

Morley & Brackley Gate - THE ROUTE

1. From the golf club car park return to the main road and turn right to walk through the lay-by. Cross the busy road to walk into the lay-by opposite. Cross the stile by 'Cloves Wood' (A)
2. Follow the wood and fence over c the left to cross the fence stile ahead. Now follow the hedge on the right pass through a gap in the hawthorne trees. Keep straight on to go through a wide hedge gap.
3. Bear very slightly left down the field to cross the stile ahead and keep straight on to cross a stile by a far gate. (B)
4. Turn left down the road and at the junction turn right. Walk down W Lane for about 400 metres, passing Smalley Mill Road on the left. In the hamlet of Woodside turn left up a track between the houses. The footpath sign is on the right-hand side of the road. (C)
5. Pass by a metal gate and immediately after passing farm barns turn left across the shale area to go through gateway gap and turn right.
6. Pass a farm dump on the right then follow the field boundary on your right. At the field corner turn right through a small gap by an old metal gate. Immediately turn left, the field boundary is now on the right.
7. In a few metres turn left over a footbridge. (D) Walk down the next field keeping the field boundary close on the left. You will notice an old ruined brick building on the left. Cross the stile in the field corner and bear right across the field to cross footbridge.
8. Cross one very muddy paddock and a smaller drier paddock and two stiles to reach the road. (E)
9. Cross the road and the stile, heading for Cloves Hill. Walk up the field with the boundary on your right. Cross stile hidden in the field corner.
10. Keep straight on up Marks Hill passing a multi-trunked old hawthorn tree, aiming for the tops of two trees ahead. Cross the stile by these two trees, notice the cast-iron 'bell'.
11. Walk down and up the next large field keeping the wall and fence on the right. Cross the stile in the field corner by a gate. Keep straight on passing farm barns on the right. Cross the squeeze stile by the gate.
12. Turn left through the farm area to cross a wall stile below the ash tree, by the double gates.
13. (F) Turn right to follow the 'no through road' route through Brackley Gate. At the end of the tarmac road continue ahead down the wide woodland track.
14. After about V2mile turn left at the footpath sign. (G) Walk up through the wood on a stony path.
15. At the top of the wood keep straight on, crossing the golf course. Soon you will have a wall on the right. At the point where the golf course has a more definite path and a wall on the left, turn sharp left to follow a wall on the right and in a few metres cross a stile on the right to leave the golf course. (H)
16. Bear left up the field aiming to the left of a single tree and about 100 metres up the field boundary from the house over to your right. Cross the stile and bear right across the field to go over a stile on to the road.
17. Walk up the road for a few metres and opposite the short row of cottages turn right by the footpath post.

18. Follow the winding path through the scrub area. (I) At the road junction keep straight on across the road to walk along Almshouses Lane. Where the lane bends right turn left off the lane to cross the first stile by a metal gate.
19. Cross a track and keep straight on across the field first aiming for the barns ahead then a wide holly hedged track. Where this track bends right notice Morley Mound and moat on the left. Follow the track round the mound and at the end of a high holly hedge leave the track and farm over to the left to keep straight on across the grass to the road via a stile.(J)
20. Cross the road, turn left then turn right down Church Lane. In 200 metres bear up left to walk up the drive then round to the left through the parking area of St Matthew's Church.
21. Just before the gate leading into the churchyard turn left up the bank to go through a small metal gate. Turn right following the church wall on the right. Continue to follow the wall and where it bends up right keep straight on.
22. Cross the stile ahead. Follow the track with the hedge on the right. After walking through a small tree and scrub area the track bends up left by a footpath post. Walk up the field with an old water tower over to the left. The track soon bends left and you will pass the tower on your right.
23. Keep straight on to cross a stile on to the golf course. (K) Continue ahead following the way-marked posts across the course.
24. Cross the stile onto the drive. If you are parked in the lay-by, cross the drive and bear left to cross a stile into the lay-by.

