

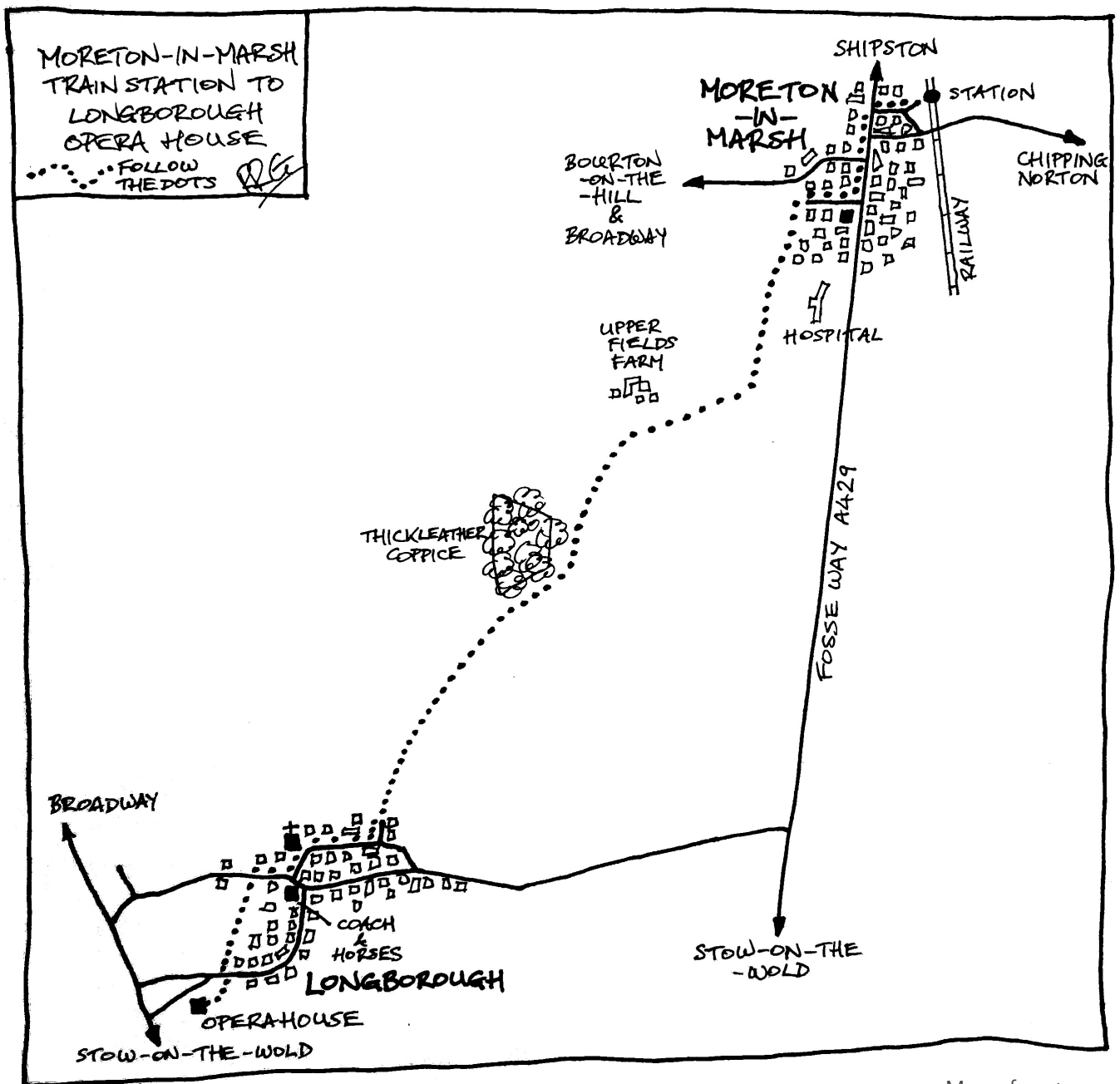


LONGBOROUGH — FESTIVAL OPERA —

Walk from Moreton-in-Marsh railway station to Longborough Festival Opera

You will be following The Monarch's Way for most of this walk so watch out for these signposts as extra clues! This is a mainly flat walk, through a dozen fields, and takes 60 to 90 minutes each way. Stout footwear recommended!

