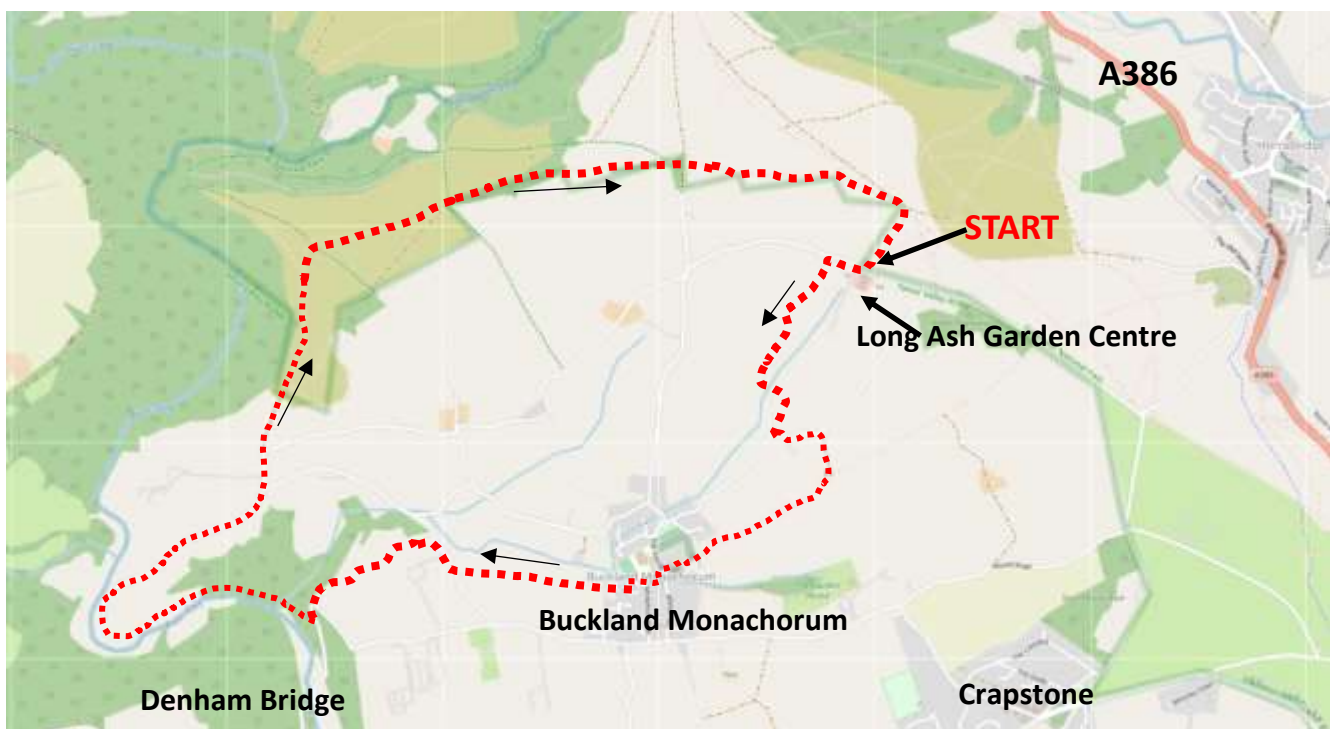


Around Buckland Monachorum

A circular walk of about 5.5 miles that starts at Long Ash Garden Centre PL20 7LL passes through Buckland Monachorum out to Hatch Mill and then back passing an Iron age Hill Fort. If you are walking with a dog be aware there is a tall stile on the way down to Buckland with no dog gate. But there is an alternative route.



Starting from the small car park opposite the entrance to Long Ash Garden Centre SX497 694.....turn right and go through the gate next to the cattle grid and set off down the road but only for about 100m



Turn left through the wide gate then on through the small gate behind to go along a track which is well walked and easy to see.

Go through a felled woodland area then out into a field through this gate.



Keep next to the hedge on your left all the way down the field and then when you reach a lane turn left. If you walking with a large dog better to turn right and pick up the walk in the village.





