

Stagenhoe Walk

How hard is it? 5.5 miles - easy

Towards the end of this lovely walk you pass the ruin of 14th-century Minsden Chapel hidden in a thicket, a pilgrim chapel haunted by the ghost of a musical monk.

Map OS Explorer 193

Start Rusty Gun Inn, London Road, St Ippolyts, Herts SG4 7PG (OS ref TL199253)

The walk From Rusty Gun, left along B656; in 150m, left ("Preston", Chiltern Way/CW); 300m past Poynders End Farm, right (190245, CW) past reservoir to road (186245). Left; on down Hitchwood Lane. In 350m, right (188242, "Whitwell") on track south for $\frac{3}{4}$ mile past Hitch Wood, Pinfold Wood and Foxholes Wood (yellow arrows/YAs). At south end of Foxholes Wood (184229, post with 2 YAs), left to driveway (186228); left for 70m; right past lodge/garden wall, following track to St Paul's Walden Church (192223), Chiltern Way north for $2\frac{1}{4}$ miles via Stagenhoe gatehouse (195228), B651 at Langley End (198241) and past Minsden Chapel ruin (198246).

Lunch Rusty Gun Inn (01462 432653, therustygun.co.uk)

Getting there On B656 between Welwyn (A1M, Jct 6) and Hitchin (Jct 8)

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