

Booker Stile-Free Walk

Although this walk skirts the edge of Booker, you will soon leave the urban area behind and find your self in attractive and surprisingly tranquil countryside.

Distance: 3.5 miles (allow 2.5 hours)

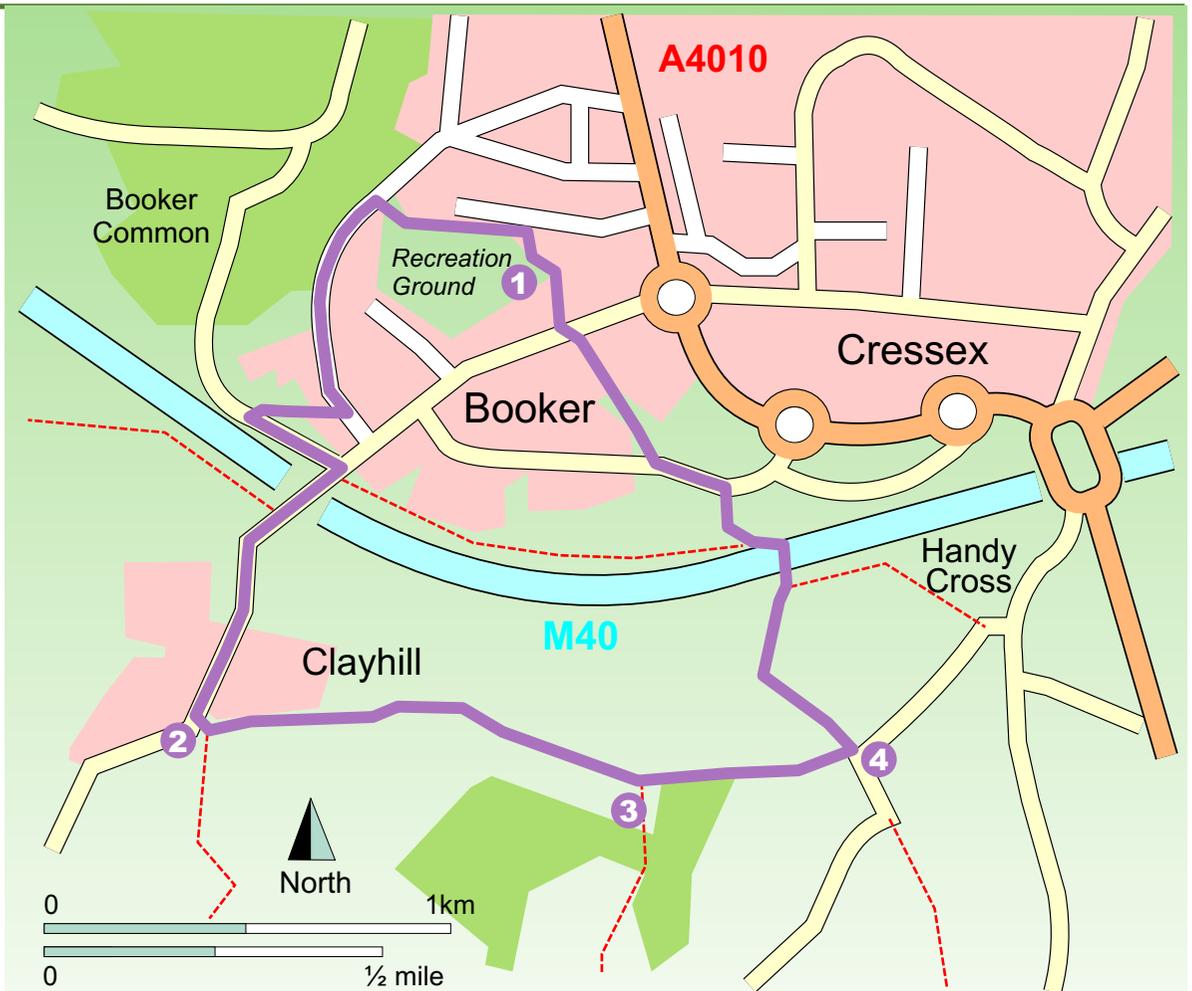
Start: Parking at High Wycombe Judo Club car park, Booker Recreation Ground SU840916.

Access Information: An easy, level walk.

Refreshments: There are pubs and shops in Booker.

From the Judo Club car park **1** follow the perimeter of the Recreation Ground. At the bottom follow the path through a gap in the hedge and turn left along the vehicle track. The path follows the edge of Booker Common and passes 'The Live and Let Live' pub. Keep following the road, walk past Booker Common Memorial Hall. After about 50 yards you will find a footpath on the right between houses. Follow the path, through a gate and across a horse field, with the hedge on your right to the end of the field. Go through a gate and turn left along the road, down to the junction, crossing the road which will take you over the motorway.

Keep along this road, at High Heavens Household Waste and Recycling Centre cross (with care) to your left and on the bend you will see a bridleway on the left **2**, going behind the hedgerow alongside the road. Follow this bridleway coming out between large fields. Continue along the bridleway which descends into a small valley. Ignore the bridleway on your right **3** and go left up the slope towards the woods. Near the top you will see a square arch beyond which are three Buddhist stupas with prayer flags and a seat. Go through the rustic gate to view these.



Return to the path and continue on to Old House Farm **4** turn left at the sign post (which may be hidden behind vegetation) and down the valley towards the motorway; you can see the tunnel that you are heading for. Go right, through the tunnel, and turn left on exit up a slope past ASDA and after a few yards turn right along the side of the store until you come to a road. Turn right along a footpath which leads you out onto Holmer Lane.

Turn left and up the road, crossing the entrance to 'John Lewis' and cross the road at the blue 'Bike and Walker' sign. Follow the path past houses on your left. Keep ahead, cross over the road, there is a Zebra crossing to the right, and take the path down the side of The Cressex Dental Practice. Keep ahead and you will soon return to your starting place.