track to the right (it has stud posts at the entrance).
2. You'll soon enter Ashridge Woods, a large area of woodland inhabited by many ancient trees.
3. As you walk over the wooden bridge, glance down to see the ancient drover's path, which was worn into a ditch by villagers taking their animals to graze on Pitstone Common. Continue to Moneybury Hill, so-called because of buried coins found here (please note that the use of metal detectors is prohibited on land managed by the National Trust).
4. Pass the mound on the left-hand side. Known as Bell Barrow due to its shape, it's thought to be a Bronze Age burial site. Further along the path, on the left, is a wooden lodge. This is a replica of a Victorian shooting lodge that burned down in 1989.
5. On the right here you'll see a large log bench, where you can sit and enjoy views of Pitstone Hill and Aldbury Nowers. When you're ready, continue along the track.
6. Emerge from the pine trees onto Clipper Down.
7. This is the end of the trail, so either turn around and return by the same route (recommended for those with wheelchairs or mobility scooters), or continue for another mile to Ivinghoe Beacon, where you can enjoy more wonderful views.

End point: Ashridge Estate visitor centre. Grid ref: SP970130