

## Plumpton Village Hall Circular Walk via Plumpton College



4.7 miles (full walk) ~ allow 1 ¾ hours

2.5 miles (commencing at the Racecourse point 9 below)

Commencing at the entrance to the Village Hall, this walk follows public footpaths and takes you through the back of the Village towards the Downs, to Plumpton College before returning via the Village of East Chiltonton.

For a shorter circular walk commence part way along the route at the Racecourse (Point 9 below).

This is a generally flat walk with some gentle undulations. Parts can be a little muddy, but much is on firmer tracks. It is a dog friendly walk; with the exception of one low stile (point 4 below), all stiles have dog access.

1. Leave the entrance porch to the Village Hall and turn left, crossing the car park and exiting in the far left hand corner by the green electrical services box.
2. Follow the path until it meets Station Road. Turn right, and at the Village Shop turn right again into Riddens Lane.
3. Walk along the Lane, continuing as it becomes an unmade track until you reach a footpath sign on the left hand side just after passing the last house on the left.
4. Take this path and walk towards the Downs until you reach a stile on the right hand side. Cross the stile and continue straight ahead across the field to a stile immediately followed by a bridge. This stile has no dog access but is low and our dog negotiated it without difficulty.
5. Continue on this path to its end and then turn left. After a few steps emerge onto East View Fields road and bearing to the right follow the pavement to a footpath commencing between house numbers 16 and 14.
6. Take the footpath walking between two fences and cross the railway via the bridge before continuing straight ahead with the Racecourse on your left, again walking towards the Downs.
7. Continue on the Racecourse service road keeping the Racecourse and buildings on your left, arriving at the Racecourse car park one mile into the walk.
8. Turn right and leaving the Grandstand behind you continue to the T junction.
9. Turn right onto an unmade road, quickly turning left at a footpath sign before the first house on the left.
10. Proceed on a grass/mud track wide enough for a tractor, passing a pond on the right as you cross a stream while remaining on the track. Continue straight ahead on the path walking toward the Downs as the track becomes a field.
11. Cross the field and climb over a stile into a small wood, crossing two bridges in quick succession. At the end of the second bridge, initially bearing left follow the path around the edge of the field until it clearly continues straight on towards the Downs no longer following the edge of the field which now widens to the left.
12. Note the V on the Downs ahead to your right. Planted to commemorate Queen Victoria's 1887 Jubilee, it remains a local landmark to this day.
13. Continue straight on as the field gives way to a half made path and the Plumpton College building become visible in the distance ahead. Keep walking straight on passing at intervals through three metal gates. After some distance, while remaining wide, the path passes between two hedges before emerging into the College grounds.
14. With the tennis court on your left followed by a wooden fence, walk along the edge of the car park until you reach a sign post camouflaged against the fence pointing left through a tall fence gate noted as not part of the College estate.
15. Pass through the gate and follow the path as it turns left through trees, walking away from the Downs. Continue on the path keeping the post and rail fence on your right. At the end of the fence do NOT cross the bridge immediately ahead but turn sharp left and walk with the stream on your right to a short plank bridge and stile.

16. Cross these and continue straight on though a tree lined narrow field passing through the gap in the trees where a gate might be expected but is not present and take the right hand path following it down to a stream on the right.
17. Cross the stream via the long plank bridge before immediately crossing a stile and climbing out of the dip, walk up the hill to a further stile in the top left hand corner of the field.
18. Follow the narrow path between garden hedges and fences quickly reaching the road to Plumpton. *Take care as the footpath emerges directly on the road which carries fast traffic.*
19. Cross the road and proceed along the driveway opposite marked Novington Manor, turning left at the top as you reach a house directly in front of you and cross the stile to the left of the gate.
20. Continue along the tree lined mud/stone driveway, turning left at the T junction at the end of the large pond on the right to walk up the hill to the church at East Chilmington.
21. Follow the flint church wall on the left as it bears left leading you onto an unmade flinty path (rough unmade road) known as the Ferrings. Continue for a third of a mile to its end passing through large black metal gates before again reaching the road to Plumpton.

22. Cross the road and walk straight on along the Racecourse road opposite, turning right towards the Racecourse when the fence on the right bears right at the sign post noting the direction to the Course entrance.
23. This point notes the end of the shorter walk while those following the longer walk will note that they have returned to the path upon which they walked on the outward section.
24. Follow the Racecourse road passing through the car park walking towards the Grandstand and turning left at the end of the car park to walk around the outside of the Racecourse. Keeping the Course on your right proceed to the railway bridge.
25. Cross the bridge and upon entering East View Fields once more, this time, turn right and walk to the T junction with Station Road.
26. Turn left at the end of East View Fields and follow the pavement along Station Road, passing the Village Shop on your left, back to the Village Hall.

*This walk was correct at the time of writing in February 2009. Any comments and subsequent corrections should be emailed to the Plumpton Village Action Plan Footpaths Team at [footpaths@plumptonvap.co.uk](mailto:footpaths@plumptonvap.co.uk). Walkers should take due care when following this walk and do so at their own risk. No liability is accepted by the authors, the Village Action Plan Footpath Team or any other party.*



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