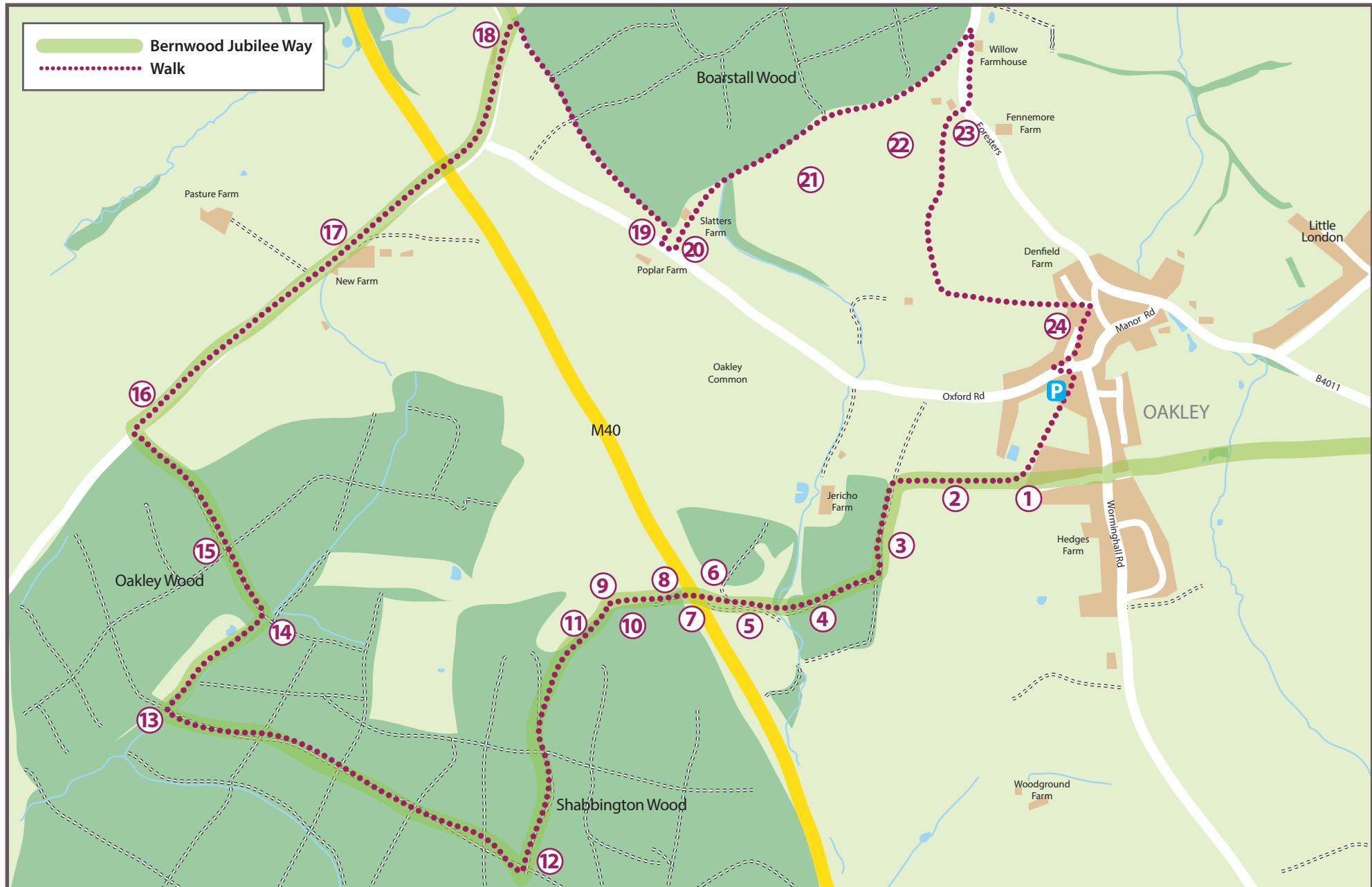


Oakley & Surrounding Woodlands Walk

Bernwood Jubilee Way

Total walk distance 9k (6 miles)



Car parking for this walk is available at the Village hall and Playing Field car park situated behind the Royal Oak public house.

- 1.** From the car park proceed across the recreation ground until a stile is reached in the left hand far corner. After crossing the stile bear right
- 2.** Proceed along a collection of semi-improved hay meadows towards Jericho Farm
- 3.** Once in the field attached to Jericho Farm proceed diagonally across it towards the M40 Motorway
- 4.** A wooden bridge carries the path over a ditch and stream which forms a tributary of the River Thame
- 5.** Once past the stream the path emerges into a hay meadow
- 6.** The walk proceeds into an area of scrub and in the direction of a large pylon in the near distance
- 7.** The scrub becomes more open and the ground stonier as one approaches the motorway crossing
- 8.** The shallow stony soils associated with the motorway crossing have created a relatively hot, dry habitat which has resulted in an interesting array of flora and fauna
- 9.** Crossing over the motorway, the path enters a semi-improved hay meadow
- 10.** The path follows a ditch and associated oak hedge towards Shabbington Wood
- 11.** Shabbington Wood is entered by passing through a gate within the high deer fence
- 12.** After walking in a southerly direction a large ride is reached at the centre of the woodland - here the walk turns right to head northwest for about 1km before bearing north into Oakley Wood
- 13.** At the end of the main ride the walk turns right along a public footpath and follows a stream
- 14.** The route then turns left at this point and enters Oakley Wood
- 15.** At this point the walk continues directly ahead and through an area of coppiced hazel and oak standards
- 16.** Once through the woodland the path emerges at a minor road - an ancient hedgerow, the Oakley Parish Hedge, follows the main road and marks the boundary between the parishes of Oakley and Boarstall
- 17.** Continue along the road and past New Farm and the route proceeds along the roadside verge to cross the motorway and continues along the road in the direction of Honeyburge
- 18.** Just before Honeyburge is reached take the footpath on the right hand side of the road and proceed towards Boarstall Wood
- 19.** At the wood the walk turns right and skirts along the woodland before bearing right to reach the road to Oakley
- 20.** At reaching the main Oxford Road turn left along the road and proceed to the entrance to Slatters Farm - the walk enters the field adjacent to the drive to Slatters Farm and follows the direction of the drive to reach the south east edge of Boarstall Wood
- 21.** From here the route follows the woodland edge until it reaches a section of main road known as Foresters - these fields formed part of Oakley Common during the time of the forest
- 22.** The northern half of the previous area on Oakley Common contained a portion of land known as 'Cottlecerne' which was an area of common land provided for the commoners of Brill and Boarstall
- 23.** On reaching Foresters turn right along the road for approximately 100 yards before re-entering Cottlecerne via a public footpath
- 24.** The route proceeds across several fields until it reaches this point where the walker needs to bear left over a stile and head towards Oakley

The walker returns back to the suggested Oakley car parking area by crossing the stile and entering Sun Crescent



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