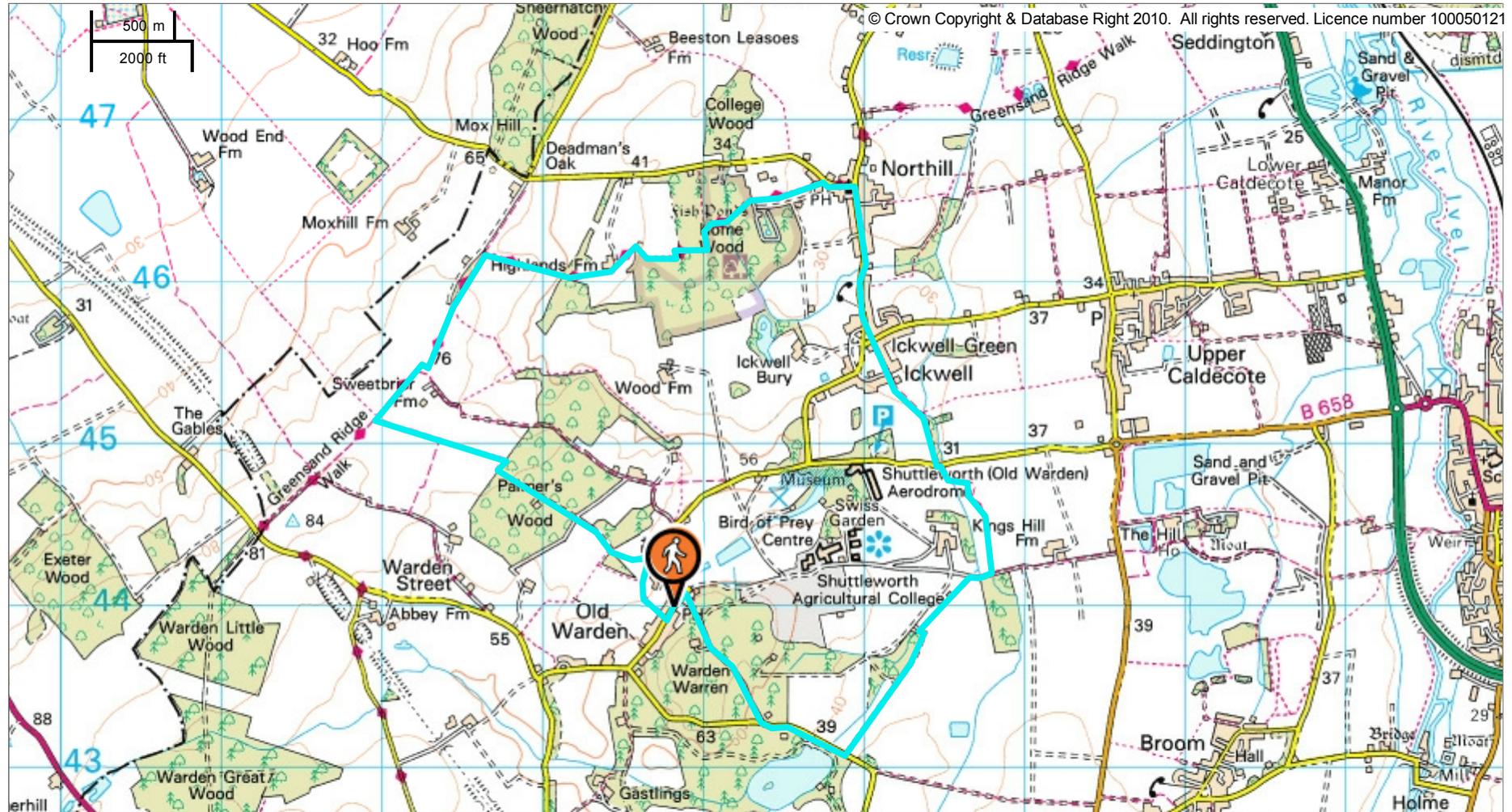


# The Old Warden Walk

Distance: 7.77 miles URL of walk: [www.walk4life.info/walk/old-warden-walk-0](http://www.walk4life.info/walk/old-warden-walk-0)



A high-quality, well-waymarked walk through typically English countryside and picturesque villages.

Start at the Old Warden village hall car park, opposite the Hare & Hounds pub.

Turn right out of the car park. In about 100 yds take a signed footpath on your right.

Follow this path bearing right to arrive at the picturesque village church. If there is no service in progress, take time to enter and admire the stained glass windows and the Flemish wood carving.

Leave the church car park at the bottom and continue straight through Palmers Wood. Can you spot the unusual fir tree?

On coming out of the wood to a field, turn right and left to follow the field boundary to join the Greensands Ridge Walk. Turn right along this waymarked path. On a clear day, pause to admire the view of the Cardington hangars.

Look for a Greensands Ridge waymark directing you down the slope. The path continues in a meandering manner through woodland and across a pasture. (The wooded section can be muddy after wet weather.)

Arriving at the road approaching Northill, turn right and then right again around the church on the corner. There is a decent pub in about 100 yds!

Continue ahead on the metalled road to Ickwell. Continue ahead left as you pass the green and follow the path to Shuttleworth Aerodrome.

Cross the road (care) and continue on a footpath that skirts the airfield. However, if you've picked a flying day, you will find this path closed for safety reasons. In this case, turn right along the B658 and return to your starting point.

On reaching the agricultural college's metalled access road, turn right along the road. In about 200 yds, take a footpath off to the left.

Proceed more or less straight through farmland to reach a metalled road. Turn right and follow the road.

Where the road begins to bear left, look for a gated entry to Warden Warren, next to a couple of cottages.

Follow the track through the wood to arrive back at Old Warden. Turn left to reach your start point.

Enjoy a well-earned pint in the Hare & Hounds. Note that food here is of the Sunday roast sit-down-meal variety; they don't seem to do bar food. But the beer garden is very pleasant on a warm day!

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