

Little Bedwyn, Monk's Lane & Chisbury



Distance: 9.65 km (6 miles)  
Map: OS Explorer 157

From the centre of Great Bedwyn, this walk goes through Little Bedwyn up to Harrow Farm, crossing farmland with wide open views on the way and returning via Chisbury.

Five stiles and some steep steps over the canal and railway line in Little Bedwyn, which can be avoided by taking the road instead.

The Stores

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

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No 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

Takeaways available

Wilton SN8 3SS  
A traditional pub. Excellent food



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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

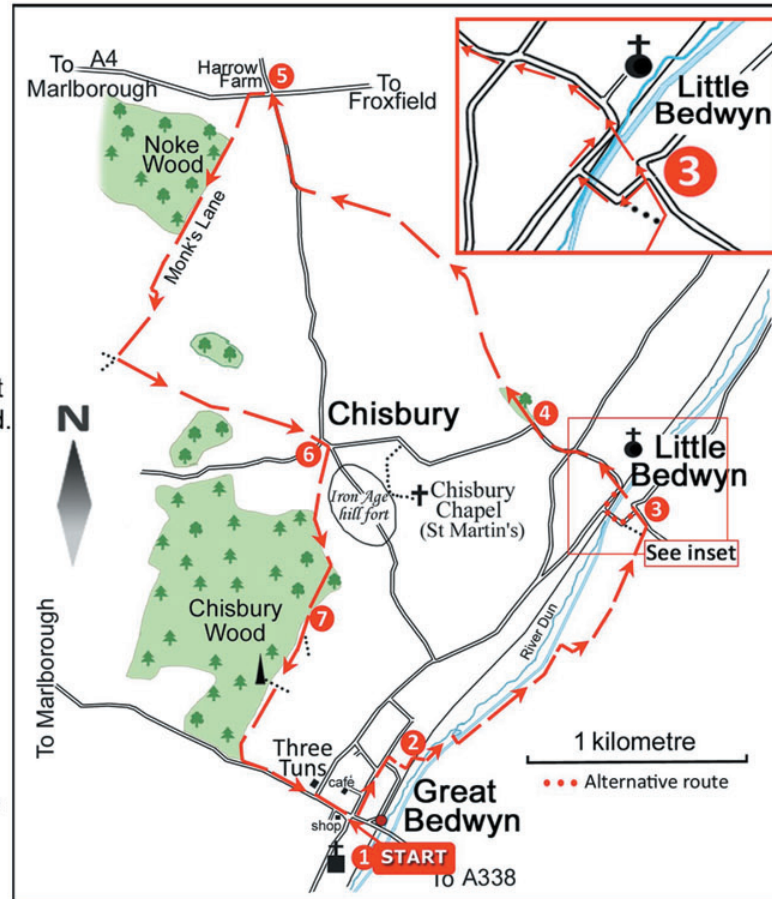
More suggestions at www.visitpewseyvale.co.uk or www.pewsey-heritage-centre.org.uk



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- 1 From the village square (Grid Ref SU 278 645), head north-east along Farm Lane. Just after a road on the right (the Knapp), take the signed footpath on the right between garden fences. The footpath passes through a car park, turns left beside a hedgerow and then alongside the back gardens of houses.
- 2 Go through kissing gate and cross the railway line with **great care**. Cross the field diagonally left; go through the next kissing gate to footbridges over river and canal. At towpath, turn right then left through a gateway opposite the lock. Turn left again onto a bridleway signed to Little Bedwyn and walk with a wire fence on the right, following it as it turns right for 45m (50 yds), then turn left at a hedge. Continue on through a field gate to a metalled road in Little Bedwyn.
- 3 Turn left at the T-junction, cross the road as it bends to the right, and go straight ahead to the pedestrian bridge over the canal and railway line.\* (To avoid the steep steps, return to the road, go round to the right to the canal and road bridge, turn right and rejoin the route at \*. - see inset.) At the road turn right and continue ahead. Pass Church Street on the right (the church is well worth a visit) and go uphill to a crossroads. Continue ahead and, at a sharp left hand bend, take the signed bridleway to the right.
- 4 Walk along this pleasant wooded track as it heads out alongside fields for about 1.6km (a mile). Turn right at the road and continue to the junction with the A4.
- 5 This is a fast road. Cross with care to use the path on the other side (left) for a few metres then cross back over to find the signed bridleway. Keep woods to the right. At the end of Noke Wood, take the path that follows the line of telegraph poles. At a fence, turn left for a few metres, then right at a corner. Turn left at a junction of paths. At the far corner of the first field go through a gap in the hedge into the next field. Go straight across the field and over the stile. Walk between the fences, go over another stile and keep left along the back gardens of houses. Follow the enclosed path to the road junction in Chisbury.
- 6 Take the road signed Great Bedwyn and then, after about 60m (75 yds), take the signed path on the right. (Chisbury Chapel is signed opposite - see information overleaf.) Go over the stile and head for the gate opposite. Go through the metal farm gate and cross the next field diagonally right towards the corner of the wood. Cross the stile and walk with the wood on the right for 275m (300 yds). Go over a signed stile into the woods and follow the winding path. When it emerges into a field, turn right. Ignore the diagonal crossfield path.
- 7 Continue with woodland on your right to the road. Turn left, passing the Three Tuns, 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.

