

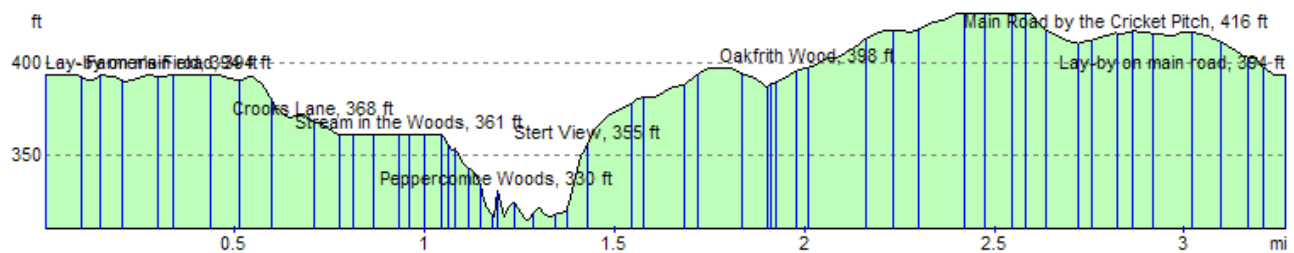
## Around Urchfont

### Summary




Route Distance: 3.27 Mi  
 Total Ascent: 149 ft






Estimated Time: 1:01  
 Total Descent: 149 ft

### Elevation Profile



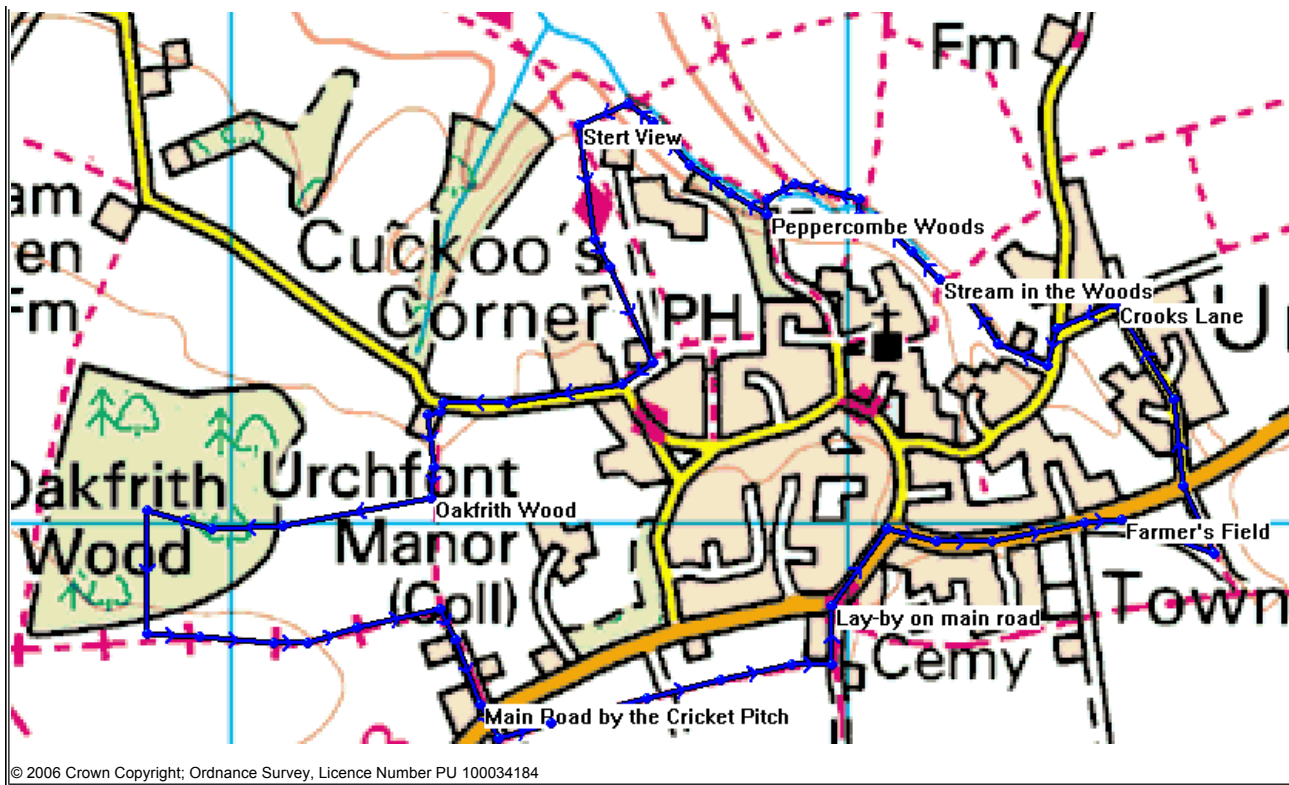
### Waypoints

| Leg | Name / Position / Elevation                     | Bearing | Distance | Ascent | Comments  | Photo   |
|-----|---|---------|----------|--------|---|---|
| 0   | Lay-by on main road<br>SU 03983 56860<br>394 ft |         |          |        | I parked in the small lay-by on the left-hand side of the main road as you head towards Market Lavington. The first part of the walk is along the road in the Devizes direction, but there is a footpath on one side or the other at all times. Follow the road almost out of the village until you reach the cemetery on the right-hand side.  |  |
| 1   | Farmer's Field<br>SU 04453 57000<br>394 ft      | 073°T   | 0.335 Mi | 6 ft   | A small field called Farmer's Field and donated by a local man has been turned into a mini nature reserve including a small pond. Take a few minutes to explore the paths here before following the path away from the road, keeping Farmers Field on your left. At the junction, turn left and head back towards the road, still keeping the little reserve on your left.<br><br>Cross the road into Crooks Lane and walk to the top where the road turns sharp left and a track leaves to the right and another continues straight on behind the cottages on the left. There are fine views to the north from here. |  |
| 2   | Crooks Lane<br>SU 04443 57350<br>368 ft         | 358°T   | 0.375 Mi | 3 ft   | Turn left and walk down the hill to the junction. Turn left again and continue downhill a few yards to the junction with a no-through-road on the right.<br><br>Turn right into the no-through-road and walk to the end, continuing along the footpath at the end of the road, entering a wood. Ignore the path that leaves to the right after a short distance but bear left, downhill, until you cross a tiny stream.   |   |
| 3   | Stream in the Woods<br>SU 04158 57390<br>361 ft | 278°T   | 0.248 Mi | 0 ft   | Turn right and follow the path that keeps the stream to its right. Continue along it until you reach a junction with another path by a wooden footbridge.<br><br>Turn right and cross the footbridge over a waterfall and then follow the path down the steps and walk past the treatment works on your left (don't worry, it's <i>much</i> less intrusive than it sounds) until you cross the stream again. A few yards up on the right is the entrance to the Peppercombe Wood nature reserve.  |  |