1. Exit Moreton-in-Marsh railway station and cross the car park heading towards the town centre
2. At the T junction turn right onto Station Road, which immediately becomes New Road
3. At the main road turn left and walk along the High Street of Moreton-in-Marsh, passing traffic lights and going over two mini roundabouts
4. Continue past the Swan Inn on right and, just before the Inn on the Marsh, turn right onto Parkers Lane
5. Continue to the end of the lane passing the fire station on the left. At the end, at a large metal gate, turn left (signpost Monarch's Way) and follow the lane, with houses to left
6. Just after a small parking area continue straight ahead onto the grass track, with houses on the left initially; this then becomes a path between two hedges
7. Go through a gateway and bear right along the right hand side of the field
8. Go through another gateway and keep to the right hand edge of the field. You will see the hospital to your left – keep the hedge to your right
9. At the end of the field, bear right along the right hand edge of the field (below phone wires). You will see Longborough in the distance ahead, on the hill to your left
10. At the end of the field go through a narrow gateway and continue along right edge of the field
11. At the end of this field you pass Upper Fields Farm on your right. Continue into the next field along the right hand side, and as you come to the end of the field follow the footpath left to cross the last part of the field. Go straight ahead through a new large metal gate; you are now heading more directly towards Longborough, and also some tall trees which you will pass shortly (called Thickleather Coppice)
12. Follow the left hand edge of this field, crossing the stream at the end, and then go through a large wooden gate
13. Go straight across the next field heading towards, and then past, a metal water trough and a tall footpath sign in centre
14. Enter the next field and bear right along the edge of a small wood (Thickleather Coppice)
15. Just past a small wooden gate, fork left at a yellow-topped signpost to cross the field heading for another yellow-topped post on the other side
16. Keep to the left side of the field and then cross a stream on a wooden footbridge and continue across the next field (wire fence to left)
17. Just before a large wooden gate, bear right and keep metal fence to left
18. At the end of the field, with the church ahead of you, continue straight ahead between wooden gates on either side and climb over a stile
19. Go over a wooden footbridge and turn left over a stile to cross the next field (NB, if there are cows in field then you can go all the way around the right edge, behind barbed wire fence)
20. At the end of the field cross the stile on the right and go through a wooden gate
21. Walk a few dozen yards along the right edge, and then exit the field via stile on right
22. Cross field diagonally left heading towards some houses ahead; exit field via kissing gate and follow path to road; you are now in Longborough
23. At the road turn right (this is called Charlesway) and walk uphill towards the church
24. Just before the church follow the road as it bears left following Monarch's Way sign
25. You will see the Coach and Horses pub ahead of you; just before the pub bear right across and up a small green, and turn right onto the road (this is called Ganborough Road)
26. At the 30mph sign turn left up a tarmac driveway (which soon becomes gravel)
27. Go through small wooden gate onto a footpath which leads slightly uphill for a couple of hundred yards
28. Go through small wooden gate to continue slightly uphill as the path widens
29. Pass through small wooden gate, continue ahead
30. At the road turn left and then immediately right through a gateway into the Festival site. You have arrived!



Map of route.

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See the next page for the reverse of the walk, from the Festival site to Moreton-in-Marsh station.

Walk back from Longborough Festival Opera to Moreton-in-Marsh railway station

You are now going to re-trace your steps through all those fields back to Moreton!

1. Exit the Festival site at the same gateway you entered by. At the road turn left, then immediately right onto a footpath, just after a gravel driveway
2. Go through a small wooden gate onto a wide grass path
3. Pass through a wooden gate and continue along path
4. Go through another wooden gate onto the gravel and then tarmac track
5. At the road turn right and then, opposite the Coach and Horses pub on right, turn left the past war memorial to follow road towards the church
6. After the church follow the road round to the right following Monarch's Way sign downhill (this road is called Charlesway)
7. Just after 'Sunnybank' on the left, turn left up a road (Bean Hill) and continue onto a footpath to walk between houses
8. Go through a wooden kissing gate into a field and head diagonally right to cross the field
9. Exit the field via a stile and turn immediately left to walk a few dozen yards along the left edge of this field, then through a wooden kissing gate in the corner
10. Turn immediately right to go over a stile into the next field and then turn left to follow the left edge of field, but twenty or thirty yards from the edge (NB, if there are cows in field then you can go all the way around the left edge, behind the barbed wire fence)
11. At the far side of the field, exit via a stile and turn right to cross a wooden footbridge
12. Turn left along edge of field and go over a stile
13. Continue straight ahead keeping to left of a wire fence
14. At end of this field, go through the open gateway and continue to keep fence on right until end of field
15. At end of this field exit over wooden footbridge and turn right into next field
16. Follow right edge of field initially then head across towards right edge of Thickleather Coppice
17. Bear right to follow left hand side of field, ie around Thickleather Coppice
18. Go through large wooden gate, and continue straight ahead across field towards tall footpath signpost and continue past in direction of Moreton
19. Exit field through large wooden gate and cross stream continuing along right side of field
20. Leave this field through large metal gate and continue ahead to cross the next field, then curving to the right, to walk along left side of this field
21. Exit this field (Upper Fields Farm to left) and continue into next field, keeping to the left hand side; you will see Moreton Hospital ahead of you
22. Exit field through narrow wooden gateway and continue along left hand side of next field
23. At two gateways turn left through the second one (follow footpath signs) and keep to left side of the field (hospital to the right)
24. Exit field through small wooden gateway and turn left to follow left side of field
25. Continue to left and go onto footpath between two hedges; the path soon widens with houses to right
26. The path becomes a tarmac road. Continue straight ahead past small parking area
27. At the end of the road turn right and walk along road with fire-station to your right
28. At main road turn left and walk along Moreton High Street going over two mini roundabouts and past traffic lights
29. Turn right into New Road, and then turn left into Station Road where you will see the station in front of you. You have arrived!