

Walking from Bekhamsted to Amaravati (aprox. 1h 20min)

1 From the platform turn left, away from town and walk straight through a little roundabout and onto a road running straight (Brownlow Rd). You will leave the castle on your right. Keep walking straight.

2 The road will bend left uphill. Cross the road at the bend and continue walking straight and through a gate of a car park of a school playing field. You don't want the other path more to the left which leads to the cricket grounds. Keep walking straight. As you walk you will see playing fields on your right and cricket grounds on your left. You will now be walking on a public footpath with a field on your right and cricket grounds on your left. You will see the main road up on a hill in the distance on your right. You will be walking parallel to it. Shortly you will come to a gate on your left. Go through and continue walking straight down a grassy road. You will pass by a single oak tree in the field on the left and there will be horses on the fields beyond the hedgerow on the right.

3 You will come to a crossroad. Turn right and walk on the road by the farm/stables on your left and up the hill. You will pass by a brown wooden dwelling on the left and an old oak tree with a very wide trunk on the right. The road bends right to join the main road. Don't turn right but keep walking straight entering the woods through a narrow opening. You will still be walking parallel to the main road but through the woods. You will come across a path running up and down. Keep walking straight until you come to the car park.

4 Come up to the main road. You will see a monument on the other side. Cross the road and walk past the monument. You are entering a golf course. Keep walking straight minding the balls. Just follow the grassy road and after about 500 yards you will see a preserved stump of a dead tree ahead on the grass on the left. You want to head for the tree but follow the path which will bend left eventually towards it. Mind balls coming from the right. You will see a wooded area on the other side of the grass and the path in front of it which you will follow.

5 When you come to the dead tree follow the path right until after about 20-30 yards you come to a very small path on the left. There is no sign there so pay attention not to miss it. You might be able to see the main road ahead. Turn left into the small path. You will go through a wooden half-gate. Continue walking straight through the narrow passage with houses and gardens on both sides. Cross the road and keep walking straight. You will see a big house on your left. Keep walking straight. You are in the Frithsden Woods and you will be walking straight for about half a mile or so until you will come out of the woods and down stairs designed for horses and you will see the Alford Arms pub on your right. Keep walking straight leaving the pub on your right. You will be walking up hill again and you will pass the Frithsden Vineyard on your right. You might like to pop in for a cup of tea if you have time.

6 You will be walking up a hill and then down it. You will have reached Nettleden when you come down the hill with one farm house on the left and a row of cottages on the right. Walk to the end of the road and turn left at the T junction. After about 10 yards you will see a sign for a public pathway on the right. Cross the road. Turn right onto the path and you will be walking up a hill which will lead you all the way up to the back of the Amaravati field. Go through the wooden gate on your your left and you have reached Amaravati.