

A varied walk across open countryside and through woodland with views across the North Bedfordshire Wolds. Take the Sharnbrook - Riseley Road turning into Knotting Lane following the sign to Sporting Targets.

About

Sporting Targets:

Activities Centre run by local family with clay shooting, archery and air rifles, refreshments available.

www.sportingtargets.co.uk

Harings Farm: *

Local Farm managing most of the land you will cross on this walk.

Worley's Wood:

Mainly coniferous wood. Used by the USAF during WW2 from their base at Melchbourne House.

Melchbourne Park: *

Recorded in the Domesday Book, the house and park were 'modernised' in 18th century. House now divided into flats.

Oakley Hunt Kennels: *(No 6 on map)

Kennels and associated buildings.

Set Aside: (No 8 on map)

Area of shrubs and trees providing wildlife refuge.

(*All dogs on a lead please)

Information:

Riseley is 10 miles north of Bedford.

Bus service No.28 Bedford to Kimbolton.

www.bedford.gov.uk/transport_and_streets

Parking is available at Sporting Targets but please contact on 01234 708893

www.sportingtargets.co.uk

Inform reception on arrival. Refreshments available.

Countryside Code

- Be safe, plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people
- Keep to the rights of way

www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk

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Circular walks

No. 13

Riseley Walks

Sporting Targets (Knotting Lane) Circular Walk via Oakley Hunt Kennels

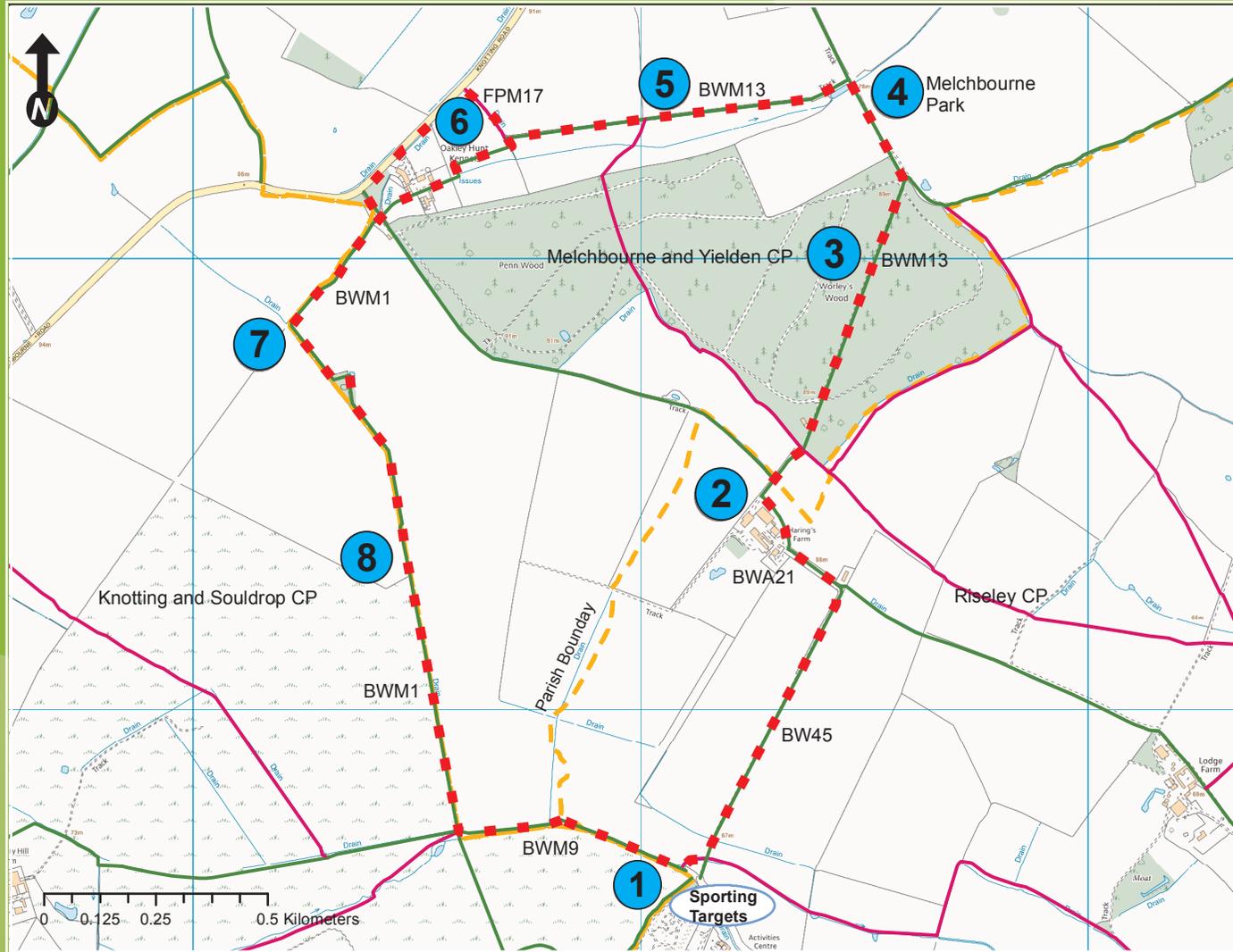


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Approx 3 Miles / 4.5 km Time: 1 hour 15mins approx



- 1 Leaving Sporting Targets turn left along the road then take the BW45 and head north towards Harings Farm. At the top turn left.
- 2 The path diverts around Harings Farm buildings through the trees on your right (clearly marked).
- 3 Follow track right into Worley's Wood passing brick buildings on your left.
- 4 A concrete path takes you through the wood to a narrow exit into open farmland with views to Melchbourne Park.
- 5 Turn left and follow BWM13 downhill to the stream and pond. Cross the stream with the pond on your left and then turn left and proceed along BWM13 with the hedge on your right until you can see Oakley Hunt Kennels.
- 6 Here you can head up to the road on FPM17, turn left and then pick up BWM1 signed on track just after the Kennels; or follow the clearly marked and gated path through the kennels and field to BWM1.
- 7 BWM1 continues to your right before you reach Penn Wood on your left. (Green finger sign). Take the path into the field keeping the hedge on your right skirting around a small spinney before descending towards the Sporting Targets ranges.
- 8 Note: The path crosses the hedge line on the descent and is then enclosed between the hedge (now on your left) and set aside to the right. At the bottom there is a 5 - path intersection. Turn left onto BWM9 and continue with stream to your right. You will rejoin Knotting Lane by going through or around a small spinney and Sporting Targets will be in front of you.

Key

- The walk**
- Bridleway**
- Woodland**
- Directions**
- Footpath**

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