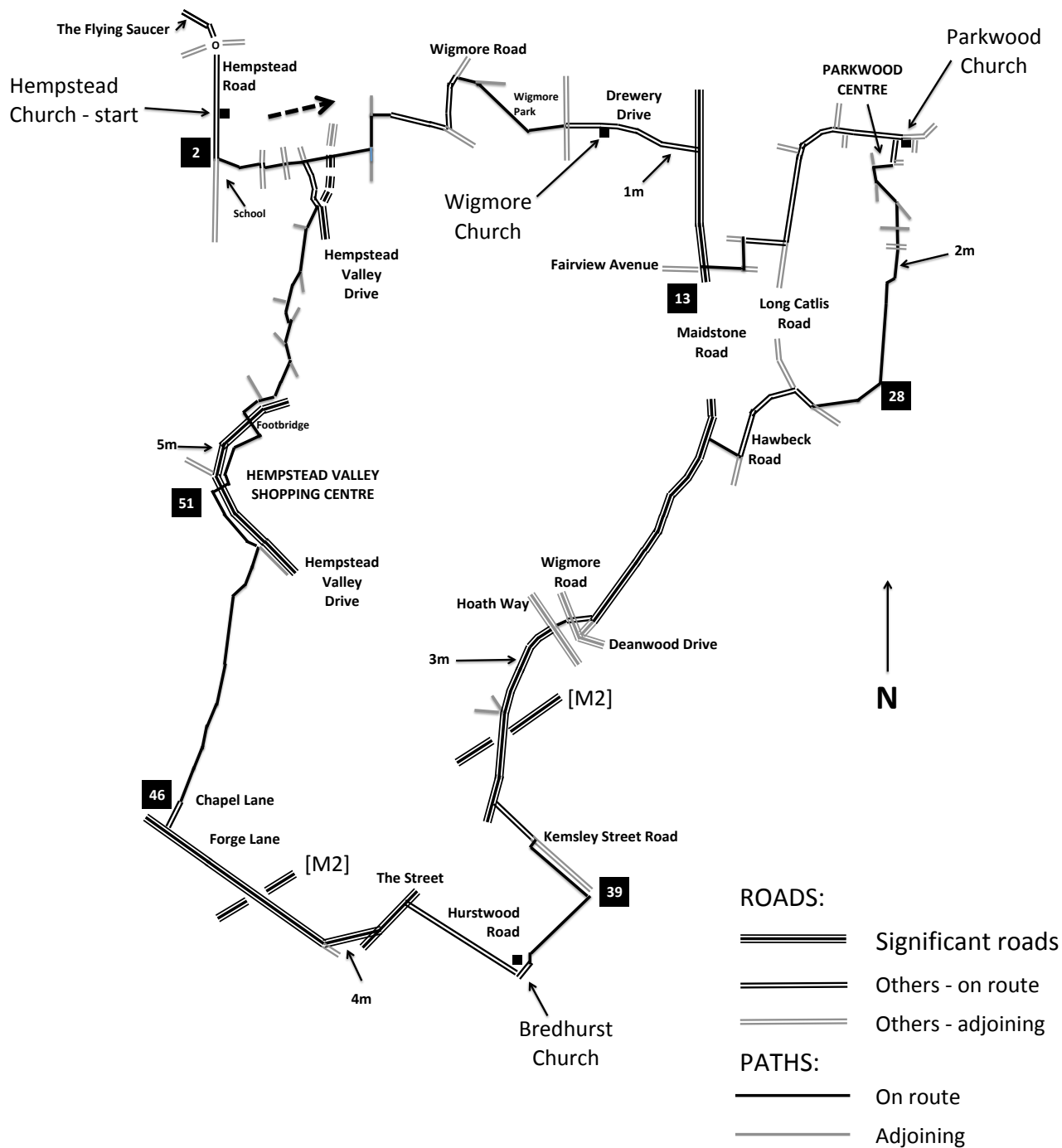
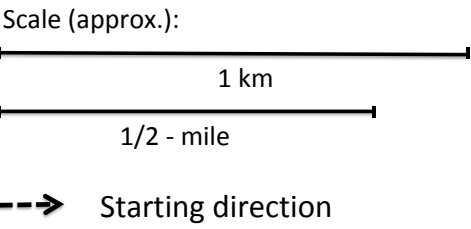


LOCAL CIRCUIT GS1: PARKWOOD & BREDHURST

88 Direction label (as in the walk notes)



LOCAL CIRCUIT GS1: PARKWOOD AND BREDHURST - 5.74 miles

Linked churches:

Hempstead (start and finish)

Wigmore (Direction 11)

Parkwood (19)

Bredhurst (41)

Roads and hindrances:

There are some major roads to cross, all requiring simply the usual amount of caution.

