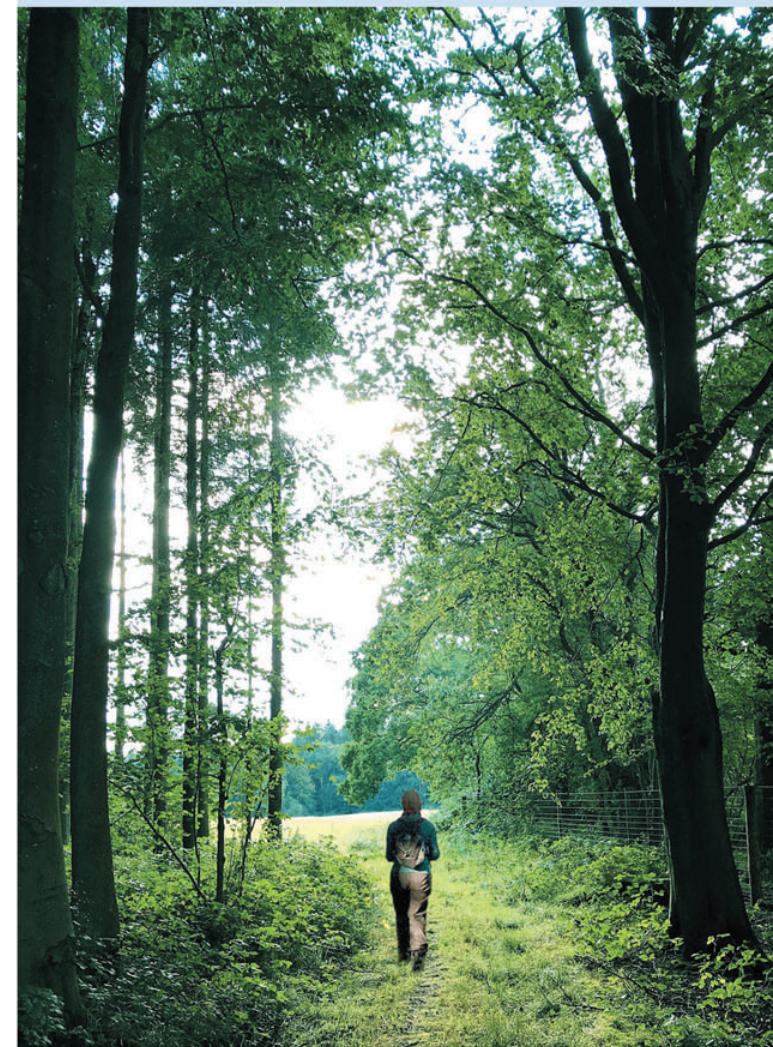


Birch Copse and Bedwyn Brail



Distance: approx 5.3 km (3¼ miles)
Map: OS Explorer 157

This circular walk begins at the wharf car park and goes across fields and through woodland.

Moderate walking conditions, no stiles.

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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

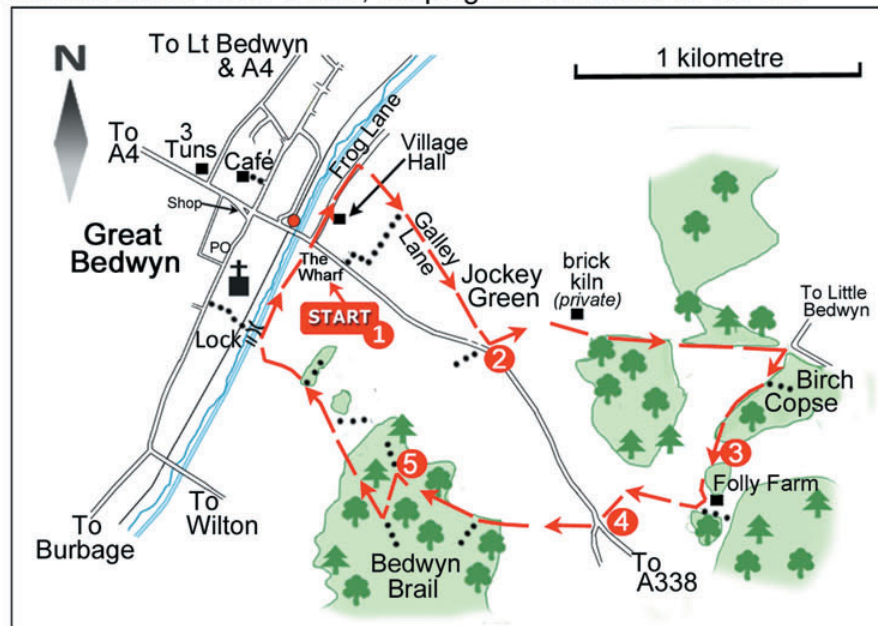
More suggestions at www.visitpewseyvale.co.uk or www.pewsey-heritage-centre.org.uk



Walk 7

Birch Copse and Bedwyn Brail

- 1** From Great Bedwyn wharf (Grid Ref SU 280 644), cross the road and continue along Frog Lane, passing the village hall on the right. Take the bridgeway on the right (signed to Jockey Green). As you reach Jockey Green, continue straight on through the trees (crossing driveways) and, just when you see the road in front of you, turn left onto a bridgeway.
- 2** Walk up the track and, keeping a private entrance to the left, fork right. (A ruined kiln can be seen in the grounds of the cottage on the left.) Follow the track for 800 metres (half a mile) to a junction of paths. As a road comes into view, turn right onto a grass bridgeway and walk with woodland on the left. Just before a metal gate ahead, turn left into woodland then, after about 13 metres, go through a gate and turn right.
- 3** Continue to a field (occasionally fenced) with woodland on the left. Follow the field edge through the valley for about 130 metres then, at a corner of the woodland on the left, go ahead across the field following the direction on the waymarker to another waymarker where the buildings of a large house (Folly Farm) will be seen ahead. Cross the field to Folly Farm entrance and turn right onto driveway.
- 4** At the road, cross over and take the road signed to Oxenwood. After a few metres, take the footpath on the right and continue into woodland. Enter a field, keeping the woodland on the left. Ignore the first track on the left and take the next one straight on into woodland.
- 5** At the T-junction, turn left sign-posted 'Windmill Footpath'. Go right at the next signpost, signed 'Great Bedwyn Bridleway' and follow the winding path through the wood. At a field, keep to the left hand side. The village of Great Bedwyn comes into view. Continue with the hedge on the left to the bottom of the hill, turn right and go through the wooden gate onto the towpath. Turn right again and follow the towpath back to the start.



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.

