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**CHEQUERS INN
BERRICK SALOME
WALLINGFORD**

**3 CIRCULAR WALKS
4.5, 5.6 & 6.5 MILES**



We're delighted to present three circular walks all starting and ending at Chequers Inn. The Brakspear Pub Trails are a series of circular walks.

We thought the idea of a variety of circular country walks all starting and ending at our pubs was a guaranteed winner. We have fantastic pubs nestled in the countryside, and we hope our maps are a great way for you to get out and enjoy some fresh air and a gentle walk, with a guaranteed drink at the end – perfect!

Our pubs have always welcomed walkers (and almost all of them welcome dogs too), so we're making it even easier with plenty of free maps. You can pick up copies in the pubs taking part or go to brakspearaletrails.co.uk to download them. We're planning to add new pubs onto them, so the best place to check for the latest maps available is always our website.

We absolutely recommend you book a table so that when you finish your walk you can enjoy a much needed bite to eat too. At the weekend, please book in advance, as this is often a busier time, especially our smaller pubs.

And finally, do send us your photos of you out and about on your walk. We really do love getting them.

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How to get there



Driving: Postcode is OX10 6JN and there is a car park for customers.



Nearest station: Cholsey Station 7 miles away.



Local bus services: The number 136 bus service stops in Benson approximately 1.8 miles away.



Brakspear would like to thank the Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment and the volunteers who helped make these walks possible. As a result of these walks, Brakspear has invested in TOE2 to help maintain and improve Oxfordshire's footpaths.

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Respect – Protect – Enjoy

Respect other people:

- Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- Leave gates and property as you find them and follow paths unless wider access is available

Protect the natural environment:

- Leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under effective control

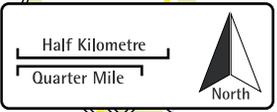
Enjoy the outdoors:

- Plan ahead and be prepared
- Follow advice and local signs

For more info visit: www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-country-side-code



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▲ **Route 1:** Berrick Salome – Roke – Rokemarsh – Benson
 Distance: 7.2km (4.5 miles) Time: 1 hour 45 minutes

■ **Route 2:** Berrick Salome – Warborough
 Distance: 9km (5.6 miles) Time: 2 hours 15 minutes

● **Route 3:** Berrick Salome – Brightwell Baldwin – Chalgrove
 Distance: 10.5km (6.5 miles) Time: 2.5-3 hours



Brakspear recommends that all walkers bring a copy of the Chilterns Hills West Ordnance Survey map. You can borrow one from the pub for a refundable £10 deposit.

Route 1

Easy walking
through flat country.

Directions

Distance: 7.2km (4.5 miles) Time: 1 hour 45 minutes

01 Turn right from the Chequers car park and the immediately right again and walk along the lane past Ivy House Farm to arrive at St Helen's Church on the left.

DID YOU KNOW?

St Helen's Church is a beautiful old church that dates back to 1087. One of the oldest features in the church is the Norman font situated in the nave. The name of Berrick Salome is thought to originate from "Berewic" meaning corn farm and a corruption of Sulham the name of a local manor.

02 Take the footpath on the opposite side of the lane to the Church and walk across the fields and through a kissing gate to emerge on a road.

03 Turn left walk along the road then bear left where the road forks and after 500 metres turn right on a track immediately after West End Cottage.

04 Follow the footpath for a further 500m and the end of the footpath turn left on to another road then almost immediately right into Chapel Lane.

05 At the end of the lane pick up a footpath and follow the footpath for just over 600m when you reach Rokemarsh.

06 Turn left on to a road then almost immediately right onto another footpath indicated by a finger post.

07 Follow the footpath for about 600m ignoring a footpath on the left, and follow the path as it curves to the left and continue on between some houses until you reach a main road (A4009).

08 Turn right on to the main road and walk along the road for a few hundred metres taking care because there is no pavement, then turn right opposite the Recreation Ground and follow the road which becomes a footpath passing Hales Farm.

09 After 1km, you reach a junction with another footpath turn right onto the other footpath and continue along this footpath, passing the watercress beds on the right, until you reach a road.

