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## **Bix to Ewelme chain walk** ***Orchids and Clear Water***

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Distance: 25 km=15½ miles                      easy-to-moderate but lengthy walking

Region: Chilterns

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Refreshments: Nettlebed, Ewelme (2 km=1¼ miles extra circuit)  
Middle Assendon (after the walk)

Map: 171 (Chiltern Hills South) *but the maps in this guide should be sufficient*

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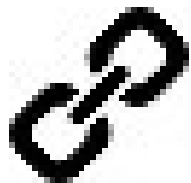
*Nature reserve, woodland, historic villages, churches, hills, views*

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### In Brief

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Take this mellifluous village name, place it in the most perfect Chiltern walk with huge variety and this is the result. This walk leads you from the dense microclimate of a nature reserve, into extensive woods, to the historic village of Ewelme, then over the hills to an isolated church and on a remarkable trek ending back at the nature reserve.



This is a **circular chain walk** which combines up to three other walks in the Chilterns. You need to browse, print or download **two** or **three** of the following walks *in this sequence*:

[Warburg Nature Reserve, Nettlebed](#)

[Swyncombe Church and Ewelme Park](#)

[Ewelme](#)

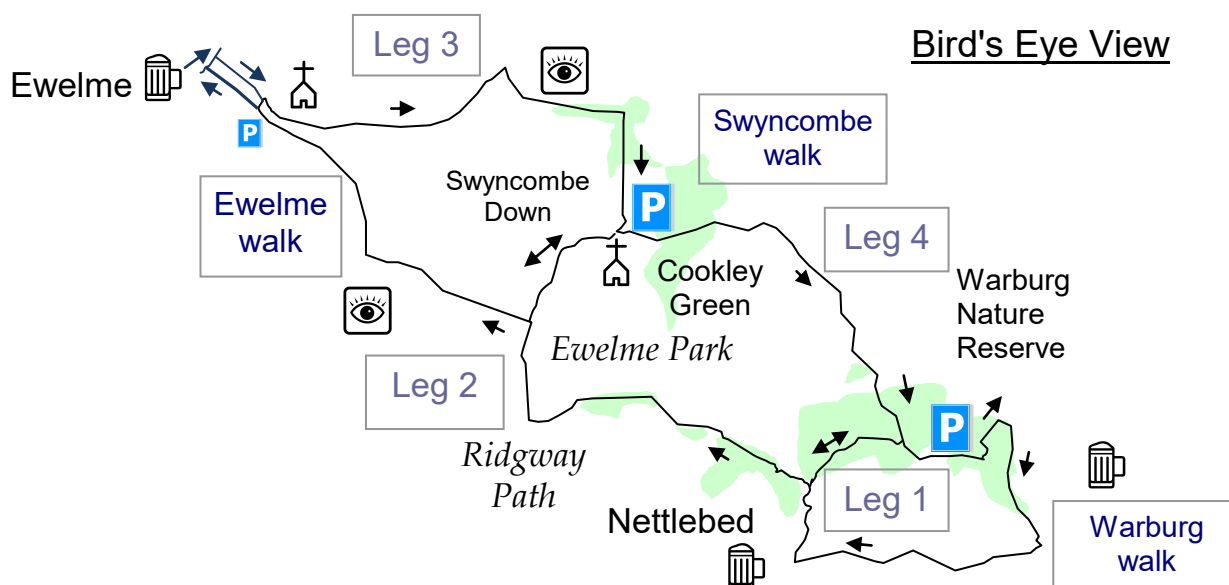
You can omit the first or last of these, making a shorter walk from two of these walks.

[This walk is another tribute to Raymond Hugh's \*Adventurous Walks\* books and follows a similar path to one of them.](#)



There are a few small patches of nettles near the start of the walk, so shorts might be a problem. Underfoot the ground is fairly firm, but because of the length of this walk, boots are preferable. This walk should be fine for a fit dog.

## The Walk



The walk begins at the **Warburg Nature Reserve**, as described in the first of the above individual walks. You can also begin in **Ewelme** or at **Swyncombe church** (see the walk in question for details).



Simply follow each walk, looking out for the “chain link” symbols and directions **in colour** as to where to switch to another walk.

If you begin in the Warburg Nature Reserve, the walk has five sections, in this order:

1. *Warburg Nature Reserve, Nettlebed*: from the beginning to the end of Section **5**.
2. *Swyncombe Church and Ewelme Park* from Section **5** to the end of Section **8**.
3. *Ewelme* from Section **6** to the end, wrapping round to Section **1**, continuing to the end of Section **3**.
4. *Swyncombe Church and Ewelme Park* from Section **1** to the end of Section **3**.
5. *Warburg Nature Reserve, Nettlebed* from Section **7** to the end.

## Getting there

By car: details of your starting point and how to get there will be found in the *Warburg Nature Reserve, Nettlebed* walk or whichever is your chosen starting place.