# The Penn Estate

*The estate consists of approximately 1100 acres of farmland, 450 acres of woodland with thirty three houses and cottages. The woodlands range from small blocks of one acre, to blocks of eighty acres. Some of the smaller woodlands were planted as game coverts and date from the 19th century when game shooting was a major pastime of the owners of the estate. All the woods are actively managed under the guidelines of the Woodlands Policy of the "Plan for the Chilterns" and are being progressively felled and replanted with a range of hardwood species including Beech, Oak, Ash and the minor species Field Maple, Lime, Hornbeam and Hazel.*

*These walks have been devised for your pleasure, please observe the country code and keep dogs under control. Please light no fires and take your litter home, respect the countryside and enjoy your walk.*

**WALK 1** *approx 1 mile*

**DESCRIPTION:** a dry valley walk with fine views over a rolling landscape to the south, taking in part of Brook Wood, mainly mature Beech and Oak.

**POINTS OF INTEREST:** Puttenham Place, a 15th centuary hall house, and in Penn Bottom, Penn House Farm a traditional 17th century barn, an old granary on saddle stones and the knob of Church Knowl, probably part of a terminal glacial moraine.

**WALK 2** *approx 1 1/2 miles*

**DESCRIPTION:** a walk similar to walk 1 but taking in Crown Lane which is a hollow way of ancient origin, Vicarage Wood (mainly Oak and Beech) and Brook Wood as above.

**POINTS OF INTEREST:** Fine views northwards over the estate, Church Knowl Cottage with Dutch gables and the windmill at Coleshill to the east.

**WALK 3** *approx 3 miles*

**DESCRIPTON:** this walk takes in Brook Wood, Penn House Grove and Penn House Park with recent plantings of Oak, Lime, Horse and Sweet Chestnut. It continues into the village of Winchmore Hill, down Fagnall Lane past Fagnell Farm and Glory Farm, into Branches Wood and after skirting Round Wood back to the car park.

**POINTS OF INTEREST:** Fagnall Farm, an ancient farmstead with traditional Chiltern timber framed and clad buildings. After Glory Farm good views to the south towards Witheridge Wood.

**WALK 4** *approx 3 miles*

**DESCRIPTION:** As Walk 3 but continues up through Penn House Grove past the front of Penn House and on alongside the kitchen garden wall. At Penn Street Farm it runs to Priestlands Wood, a mixture of conifers and hardwoods, and on to Winchmore Hill and back to Branches Wood where it joins the principal drive to Penn House and then rejoins Walk 3.

**POINTS OF INTEREST:** Penn House, near Penn Street Farm, note the two pairs of ancient cottages and the banked corners on the main drive which were constructed in the 1930's to accommodate the owner's sports and racing cars.

**WALK 5** *approx 4 1/2 miles*

**DESCRIPTION:** As walk 4 but leaves Winchmore Hill to Tragoes Wood and onto the Bucks County Council Picnic area and Turners Wood leaving here up a lime avenue into West Wood and back to the village to rejoin walk 4.

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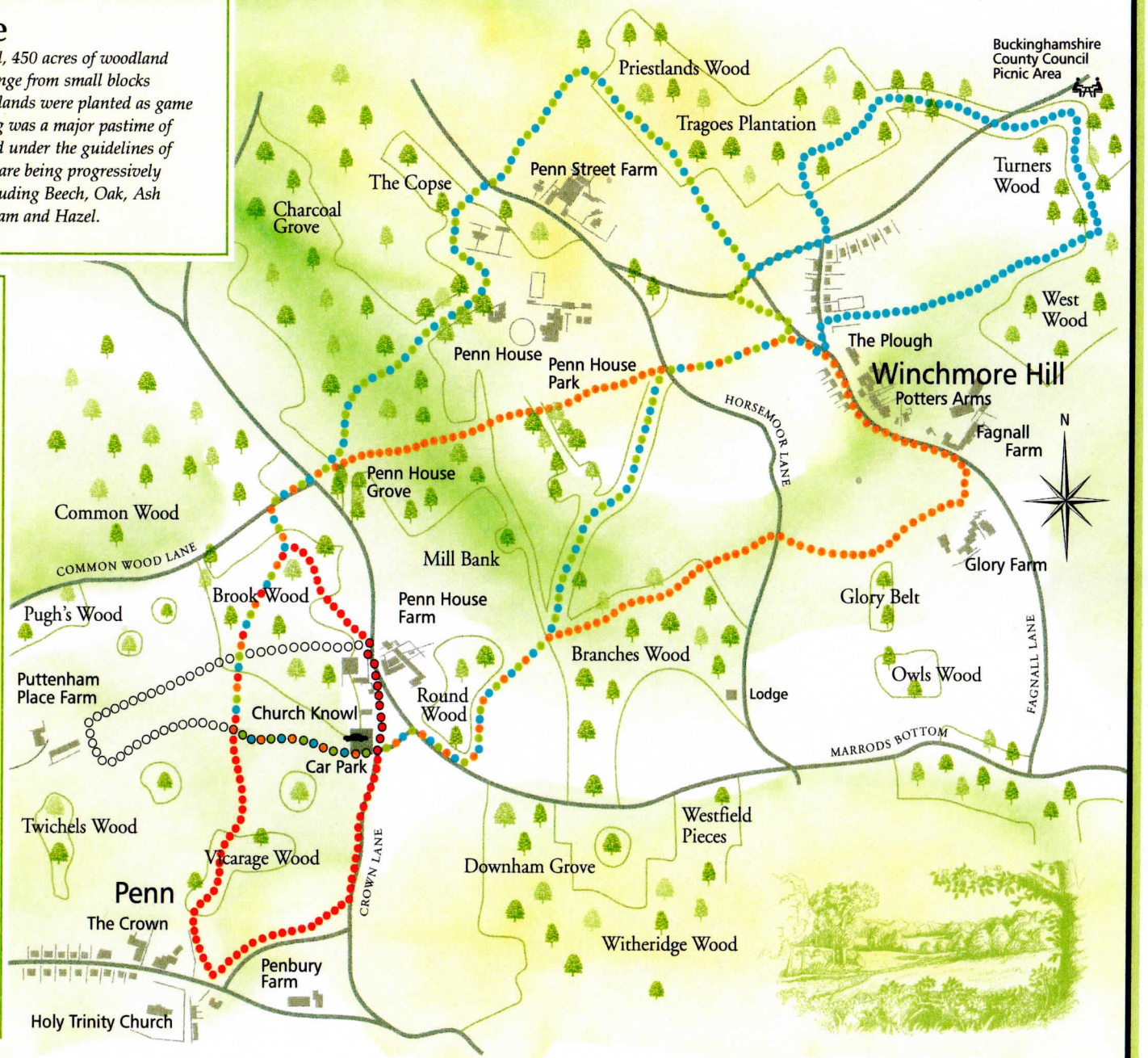
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