10 Turn left and walk along the road, passing Berrick and Roke Village Hall on the left, until you reach a road junction.

11 At this point you can either, continue along the road in the same direction and return directly to the Chequers or take a longer route through countryside by turning left along the farm road then pick up the footpath by bearing right over a footbridge then going through a metal kissing gate.

12 Walk diagonally through a small field and exit via another kissing gate and follow the path through a wood then leave via a kissing gate and walk straight ahead along the left side of a field.

13 Go through another kissing gate and continue along the right hand side of a large field for about 200m until you reach a wooden gate of the right.

14 Go through the gate and cross a field then exit the field via a metal gate and follow the track round to the right pass a row of houses.

15 When you reach the junction with the road cross the road to return to the Chequers.



St Helens Church

Route 2

A straightforward walk over flat farmland to Warborough and beyond towards the Wittenham Clumps.

Directions

Distance: 9km (5.6 miles) Time: 2 hours 15 minutes

- 01 Leave the Chequers Inn car park and cross the road into Green Lane then at the end of the row of houses follow the track round to the left and continue on through a metal gate.
- 02 Walk straight across the field and go through a wooden gate and turn sharp right, then follow the bridle path around the edge of the field.
- 03 After the path turns left in the corner of the field follow the marked bridle path between the trees in same general direction for about 1.6km and you will reach the outskirts of Warborough.

DID YOU KNOW?

Warborough has all the characteristics of a typical pretty Oxfordshire village, church, pub, cricket green and as such has appeared in many episodes of *Midsomer Murders*. The Six Bells has featured under its own name and others such as the Quill Inn and the Black Swan. St Lawrence Church is a Grade 11 listed building with the earliest parts dating back to the 13th and 14th Centuries. The tower was built in 1666.

- 04 Follow what is now a small lane (Green Lane North) past the cricket ground.
- 05 Turn left into Green Lane North, walk towards the side of the cricket pavilion turn right and follow the road between some cottages and then turn left.
- 06 You will then emerge by a green with the Six Bells pub opposite, turn right and follow the lane to the War Memorial.
- 07 Turn right and walk along the main road for about 50m past St Lawrence Church then cross over the main road with care and walk along a small side road (Henfield View) opposite.
- 08 After about 50m leave the road, as it bends round to the right, and head straight on along the footpath indicated by a finger post and follow the footpath across the field with a fine view towards Wittenham Clumps.

DID YOU KNOW?

Wittenham Clumps (Sinodun Hills) stand out in stark contrast with rest of the flat landscape that surrounds them. The area is nature reserve managed by Earth Trust (previously known as the Northmoor Trust) that was set up and funded by Sir Martin Wood and his family.

The hills are also archaeological site of some significance with Castle Hill, being the site of a Bronze Age/Iron Age Hill Fort. There is also evidence of Roman occupation. The area was investigated by Channel 4 Time Team and broadcast in 2004.



Warborough Cricket Ground

- 09 When the path meets another path, turn right and walk along the path until you reach a wooded area, at this point through a small gap you should notice a large man made pond, turn right here and follow the path under a power line to the edge of the field.
- 10 When you reach another path turn left along this path and at the next intersection turn right and follow the path until you reach a concrete access road marked by a waymark post as a bridle path.
- 11 Follow the access road until you reach a main road, carefully cross the main road and then turn left and walk along the verge for about 50m.
- 12 Turn right on to a bridle path marked by a finger post and follow it for about 1.7km until you reach and intersection with another path, turn left here and you are now retracing your path on the outward journey.
- 13 After the path turns sharp right carry on for about 80m then turn left and go through the wooden gate, then across the field and through a second gate and follow the lane back to the pub.



Wittenham Clumps

Route 3

A long and interesting walk mainly over flat countryside but some of the footpaths en route are currently quite badly overgrown.

If you are a dog walker there are a couple of stiles that might be problematic.

