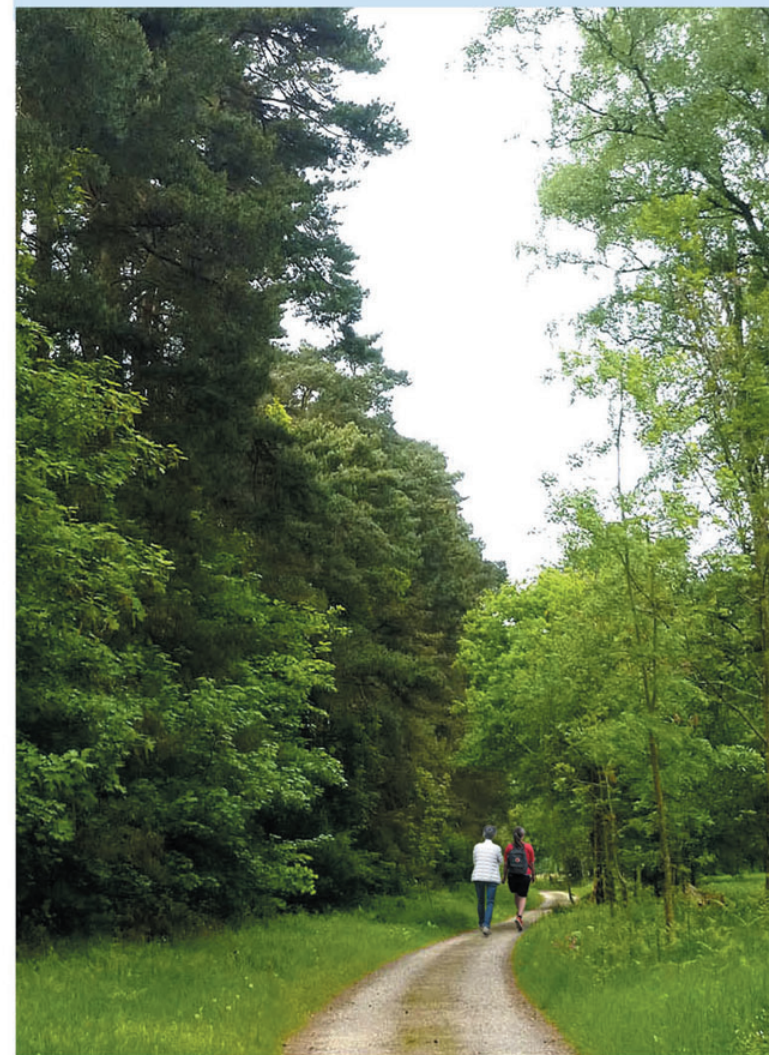


The Brails and Kennet & Avon Canal



Distance: approx 4.7 km (3 miles)

Map: OS Explorer 157

This circular walk begins at the Wharf in Great Bedwyn, crosses the fields to Castle Copse, over more fields with beautiful views, then descends to the canal towpath and back to Bedwyn.

Moderate walking conditions. No stiles.

The Stores

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Getting there:

Buses, on-demand and scheduled, serve the Bedwyns, Marlborough, Hungerford and surrounding villages: www.connectingwiltshire.co.uk/getting-around/bus/wiltshire-connect

Trains to Hungerford, Kintbury, Newbury, Reading and Paddington: www.gwr.com

Cycle routes: go to <http://www.sustrans.org.uk>

Places to visit in the area:

St Mary's church, Great Bedwyn: this church houses the tomb of Sir John Seymour, father of Jane, third wife of Henry VIII: www.savernaketeam.org.uk/church/st-marys-great-bedwyn/

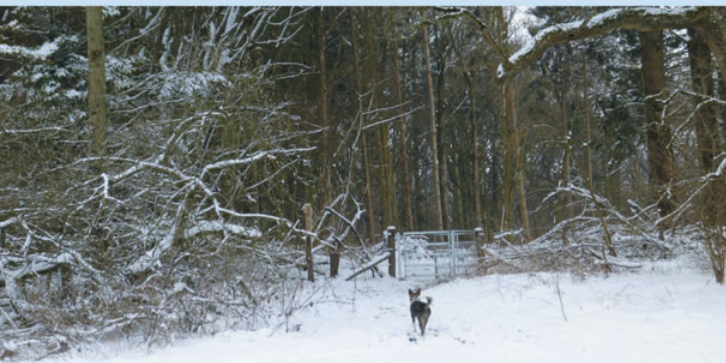
Crofton Beam Engines: the oldest working steam engines in the world. See website for opening times and steaming dates: www.croftonbeamengines.org

