

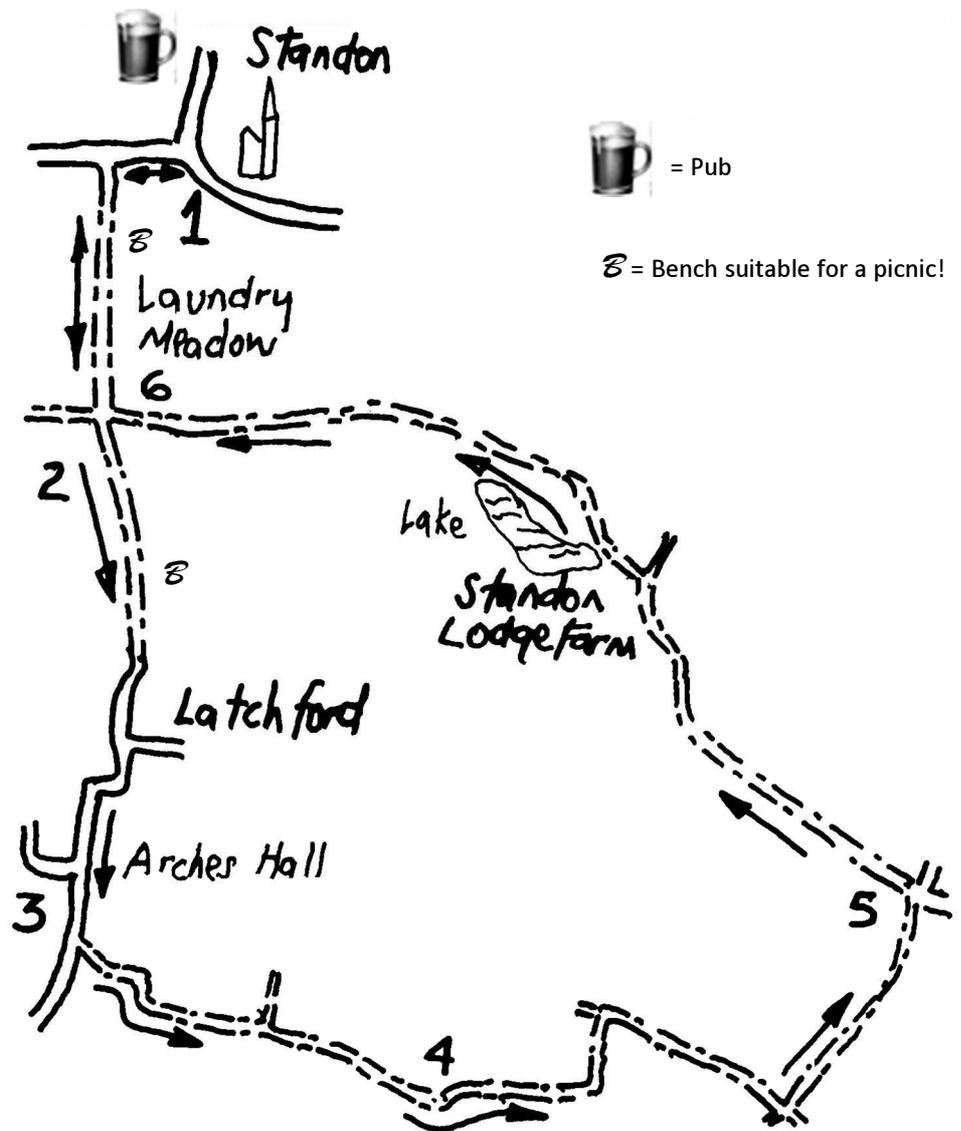
Standon Nr. Ware Walk 5:

Another Ride or Walk on Bridleways from Standon (or Ride 4 continued)

*This is very pleasant ride
within the parish avoiding
the A10 and A120 roads.
Gently undulating landscape
provides varied terrain,
including water crossings
and, of course, wonderful
views.*

*Distance and time needed: 6
miles, riding apx 1 hr, walking
apx 3 hrs. If continuing from
point 3 on Ride 4, 9 miles - riding
apx 1½ hrs, walking 4½ hrs.*

*Refreshments: The Bell (Pizzas &
Pub food) 01920 739838
The Heron/China Garden
(Chinese Food) 01920 821236
The Star (Pub food) 01920
823725*



1 Starting at St. Mary's Church in Standon High Street, ride towards Knights court. Turn right down Paper Mill Lane until just past Paper Mill House (on your right), and take the bridleway left, just before the ford, into Laundry Meadows. Shortly, on your left you will see a bench - ideal for a pic-nic. Keeping to the field boundary on your left, ride across the two grass fields separated by a gate.