A couple of hundred meters along the lane turn right next to Uppaton Bungalow

Walk down the farm track that bends right and goes on down to a barn.



When you reach the barn fork right over the wooden stile and walk on down the edge of the field with the hedge on your left.



Over a tall wooden stile with no dog gate and then stay on the well-used path to go past the church.



When you reach the main street turn left...



**..then just as you pass
The Drake Manor Inn on
your left turn right to go
between two houses**

Stay on the pavement by the hedge ...



..then along a path.....



**At the footpath
cross roads
go straight across**



Go through the gate and cross over to the other side of the farm track



When the track bends right keep straight on through a gate and then keeping the hedge on your right walk straight ahead





When the hedge stops keep going straight across the field and turn right when you reach the road.

In less than 100m turn left up the driveway of a house called Rooksmoor.



When the drive bends right keep left on to a path that takes you all around the edge of their garden and paddock.



Through a gate into a field keeping the hedge on your left and out through another gate

Stay on the path noting the almost vertical drop to the river.



When you reach the road turn right.

Go down the hill and take the first right turn into the driveway of Higher Ludbrook.





Keeping all buildings on your right walk straight ahead.

If the footpath becomes impassable due to flooding there is an alternative permissive path on your right.



Most of the year the footpath is ok. In winter when the river level rises it can get washed out but is generally walkable.



**Walk along
the river
bank**



**The go past the farm
buildings and old mill and
walk up the hill**



At the top of the hill turn left



**When the road goes
around a sharp
righthand bend go
straight ahead up a
track and through a
gate.**



Go up the slope and keep right to follow the wider track. When you reach a fork you can go either way. You will soon see on your right a ditch and wall which is the boundary of the Iron Age Hill Fort.



Ditch around Iron Age hill



Before you reach the ditch around the fort and want to visit Berra Tor then turn sharply right as the two tracks merge. It's a fine hidden tor worth visiting.

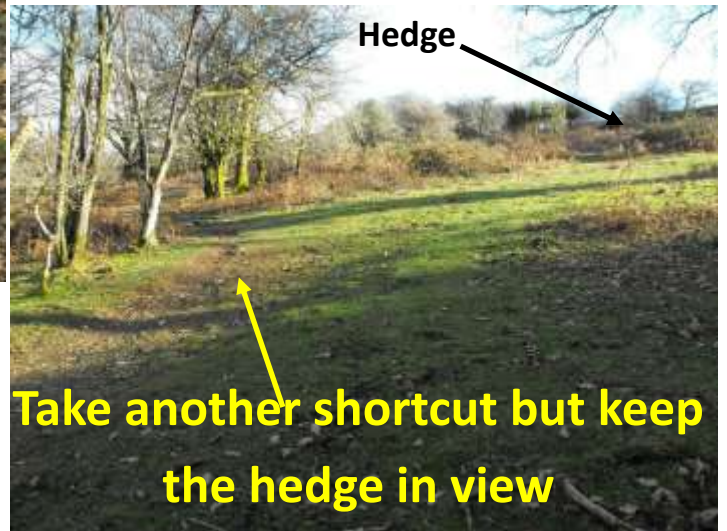


With the hedge bank on your right walk along to an open area/car park. On your way you will walk through a low bank in which there is an inscribed stone. The letters look meaningless but .. You are my sunshine my only sunshine..... The first letter of the words of the song.



When you reach this open area where cars sometimes park you can start to follow the hedge on your right all the way back to your car but initially cut off a corner by taking the path on your left

Follow the hedge or at least keep it in view for 1.4 miles without going through any gates and taking the occasional short cut.



When you reach a tarmac drive turn right still keeping the hedge in view.



Hedge

You can cut off another corner by forking left next to this metal sign



Here is another short cut



When you reach this trough follow the hedge around to the right.....



... and your car will come into view dead ahead.

If you fancy a cup of tea Long Ash Garden Centre has a café which is normally open to 4pm