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**THE NEW INN  
KIDMORE END  
OXFORDSHIRE**

**3 CIRCULAR WALKS  
3.9, 3.9 & 7.5 MILES**



## INTRODUCING BRAKSPEAR PUB TRAILS

We're delighted to present three circular walks all starting and ending at The New 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](http://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 RG4 9AU and there is a car park for customers.



**Nearest station:** Tilehurst 6.4 miles away.



**Local bus services:** The 25 pink bus service (Reading Buses) stops in Sonning Common on Wood Lane.



*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

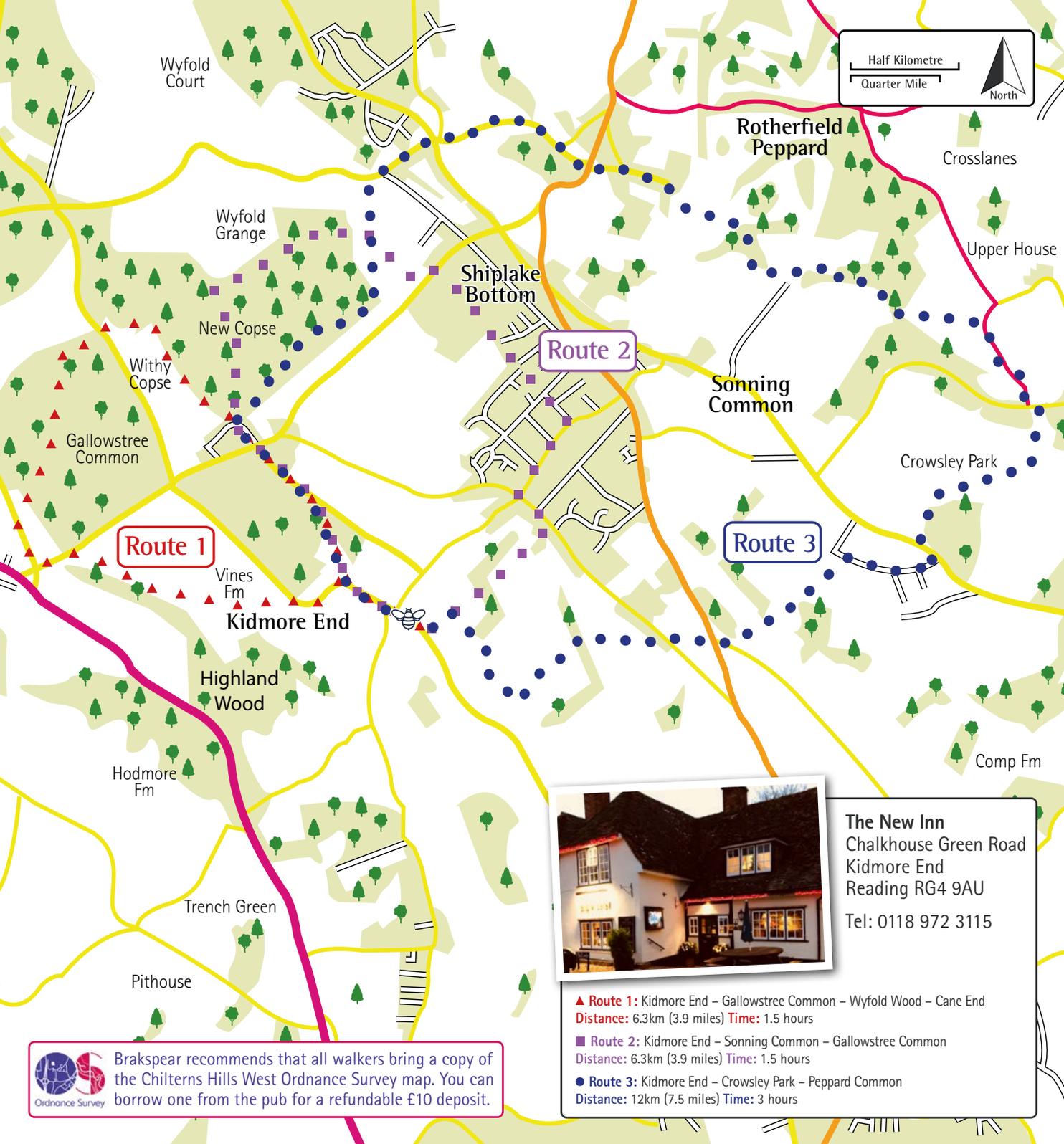
### Protect the natural environment:

- 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](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-country-side-code)



**Route 1**

**Route 2**

**Route 3**



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- ▲ **Route 1:** Kidmore End – Gallowstree Common – Wyfold Wood – Cane End  
 Distance: 6.3km (3.9 miles) Time: 1.5 hours
- **Route 2:** Kidmore End – Sonning Common – Gallowstree Common  
 Distance: 6.3km (3.9 miles) Time: 1.5 hours
- **Route 3:** Kidmore End – Crowsley Park – Peppard Common  
 Distance: 12km (7.5 miles) Time: 3 hours



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

# Route 1

A medium length walk over fairly flat terrain through woodland and across fields.