| 4   | Peppercombe Woods<br>SU 03878 57495<br>330 ft   | 290°T   | 0.236 Mi | 0 ft   | Take the path through the woods, keeping the stream to your left as you go (the 1:50,000 scale OS map shows the path on the other side, don't be fooled). Go through the kissing gate at the edge of the wood and follow the hedge line on the left to another kissing gate   |   |

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|         |  |       |          |        | at the top of the hill.<br>Turn left after going through the gate and walk along the fence to pass through two metal gates either side of a track.  |    |
| 5       | Stert View<br>SU 03573 57640<br>355 ft                     | 295°T | 0.235 Mi | 38 ft  | While at the metal gates, turn around and look north and a little west to see the village of Stert beyond the railway and beyond it, the new Devizes white horse that was cut for the millennium.<br><br>From here, cross the field entered by the second gate towards the right-hand corner near the right-hand most of the newer houses visible accross the field. Once in the corner, pass through the two kissing gates and turn right to walk down to the road.<br><br>At the road, turn right and walk about a quarter of a mile past Cuckoo Farm until you come to a footpath on the right. Walk up the path and through a kissing gate into a field. Turn left and follow the hedge line until a gap in the hedge near the next kissing gate into the next field. |    |
| 6       | Oakfrith Wood<br>SU 03332 57039<br>398 ft                  | 201°T | 0.58 Mi  | 53 ft  | PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS NEXT SECTION FOLLOWS A PERMISSIVE PATH AND IS NOT A PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY.<br><br>At the gap in the hedge, turn left through the gap and follow the permissive path towards the wood across the field, passing into the wood via a kissing gate.<br><br>There is an informaton board when you come into the wood showing the paths there. Explore the wood as you wish but when you've had enough, head for the car park by the byeway on the south side of the wood.<br><br>Turn left along the byeway and follow it to the main road.   |    |
| 7       | Main Road by the Cricket Pitch<br>SU 03413 56700<br>416 ft | 166°T | 0.817 Mi | 35 ft  | Cross the road by the Cricket pitch and walk up the path beside the cottage on the other side. Turn left to follow the path between the bottom of the gardens and the farm buildings and follow this path all the way to its end when it meets a bridal path.<br><br>Turn left down the bridal path towards the road, coming back to the Lay-by after a couple of hundred yards.  |  |
| 8       | Lay-by on main road<br>SU 03983 56860<br>394 ft            | 074°T | 0.443 Mi | 3 ft   |   |  |
| Totals: |  |       | 3.27 Mi  | 149 ft | 1:01  |   |

## Overview Map





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