

Holloway, Roman Road, Wilton Brail



Distance: approx 6 km (3.75 miles)  
Map: OS Explorer 157

This circular walk rises from the towpath, through a restored ancient sunken path, to fields with beautiful views. After a short stretch along a Roman road, it descends back to Bedwyn through woodland and fields.

Moderate walking conditions. No stiles. If cross-field paths are under plough, use field-edge.

The Stores

19 High Street, Great Bedwyn. Tel: 01672 871026  
Convenience Store Licensed  
Open daily

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No10 B&B

www.bedwynbnb.co.uk  
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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  
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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  
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info@theswanwilton.co.uk www.theswanwilton.com



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



New members always welcome  
Contact: Judy at  
bedwynfootpathsgroup.co.uk

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

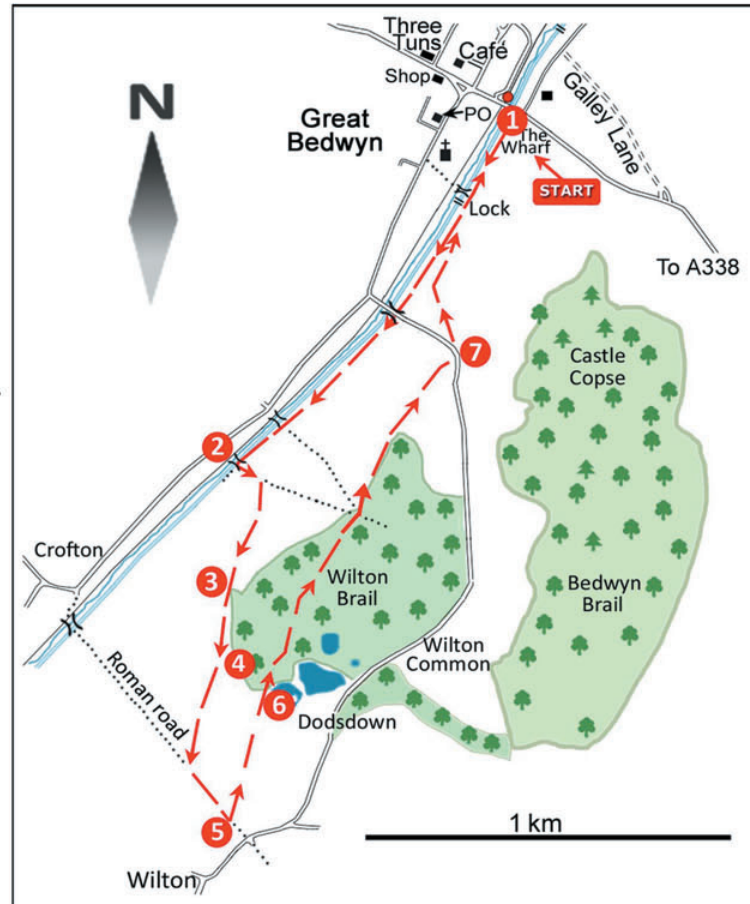
More suggestions at www.visitpewseyvale.co.uk or www.pewsey-heritage-centre.org.uk



## Walk 1

### Holloway, Roman Road, Wilton Brail

- 1** From Great Bedwyn wharf (Grid Ref SU 280 644) and facing the canal, turn left along the towpath. Head south-west along the towpath for about 1.6 km (1 mile) to the fourth bridge over the canal. This is known as the Bridge to Nowhere (see the information panel on bridge).
- 2** Head left across the field to the first field boundary and turn right. Continue along the field edge with the fence on your left-hand side.
- 3** Follow the footpath sign down to the sunken wooded path - a holloway. After about 320m (350 yds), the holloway emerges into a field. Turn right along the field edge and go through a gap into the next field.
- 4** Walk around the left-hand edge of this field to a point directly across from where you entered it. At the gap go into the next field. Cross the field (in the direction of the footpath sign) to a track (an old Roman road) and turn left.
- 5** After 400m (¼ mile), take the footpath to the left, between bushes, and cross the field again. Continue straight on between bushes, then along a grassy path, to the woods of Wilton Brail.
- 6** Enter the Brail and continue along the track. After about 800m (½ mile), at the bottom of the slope, leave the track to cross a small clearing and go through a metal kissing gate on the left. Turn immediately right and continue along the edge of two fields.
- 7** Go through the pedestrian gate and cross the road. Cross the field on a diagonal left, and in the direction of the footpath sign. Enter the meadow and turn right, walk through the meadow. Leave the meadow at the lock and turn right 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.

