



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

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

In Brief

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](#)

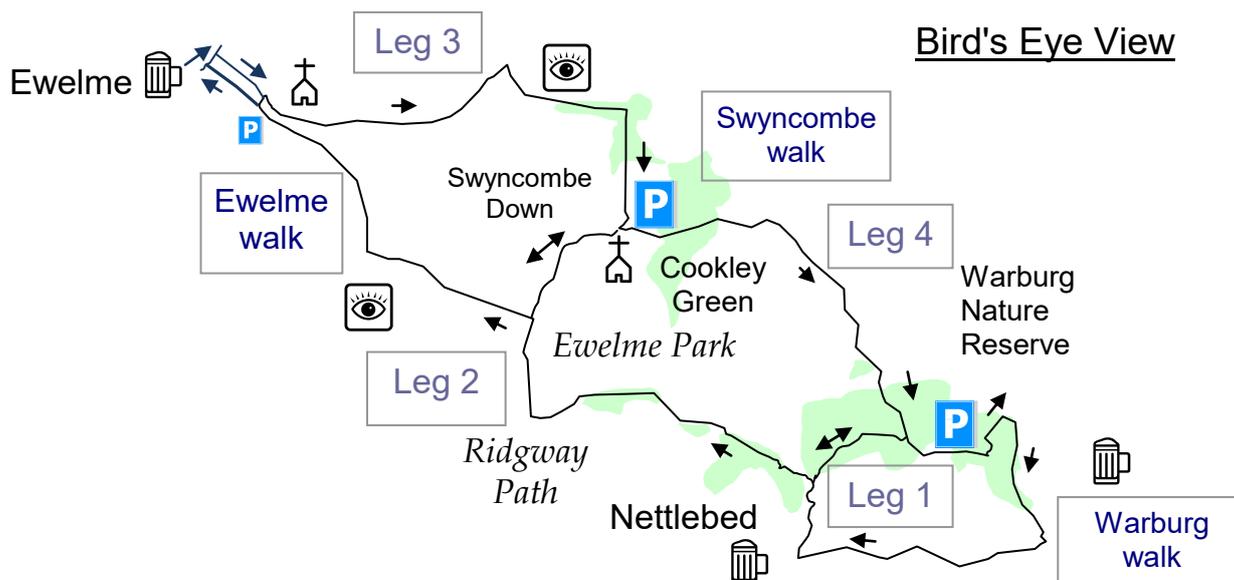
You can omit the first or last of these, making a shorter walk from two of these walks.

[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.