Navigation through the woods at Directions 53-60 needs some care, but walking in as straight a line as possible will ensure a safe arrival at the bottom of Cedar Grove.

Notes taken: November 2019

The start and finish is at All Saints Church, Hempstead - 169 Hempstead Road, ME7 3QG.

	Mins.*		OS	Miles
1		On Hempstead Road with your back to the entrance to Hempstead Church , turn left along the road.	791 643	
2	1	[Map point] Just beyond house no.193, turn left along the footpath, passing the school on your right.		
3	3	Reach a road and cross it, and continue in much the same direction, on a path starting downhill about 20 yds. to the right.		
4	4	Cross a second road and continue downhill directly opposite, all the way to the main road at the bottom, ignoring the crossing driveway in between.		
5	5	Use the light-controlled crossing and go straight ahead up a similar path, ignoring the dead end of a cul-de-sac on the right.		
6	7	Pass a squeeze gate, turn left, and go ahead on the level path to pass between barriers.		
7	8	Turn right along a road which goes ahead over a bridge.		
8	11	Beyond the bridge turn left into Wigmore Road, crossing when convenient to its right-hand side.		
9	13	After house no.71, turn right into Wigmore Park. Go across the grass, slightly to the right, aiming at a point about 20 yds. to the left of the tennis courts. There go ahead along a tarmac pathway leading to the park's exit gate. <i>[Park opening times as currently advertised: Opens at 6 a.m. all year round. Closes: Nov-Feb 5 p.m.; Mar 6 p.m.; Apr 7.30 p.m.; May-Aug. 9 p.m.; Sep 7.30 p.m.; Oct 6 p.m.]</i>		
10	17	Leave the park at the gate, cross the road ahead, and go straight on along Drewery Drive.	800 643	
11	18	Pass on the right the roadway leading to Wigmore Church and Community Centre.		0.84

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	Mins.*		OS	Miles
12	21	After passing the school on the right, turn right at the T-junction at the end, crossing that road to its left-hand side when convenient.		
13	25	[Map point] Opposite the end of Fairview Avenue, just after house no.493, turn left alongside a little patch of grass.		
14	26	Reaching the dead end of a roadway, continue ahead along it.		
15	27	At the end of the garages on the right, turn left along the 'no-traffic' Fane Way.		
16	28	At the end turn right along the road.		
17	29	At the end turn left down the long, straight Long Catlis Road.		
18	32	Follow the road as it starts to bend gently to the right.		
19	35	Turn right up Parkwood Green, with Parkwood Church now on your left. Continue ahead past toilets on your right.		1.71
20	36	At the top turn right along a passageway, alongside the Parkwood Christian Fellowship.		
21		Reaching shops at the end, turn left.		
22	37	At the corner of the green turn half-left across it, on a path which goes between two children's play areas.	808 642	
23	38	Where the path divides, take the right fork, which goes alongside the right hand of those play areas, past a bench.		
24	39	Leave the green and go ahead along a path.		
25	40	Cross a road, and go ahead along a cul-de-sac.		
26	41	At the end, at the right-hand corner, go ahead up an alleyway in the same direction.		
27		Go slightly right to pass a small grass area, then straighten again to continue past houses and their gardens.		
28	44	[Map point] Reaching a green at the top go diagonally right across it, not far from the row of houses on right beginning at no.37, but angling slightly away from them. Then pass house no.10 on the left and head rightwards away from its row heading for the road ahead, aiming at a point to the right of the school premises.		
29	47	Reach the road and turn right along it.	806 636	
30	48	Turn left into Hawbeck Road.		
31	49	Swing left with the main road.		
32	51	Just after house no.60, turn right into a narrow alley, which soon opens out into a wider area.		
33	52	At the end turn left along the main road.		2.52
34	59	Approaching the junction, first follow the pavement round to the right.		
35	60	Then cross, via the island, the two carriageways of Wigmore Road and continue ahead along the right-hand pavement of the road towards Bredhurst as it curves to the left and goes under the road bridge.		
36	64	Continue ahead across the bridge over the motorway. Cross to the left-hand side when convenient.		3.12
37	67	After the gentle right-hand bend turn left along Kemsley Street Road.	798 625	

