

### St Katharine's via Chisbury Woods and Bedwyn Common



Distance: approx 7.5 km (4.75 miles)  
Map: OS Explorer 157

This circular walk starts from the village square and rises up to Chisbury Wood. After a short stretch along a quiet country lane, the route crosses Bedwyn Common to St Katharine's. Then alongside woodland and across fields, the route arrives back in Bedwyn along Church Street.

Moderate walking conditions, although may be muddy in places. One stile.

### The Stores

19 High Street, Great Bedwyn. Tel: 01672 871026

Convenience Store Licensed

Open daily

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### №10 B&B

www.bedwynbnb.co.uk

www.airbnb.co.uk/h/bedwynbnb

email: bedwynbnb@gmail.com

Tel: 01672 870587 Mob: 07710 503661

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### The Three Tuns

A freehouse village pub

Dine in – Take out – Outdoor seating



1 High Street, Great Bedwyn SN8 3NU

tel: 01672 870280

email: bedwyn3tuns@gmail.com



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### The Post Office, Shop and Bakery

Cards, gifts, stationery, groceries

90 Church Street. Tel: 01672 870673

Open daily

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Recreation ground, off Farm Lane

Great Bedwyn SN8 3LU

Tel: 07901 668302

www.wendyscafeandjuicebar.co.uk

Light lunches, and delicious cakes  
Dogs on leads welcome

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### The Swan

Wilton SN8 3SS

Takeaways available

A traditional pub. Excellent food



01672 870274

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For more walks, go to  
www.bedwynfootpathsgroup.org.uk

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Contact: Judy at

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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](http://www.connectingwiltshire.co.uk/getting-around/bus/wiltshire-connect)

**Trains** to Hungerford, Kintbury, Newbury, Reading and Paddington: [www.gwr.com](http://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/](http://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](http://www.croftonbeamengines.org)

**Wilton windmill**: the only operating windmill in Wessex. See website for seasonal opening of mill and refreshments: [www.wiltonwindmill.co.uk](http://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/](http://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](http://www.forestryengland.uk/savernake-forest)

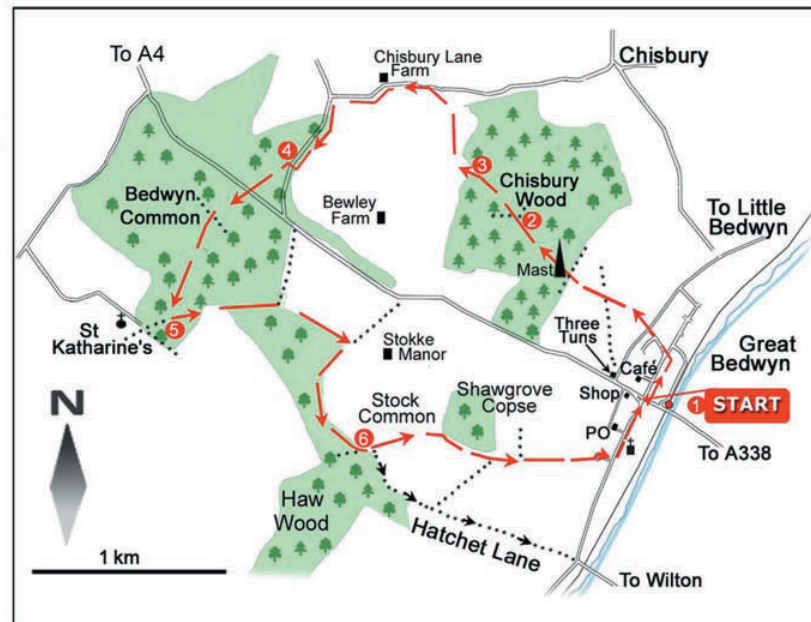
**More suggestions** at [www.visitpewseyvale.co.uk](http://www.visitpewseyvale.co.uk) or [www.pewsey-heritage-centre.org.uk](http://www.pewsey-heritage-centre.org.uk)



## Walk 3

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- 1** From the village square (Grid Ref SU 278 645) head north-east along Farm Lane. Turn left into Castle Road. At the T-junction with Brown's Lane cross the road and take the bridleway uphill towards a mast. Continue straight through the wood. After 180m (200 yds), take the grass bridleway which goes straight on as the track bears left and continue until it rejoins the track. Turn right. (If bridleway is impassable, stay on track taking a right turn at the junction and continue straight on when bridleway re-joins track.)
- 2** After 90m (100 yds), fork left then ignore the left track immediately after and follow the signed bridleway straight on along a grass track. Go past the cottage on the left and continue to the gate ahead. (Note that the cottage and farm entrance are not a right-of-way.) Go through the gate.
- 3** Cross the field diagonally right, towards a wooden hide on stilts. At the hide, head diagonally left towards a stile located in the hedgerow 45m (50 yds) to the left of a metal field gate. Cross the stile onto a lane. Turn left. Pass Chisbury Lane Farm on the right. At the road junction turn left. After the third cottage on the left, turn right at the signed footpath and follow the path around to the left through Bedwyn Common.
- 4** Follow the signs through Bedwyn Common to a road; cross with care. Continue through the wood. At a junction with a wide track, head diagonally across, slightly to the left, to find a signed woodland path. Stay on this path until you reach a metalled track. Turn left. (The church is a short distance to the right.)
- 5** Continue, passing a turning on the left to cottages and, at the next group of cottages, turn right. After 90m (100 yds), fork left by a 'bus-stop' sign and continue straight past a track on the right \* to the wooden panel fence.
- 6** At the fence turn left. Go through a kissing gate, turn right and follow the field edge (field to the left). Go through a pedestrian gate and a kissing gate, and go down the hill to a housing estate. At the road, turn left and left again at the road to reach the village centre.



On Bedwyn Common



Foxgloves on the Common



View to Great Bedwyn, after point 6

\* For a longer route (extra 800m, ½ mile), or to avoid livestock which sometimes use this field, turn right here and continue along the track taking the signed bridleway entrance by the cottage at the bottom. Carry on along this tree-lined track until you reach a road. Turning left takes you back into the village; or go straight on to reach the canal and return along the towpath.

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.

