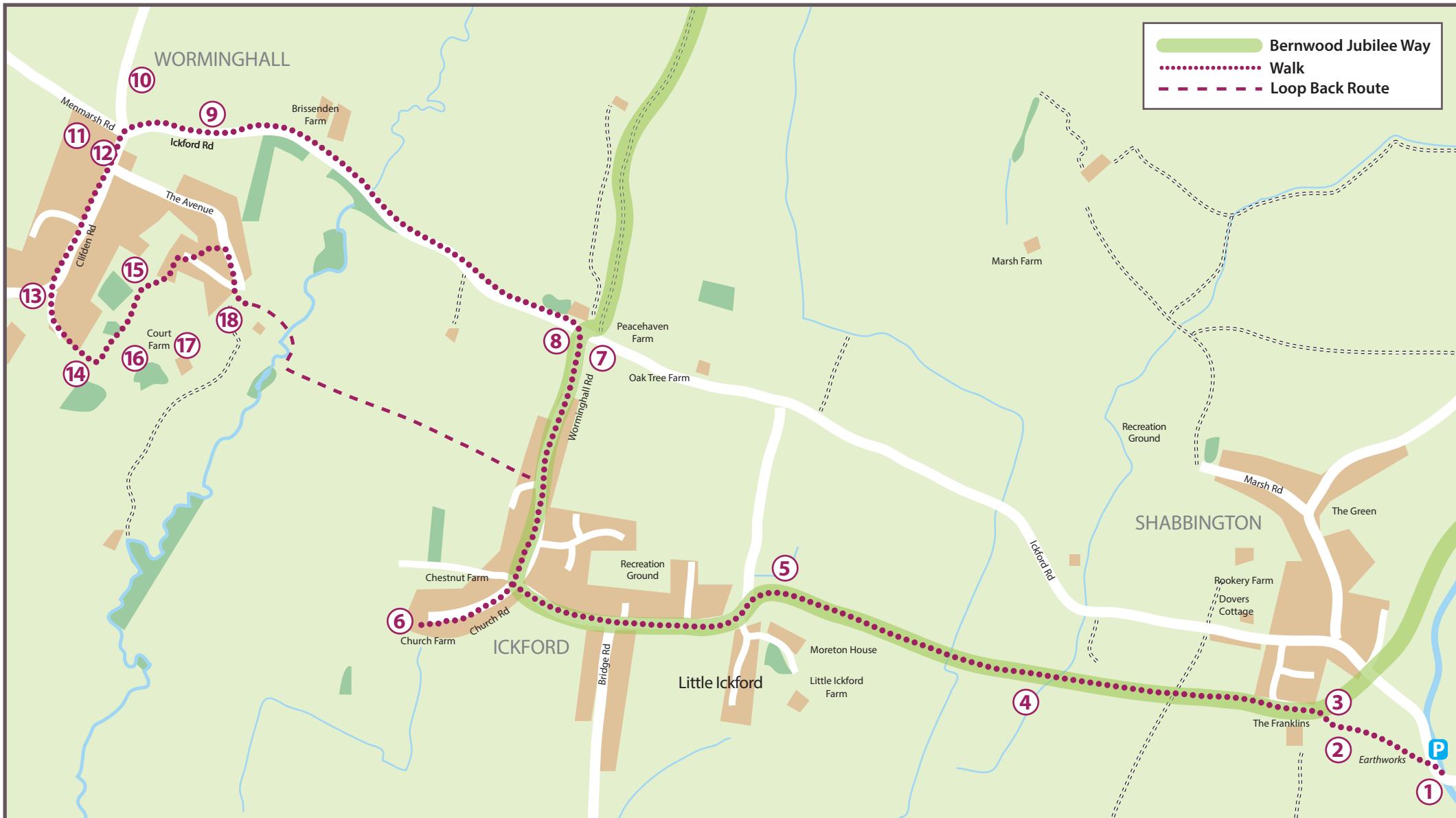


Shabbington, Ickford and Worminghall Walk

Bernwood Jubilee Way

Total walk distance 9k (6 miles)



Car Parking for this walk is suggested at the Old Fisherman public house situated on Mill Road, Shabbington.

- 1.** The walk begins in a field just north of the pub
- 2.** The field contains medieval earthworks down at the edge of the River Thame probably fish ponds - the houses that can be seen at the top of the slope are built on the site of a former medieval occupation
- 3.** The Parish Church of St Mary Magdalene was restored in C19
- 4.** From the graveyard return to the stile, bear right and head northwest away from the village across farmland. The Ickford / Shabbington boundary is crossed approximately half way along this path section
- 5.** The Way arrives at the village via Sheldon Road - turning left follow the road through the village until Church Road
- 6.** Turning left into Church Road the path proceeds towards the parish church of St Nicholas
- 7.** From the church follow the Worminghall Road until the junction with Ickford Road is reached
- 8.** A good example of ridge and furrow can be seen on the left - the parish of Ickford has a good number of surviving ridge and furrow fields
- 9.** Before reaching the crossroads the road runs between two earthworks, possibly representing a complex of trackways and house platforms
- 10.&11.** At the crossroads two species of rich hedgerows line the Mentmarsh and Oakley Roads
- 12.** From the crossroads the Bernwood Jubilee Way turns left into Clifden Road and heads towards the centre of the village
- 13.** Follow the road around to the left, the Way passes the Clifden Arms public House and along a track
- 14.** Past the Clifden Arms the Way turns left off the track and proceeds for 100 yards
- 15.** The Way turns right at this point
- 16.** The building of the original Manor House, Court Farm, near the churchyard, was almost entirely rebuilt in the late C18 to early C19 although one chimney stack dates from around 1600
- 17.** The parish church of Saints Peter and Paul stands just to the east of Court Farm. The original structure is C12 but heavily restored in the C19
- 18.** The path allows a more direct return to Shabbington and can be picked up just north of the church

From here retrace the route through the village and proceed to point 5 - the walker can then retrace the path between points 5 to 1



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