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38	70	About 30 yds. after the end of the houses, slip across to the right to go along the path running parallel to, and immediately next to, the road.		
39	72	[Map point] Turn right along the bridleway.		
40	75	Join the roadway, a little on the left, to go ahead along the left-hand side of the churchyard wall.		
41	76	After following the wall around to the right, pass the entrance to Bredhurst Church .		3.69
42	80	At the T-junction at the end, turn left along the road, crossing it as soon as possible.		
43	81	Fork right along Forge Lane, keeping to the right of the grass triangle.	796 622	
44	83	Continue along the road as it swings to the right.		
45	84	Start going across the bridge over the motorway.		
46	89	[Map point] Turn right along a gated roadway.		4.36
47	94	Continue ahead between the white posts.		
48	97	Go ahead into trees, and follow the path as, very soon, it starts on a leftward swing.		
49	98	Meeting a metalled crossing path at the end, turn left along it, parallel to the main road below on the right.	792 632	
50	100	Continue ahead ignoring, for now, the access opportunities to (and under) the main road on the right.		
51	101	[Map point] But then take the opportunity of the light-controlled crossing to go across to the right-hand side of the main road.		
52	103	Use the footbridge to cross back over the road.		
53	104	At the far end of the footbridge, the path takes you to the right, once again parallel to the road below.		5.08
54		About 50 yds. later, at a litter bin where the main metalled path turns left, instead go straight ahead along a woodland path. <i>Through this forest (around a third of a mile / 7 minutes) continue along this path, straight ahead, and if in doubt edging upwards to the left. The path takes you close to roads and buildings on the left: but do not actually turn left into them: stay in the forest.)</i>		
55	106	Go ahead as steps come up from the right.		
56	107	Ignore the passageway on the left - at the dog-waste bin.		
57	108	For simplicity take the upper, left fork (though on this occasion the lower alternative would work equally well).		
58		[On the upper alternative] Ignore the exit to the roadway on the left.		
59	109	The lower alternative rejoins from the right.		
60		Ignore the steps up on the left. The path now leads gently down away from the houses toward the main road on the right.		
61**	111	Reaching the road at a junction: <u>either, to continue the circuit</u> (if not visiting, or finishing at, Hempstead Church), go ahead alongside, and at first a little above, the main road on the right.	794 640	
62	113	Continue the circuit at the light-controlled crossing (Direction 5), turning right to cross the road and go up the signposted footpath opposite.		

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	Mins.*		OS	Miles
** or 61A	111	... or, to detour to, or finish at, Hempstead Church, turn left up Cedar Grove.	794 640	
61B	113	Turn left up a passage between the houses.		
61C	115	Cross a minor road and continue to climb, almost straight ahead (slightly right).		
61D	117	After passing the school on the left, turn right along the road.		
61E	118	Reach Hempstead Church (All Saints) on the right.	791 643	5.74
61F		If returning to the circuit having visited the church, resume from Direction 1.		

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FOR THOSE WHO WALK WITH THEIR DOGS

I do not venture to give advice about walking with your dog. As well as the joys, you will be well aware of the issues involved, and particularly that relationships between dogs and other countryside animals potentially involve mutual suspicion, or worse.

But what this footnote does try to do, in response to requests, is to give some indication of the nature of the walk from a dog's point of view, to enable you to decide whether it is suitable.

The percentage distances on the right (on the next page) should be self-explanatory.

The information in the middle column may look a bit cluttered, but I think it should enable you (if the detail is of interest) to mark up within a few minutes a print-out of the walk notes, so that you have some idea what might be round the next corner.

The risk in all this is that **things change so quickly** in the agricultural working world; and what I describe might become misleading after subsequent changes. I have done my best, but there is no guarantee that you will find the information up to date!

LOCAL CIRCUIT GS1	Direction numbers	% of walk
Busy road	1, 8, 10-12, 17-19, 33-36, 42-45, 51, 61, 61D	44
Quiet road \$\$	7, 14, 16, 25, 29-31, 37, 40-41, 46, 61A	19
Open field with livestock		0
Edge of field with livestock		0
Field (or edge) without livestock **	9, 13, 22-23, 27a, 28, 32b, 47	11
Path (hedged, or otherwise forced)	2-6, 15, 20-21, 24, 26, 27b, 32a, 38-39a, 39c, 50, 52-53, 61B-C,	17
Woods	39b, 48-49. 54-60	10

** This is not a promise, just a statement of fact - that, having walked these sections perhaps two or three times, I have found no animals or any sign of them.

\$\$ Again, not a promise that there will be no traffic to worry about. Just a personal judgement of conditions as I have found them.

STILES: There are currently no stiles on this walk.