

Morton Stanley Park to Astwood Bank Circular, 6.5 Miles

This is an easy walk on tarmac, gravel or field paths. There are stiles which make it unsuitable for wheelchair users. Make sure you wear suitable footwear; comfortable trainers are fine.

Hazards - Some of the fields may have livestock in them (Sheep, Cows and Horses), there are stiles and some of the roads don't have pavements.

1. From Morton Stanley Park head towards the Council noticeboard and walk up the slope at the side towards Windmill Drive.
2. When you get to the black and white bollards turn right into Morton Lane and walk along the road (the pavement takes you through the housing) until you reach the junction with Callow Hill Lane.
3. Cross Callow Hill Lane and turn right into Moorcroft Close which leads into Moorcroft Gardens. Turn left when you get to the street sign that says Moorcroft Gardens 80 – 93. Take the footpath between 87 and 88 Moorcroft Gardens and follow this path until you reach a Coleshill Close when you turn right.
4. Continue along Coleshill Close taking a footpath on the right opposite No. 29 which leads into Didcot Close.
5. Turn right after No. 8 Didcot Close. Follow the footpath, go down the steps, cross the road and onto the footpath opposite.
6. Turn left onto Tippings Hill. At the junction you will find a small green, go to the left hand side and cross the road. Go through the pedestrian gate to the right of the bungalow (it is slightly hidden by the hedgerow. Follow the track to a pedestrian gate. Go through it and head towards a bridge with another pedestrian gate. Go through the gate and up the field with the trees on your left.
7. Look out for the Black and White farmhouse and climb the stile to the right hand side.
8. Continue up the field. After a while you will have a hedgerow on your left, look out and go you a pedestrian gate. Continue straight ahead and go through another pedestrian gate. You are walking to the side of a house called Seven Hills on a track. Go through a residential gate into a lane and then climb a stile almost immediately to the right.
9. Go down the field keeping the trees to the right hand side and going past a pond. After the pond go up the hill and go over the next stile next to a caravan into the next field.
10. Walk down this field. There may be an electric fence across but you can unhook it safely using the blue handle. Climb 2 stiles on the right hand side and walk up the road. At the top of the road you will go past the side of Astwood Bank Primary School.
11. You will then arrive at Church Road. Cross the road and walk down Castle Street.
12. At the end of Castle Street, Feckenham Road will be in front of you. Turn left and then walk down Overdale into Overdale Park. Walk into Overdale Park where there are seating options for a drink or something to eat.
13. Walk through the park to the allotments looking for a bridge at the corner of the park. Walk into the allotments and turn left to follow the path.
14. Walk through the gate into Priest Meadow Close. Follow the footpath straight ahead. Go through the gate and continue to follow the footpath down the drive on to Dark Lane.
15. Turn right. Walk down the road staying on the right hand side. Go past the Severn Trent Water depot on the left. As the road bends to the right take the stile on the left hand side next to Seven Elms.
16. Turn right keeping the properties to your right. Go to the stile in the corner, climb it and cross over a ditch crossing onto Astwood Lane.

17. Turn right. Look out for the left hand bend sign. Cross the road just beyond the sign and go down the track into the field.
18. In approximately 30 metres turn right and go through the gate with The Monach's Way sign on it.
19. Continue through a small wooded area to the next pedestrian gate. Go over the bridge and through the next gate. We will be on the Monach's Way for a couple of miles.
20. Turn right and follow the track around the field. Walk through a gap in the fence with a Monach's Way sign on it. Go straight ahead to the pedestrian gate on to the road.
21. Cross the road and climb the stile. Follow the line of the trees across the field.
22. Look for the stile in front of you. Climb the stile, turn right and then left along a path to the side of the field. Climb another stile. Walk along straight ahead along the field with the slope to your right and the boundary to your left until you get to a kissing gate. Go through the gate into the next field and continue straight ahead until you reach the humpback bridge (you crossed this earlier). Go over the bridge and through the gate you used earlier.
23. Go through two gates you used earlier to arrive at Feckenham Road.
24. Turn left along Feckenham Road. After about 200 meters turn right at the public footpath sign up to a house called The Mount.
25. Turn left and go through a pedestrian gate. At the end of The Mount's garden go through a gate to the right and follow the obvious footpath through the field.
26. Turn right down the drive leading to Featherbed Lane. Turn left onto Tippings Hill.
27. Look out for the path on the right that goes into Didcot Close which we used earlier. Cross the road and go up the steps. When you reach the junction turn right and head towards the post box at the end of the road.
28. Turn left and walk along Hunt End Lane. Cross over the road at Coleshill Close and look out for a footpath on the right hand side of Hunt End Lane. Cross over the road and follow the footpath. You are now going through the Hunt End Lane Conservation Area. If you wish to explore go along the path to the right where you will find an old water tower.
29. Continue along the tarmac path and go under the subway. Follow the path straight ahead. You will come out at the side of Windmill Community Centre. Follow the path round to the right. Cross over the road to the bus stop.
30. Follow the path to the left with the stream to your left and Woodberrow Lane to the right. Cross over the bridge and follow the footpath to Yvonne Road. Cross over to the footpath opposite.
31. Walk along the footpath ignoring the first bridge to the right. Take the second bridge and cross over. Follow the footpath and go under a subway. Walkwood Middle School will be in front of you.
32. Turn left and follow the path. Cross over Feckenham Road and onto the footpath opposite. Go under the subway and turn right up the slope to get back to Morton Stanley Park.