Directions

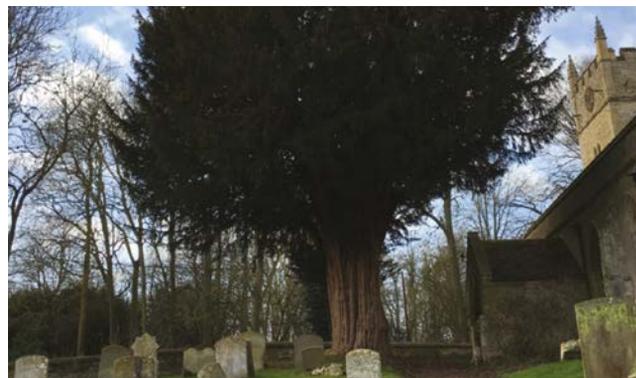
Distance: 10.5km (6.5 miles) Time: 2.5–3 hours

- 01 Leave the Chequers car park, turn right, and then immediately right again and walk along the lane past Ivy House Farm, as the lane bends to the right carry straight on the foot path through Hollandtide Bottom towards Brightwell Baldwin.
- 02 Continue for about 1.3km crossing a small track and then a paved lane and pick up the footpath opposite which eventually merges with a farm track, follow the track bearing left for about 200m and where the track turns sharp left, leave the track and continue straight on through a gate.
- 03 Continue on in the same general direction past Whitehouse Farm for a further 1km until the path ends at a small lane (Cadwell Lane).
- 04 Turn right and walk along the lane, after a short distance there is a junction with another road, turn left along the road and walk down hill towards the centre of Britwell Baldwin village.

DO YOU KNOW?

Brightwell Baldwin owes its name to a bright spring and an early Lord of the Manor Sir Baldwin de Bereford. It is a very picturesque village that has featured in *Midsomer Murders* on a number of occasions. St Bartholomew's churchyard boasts a magnificent yew tree, and the earliest parts of church date from the 13th century with later additions in the 14th and 15th Century. The church was later restored in late Victorian times.

- 05 Walk past the church on the left and the Lord Nelson gastro pub on the right and continue on for a further 50m, then take the footpath on the left via a stile.
- 06 The footpath takes you through part of the Brightwell Baldwin Estate parkland, continue to follow the path in the same direction, via two more stiles then turn left along a track to rejoin Cadwell Lane. (Alternatively you can cut off the corner by continuing to follow the footpath through a field).
- 07 Turn right on Cadwell Lane and walk along the lane past Cadwell Farm for 1.6km, until you reach a main road, turn right and follow the road into Chalgrove.
- 08 When you reach a junction bear left into the High Street then walk along the High Street.
- 09 Immediately after passing Chalgrove Primary School on the left hand side of the road, turn left on to a footpath that goes between the school car park and a white thatched cottage. (Note if you reach The Crown pub then you have missed the footpath but instead just turn left into the drive to the left of the pub and follow it into the car park and then follow on from instruction 11 below).
- 10 Follow the footpath for a few metres round to the right and after it emerges into a car park turn left.



Yew Tree in Brightwell Baldwin Churchyard

- 11 Walk through the car park and then through the concrete bollards past the skateboard and play area on the left.
- 12 Follow the footpath to the right and over a concrete bridge then continue on in the same direction between two playing fields and past some bench seats.
- 13 Continue on in the same direction along the edge of a field until you reach a public road (Mill Lane).
- 14 Cross the road and pick up the footpath opposite and continue walking in same direction for about 400m, through a line of trees, then bear left and continue on the same path around the rear of a large shed.
- 15 Follow the path turning left then walk past a house (Hares Leap) and a small piece of woodland on the left, when you reach an unmade farm track turn right and follow the track for just over 500m.
- 16 When you have almost drawn level with a small copse on your left, some way down a slope, turn towards it and take the unmarked footpath down the slope for about 250m to the side of the copse then continue on bearing slightly to right across a field for another 200m.
- 17 Follow on in the same direction along a grassy track keeping to the left of a raised fishing pond.
- 18 The path then enters into a thicket and is rather overgrown but you will very shortly emerge onto a wooden footbridge.
- 19 Cross the footbridge and then bear left towards a gate on the far side of the field.
- 20 When you reach the gate you will find a stile, climb over the stile and exit on to a public road.
- 21 Turn right and follow road in same direction for about 0.5km until you arrive back at the Chequers.

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