2 Passing through the gate at the end of the second field, ride straight on over the hill and down into Latchford – two further gates on your way down the hill are quite often open. Turn immediately right after the last gate and through the river ford or over the footbridge, following the track to the lane. Turn left onto the lane and ride over the river on the road bridge – the gates to Arches Hall will then be straight in front of you – turn right and ride beside the river until you reach houses on your left.

3 After 300 metres you will see two houses on your left, with the bridleway running between them. Turn left between the two houses and continue between the properties and up the path bending right, through the hedge and turn left, following the hedge up the field. At the end of the field you reach a track; go straight on between two oaks and there is a ditch on the left of the track.

4 At the top of the hill the track bends sharp left into the next field, and then sharp left again into another field with a ditch and hedge on your left. A track will then cross your path. Turn right, slightly down hill, and head for the concrete hut by the wood; pass this on your left and ride straight on across the middle of the field and through the hedgerow. Turn immediately left and follow the path, with a ditch and hedge on your left, for two fields.

5 You then reach a wide track crossing your way (T-junction!) where you turn left, through a hedge, and keep on the wide track. This is the bridleway from Much Hadham to Kitchencroft Wood, off Dowsett's Lane.

This bridleway will take you to Standon Lodge Farm (now you are on a concrete road); ride through the farmyard and you will see a lake on your left. Take the bridleway left, just past the lake. Follow this double track for three fields and a hedge will begin on your right. Keep on the track, down hill, with the hedge on your right.

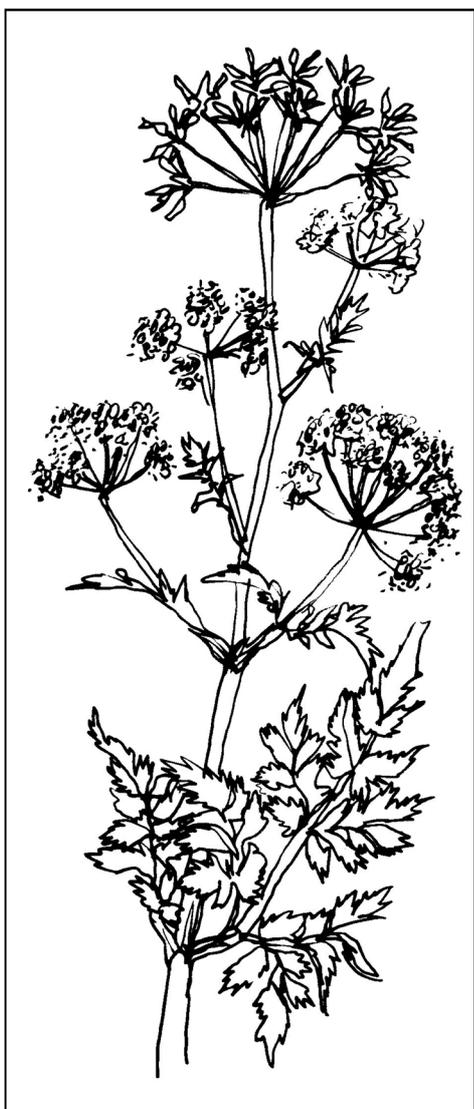
6 You will then find yourself with the gates into Laundry Meadows on your right. Go through the gate, and back over the Laundry Meadows to Paper Mill Lane. Turn right into the lane and back up to Standon High Street.

N.B. This ride has been written for horse riders, but as it uses public bridleways it can be enjoyed by walkers and cyclists too. If you do go out on your bicycle, please remember that animals may take fright and humans may not always hear you approaching. Nothing is worse than a cyclist creeping up behind you then loudly ringing a bell!

Paths in Standon Parish are clearly waymarked. If you come across any problem with missing waymarks, please contact the Parish Paths Partnership john@walkinginengland.co.uk.

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Cow Parsley

This tall member of the carrot family is seen along paths everywhere.