

# PWSE10 Chipperfield Common, Hemel Hempstead

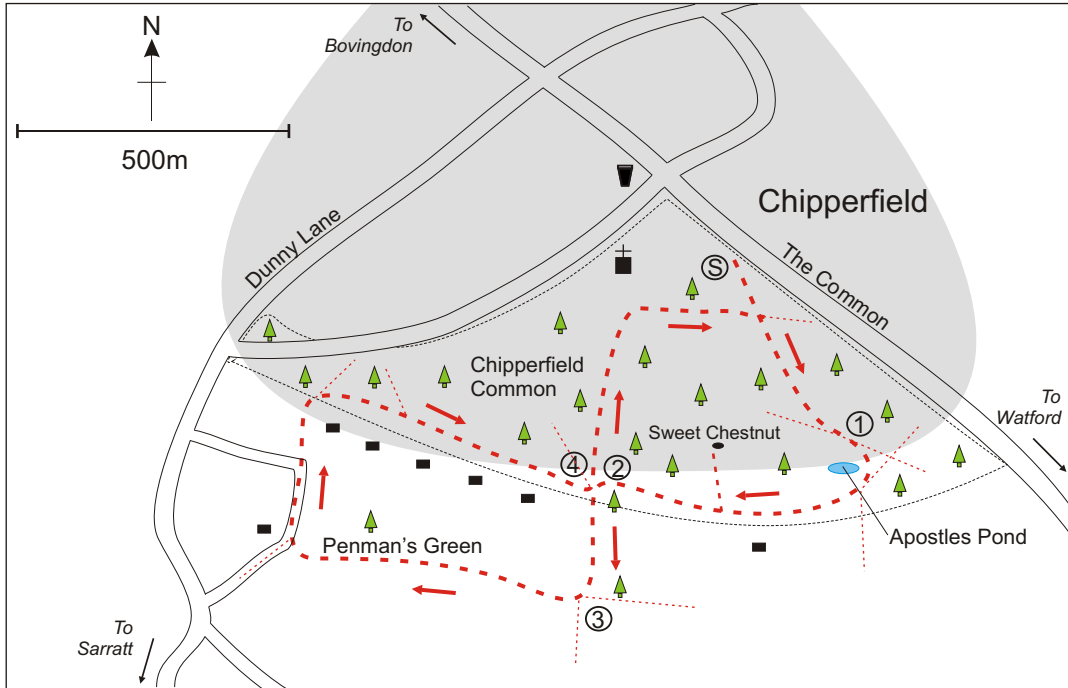


## Outline Information

Distance: 2.5 miles (4 km)  
 Time: 1 hour 30 minutes  
 Grade: Easy  
 Map: OS Explorer 182  
 Grid Ref: 044015

A great walk through beautiful woodland and rural bridleways. The route takes you past some ancient trees and a tranquil lake which makes a lovely picnic spot.

Chipperfield Common was gifted to the local authority by the Lord of the Manor in 1936 in order to be kept for the local people. The majority of the 100 acre site consists of woodland between 80 and 176 years old. Within the woods there are 8 very large sweet chestnut trees which are thought to date back to 1600. These trees were planted for Isabel of Castile the 1<sup>st</sup> Duchess of York to give her shade as she rode through the common.



## Getting there

Chipperfield is situated just to the west of the A41 at Kings Langley and the M25 Jct20. Park in the free parking area alongside the common.

**S.** Go through the gap in the car park fence onto the common green and turn left. Walk to the end of the green and into the woodland following the easy access route. Go straight ahead at the junction of easy access paths and then continue ahead again along the broad dirt path at the following junction.

**1.** Pass some picnic tables on your left and the path then takes you down to the left of Apostles Pond.

*Apostles Pond was once the fish pond for local monks. It is surrounded by 12 lime trees. Some of the original trees were blown down but replacements have since been planted.*

Walk round to the other side of the pond and go right at the crossroads continuing along the easy access path.

**2.** Stay on this main path until you reach a gate. Turn left and go past a barrier onto a small lane with woods to your left and fields to your right.

**If you have a double buggy or 4 wheeled stroller turn right at this gate and follow directions from 4.**

**3.** Push the pushchair under the next barrier and to the road. Turn right here along the permissive bridleway to Belsize. Go past the barrier and keep to the left (the rest of the bridleway can get very muddy in wet weather).

*The path takes you through a narrow wooded area named Penman's Green. There are beautiful rural views to your left. Listen out for Woodpeckers which are frequently heard in this area.*

As you near the end of the bridlepath take a path to the right towards some houses. Turn left in front of the house and follow the lane to a junction. Turn right back towards Chipperfield Common passing a house named Hill Top on your left. Go through a barrier onto a gravel lane. Don't follow the lane to the left but bear right onto a footpath to Chipperfield common.

The path takes you between two hedges to a further barrier. Turn right as you enter the woodland and go between some large logs. Continue straight ahead at the next junction passing a house on your right.

**4.** Keeping following this path until you reach a large junction where you take the easy access route to the left (This is the point where you left the common earlier). Follow this path straight ahead ignoring other paths to the left and right until you reach a signpost and a bench. Turn right continuing to follow the easy access route.

You can now either take a left turn onto the green and walk across it to your car or follow the woodland path to a junction, turn left to the green and car park.

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