

GREAT CHALFIELD TO BROUGHTON COMMON

Distance: 2.25 miles

Starting Point: Park at reference 864641 [OS map 156] on the lane to Great Chalfield – a grass verge just south of a pond on the right hand side of the road [coming from the Atworth direction] close to a footpath gate and walk signpost.

- 1 Walk downhill along the lane until the entrance to Lenton Farm.
Cross to the left hand side of the lane and climb the stile to the right of the double gates.
- 2 Walk through the avenue of oak trees (*over 150 years old*) to a farm gate.
- 3 Pass through the gate walking southwards to Great Chalfield Manor (NT - see website for opening times).
(*The Manor dates from 1480 and together with the moat and church forms a fine setting*).
- 4 Opposite the entrance to the Manor bear left along the lane passing Mill Cottages on the right
(*Victorian letterbox set in wall*).
- 5 Shortly, where the lane bears right, turn 90 degrees left into a field (*Timber Field*) and walk straight ahead keeping close to the hedge on your right. At the corner you will reach a bridge over Lenton Brook. Cross this and the stile into a meadow (*Watgrove*).
- 6 Bearing slightly to the right, walk across to a stone slabbed bridge in the middle of Watgrove and continue to a stile to the right of the field gate in the top right hand corner. Cross into the field (*Crooked Leaze*) and walk diagonally in a north easterly direction. (*After about 100 meters you should see a mound to your right. This is the site of Woodhouse – Wodelyse- a seperate holding in the Chalfield Estate dating from the 14th c. The field is an example of ridge and furrow pasture*).
Continue ahead through the gate into the next field (*Bushy Leaze*).
- 7 Walk straight ahead to a wooden bridge in the top right corner of this field. Cross the bridge and go over the old stone stile and turn left keeping the hedge on your left. (*You are now briefly in Broughton Gifford Parish*).
- 8 Reach a wooden stile in the left hand corner of this field, go over this and continue to keep the hedge on your left. Proceed through the gap into the next field following a curving track towards the houses.
- 9 Turn left when you reach the road and walk back into Atworth parish, continuing until a lodge house on the left. Turn left into the lane signposted to Great Chalfield. Continue back to your vehicle for about a half a mile.