Wilton windmill: the only operating windmill in Wessex. See website for seasonal opening of mill and refreshments: www.wiltonwindmill.co.uk

St Martin's chapel: this pretty thatched 13th century chapel is under the care of English Heritage. Visit english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/chisbury-chapel/

Savernake Forest: 4,500 acres of privately-owned ancient forest with many lovely walks. Managed by Forestry England: www.forestryengland.uk/savernake-forest

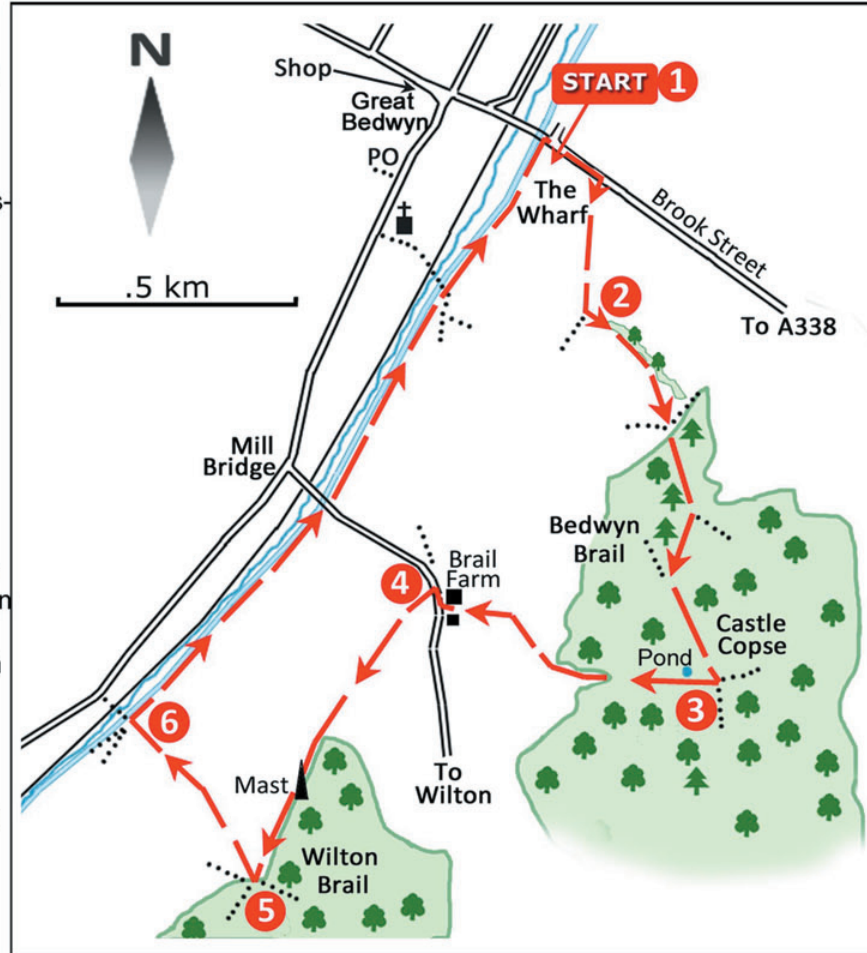
More suggestions at www.visitpewseyvale.co.uk or www.pewsey-heritage-centre.org.uk



Walk 6

The Brails and Kennet & Avon Canal

- 1 Starting from Great Bedwyn Wharf (Grid Ref SU 280 644), turn right on the road (Brook Street). After about 45m (50 yds) follow a footpath sign on the right, uphill.
- 2 At a fork, veer left into the field, keeping the woodland on the left. At a dip in the field by a sign turn half right diagonally, heading for a kissing gate into woodland - Bedwyn Brail. Continue along a well made track through the wood. Pass two signed junctions. Then, just at a signed cross-paths, turn right onto a grass path.
- 3 Continue through woodland, keeping left as the path emerges into a clearing. Go through a kissing gate into a field and head half right to a gate in the bottom right corner and go through the car yard. At the road, turn right.
- 4 After about 45m (50 yds), turn left at a footpath sign opposite the entrance to Brail Farm. Go through a pedestrian gate and continue along the edge of two fields. Walk with the wood (Wilton Brail) on your left, for 800m (½ mile) to a junction of paths.
- 5 Ignore a kissing gate on your left and turn sharp right, keeping the field boundary on your left and heading downhill on the bridleway.
- 6 At the canal (Kennet & Avon), turn right along the towpath. Pass under a bridge (Mill Bridge), and continue along the towpath back to the Wharf.



Make sure that you are suitably equipped for walking and note that these maps are intended as a guide only. Please respect the countryside, wildlife and livestock, and ensure that dogs are kept under close control and don't leave the path. Be aware that ticks are prevalent in the area.