## Directions

Distance: 6.3km (3.9 miles) Time: 1.5 hours

- 01 With your back to the pub turn left and walk along Chalkhouse Green Road for 60 metres, carry straight on past a lane on the right and St Nicholas Church on the left and then continue on in the same direction along Wood Lane towards Cane End and Gallowstree Common.
- 02 After 250m and before the sharp left hand bend in the road bear right on to a footpath marked by a finger post set back from the road in a grass driveway next to a house called Norton Lee.
- 03 Follow the footpath for just over 400m, ignoring other paths, until you reach a lane (Hazelmore Lane), bear left and walk along the lane until reach a main road.
- 04 Cross the main road with care into the lane opposite called The Hamlet and continue on for about 150m until the lane bears left, leave the lane bearing right and enter the woods through a hole in the hedge next to a bungalow called Elsinore.
- 05 Here you will see three paths – take the left hand path and walk on through the mixed woodland.
- 06 After about 600m the path turns sharp left through a gap in the fence (see white arrow on tree). There are 3 paths take the middle path marked by a white arrow on a tree and continue close to the top of a field until you reach Kate's Cottage.
- 07 Close by Kate's Cottage is the site of the gallows tree that gave Gallowstree Common its name. A few metres north of Kate's Cottage are the well preserved remains of an Iron Age hill fort.

### DID YOU KNOW!

Wyfold Castle is a plateau fort of an irregular oval shape covering some 5 acres. The site is just north of Kate's Cottage but you might have to negotiate a holly thicket to access the site. The earthwork remains are probably half as deep and the ramparts half as high as they were when in use, but they are still impressive. The ramparts are partly damaged on the SE side but are in the best condition on the West. The remains of the causeway entrance are on the SW side. The northern part of the fort is heavily overgrown, probably due to existence of the spring.

- 08 Cross the road by Kate's Cottage to the path signposted to Cane End, pass through the kissing gate and proceed straight ahead through the wood.
- 09 Follow the way-marked route (white arrows on trees) taking care to take the left fork at a V junction (again marked by a white arrow on a tree) and continue to follow the arrows.



*Wyfold Castle*

- 10 Keep on straight ahead past an open swampy area, past a wooden signpost which reads Wyfold in the reverse direction and Cane End in the forward direction.
- 11 Go straight ahead in the Cane End direction and arrive at the end of the wood.
- 12 Ignoring a path coming in from the left, go through a metal gate; proceed in a diagonally left direction across paddocks behind a house, through two more metal gates until you reach a lane.
- 13 Turn left and walk along the lane for 250m until you reach a main road (Horsepond Road).
- 14 Taking care turn left and walk along this main road past the entrance to Beryspytle on the right, then just after a house called Owls Wood leave the road, by crossing over a stile on the right and taking a footpath across a small field.
- 15 Exit the field by another stile and then follow the same line and footpath across a much larger field toward a gap in the hedge line.
- 16 Go through the gap and continue across another large field toward two dissimilar sized trees and then follow the path round the larger tree as it bears slightly to the left.
- 17 Follow the path into a small field with a memorial stone by the path and carry on to exit the field via a wooden kissing gate into a lane.
- 18 Turn right and follow the lane round a left hand bend and then further on a sharp right turn and continue on into the centre of Kidmore End retracing your steps back to the pub.

# Route 2

A medium length walk over fairly flat terrain through two adjacent villages and surrounding woodland.

## Directions

Distance: 6.3km (3.9 miles) Time: 1.5 hours

- 01 Turn right out of the pub car park and walk along Chalkhouse Green Road for just over 100m then turn left at the finger post (opposite the Coopers Pightle) and take the footpath then cross a stile into a field and walk across the field and exit via another stile.
- 02 Cross the byway and take the footpath opposite through a kissing gate, then straight ahead cross a field and continue on through a kissing gate.
- 03 Carry on through a strip of woodland and then straight across another field.
- 04 Continue on the same path past an industrial unit on the right and between two houses to exit on to Kennylands Road
- 05 Turn left and walk along the road until you reach a four way junction turn right into Wood Lane and continue through the centre of Sonning Common.
- 06 After the Co-Op turn left into Woodlands Road and walk to the end of the road then continue on in same direction into Copse Wood.
- 07 Walk a few metres along the footpath with a wire fence on the left. At the end of the fence there is a waymark post, carry on straight ahead for a few more metres and at the second waymark post carry on in the same direction and following the same path through the wood.
- 08 When you reach a main road (Gallowstree Road) by the old well, turn left and walk along the road, with care, for about 70m then take the footpath on the right.
- 09 Follow the hedge on your right then walk down a slight slope and go through kissing gate.
- 10 Continue slightly uphill in the same direction ignoring the footpaths on the right and left and after about 500m as the footpath bears to the left at the top of the hill enter New Copse Wood.
- 11 After few paces into the wood turn left then almost immediately right to see a waymark post ahead. Walk up to the post and continue on in the same general direction through the wood for about 800m until you see a wooden fence ahead of you and to your right.



*St John the Baptist Church Kidmore End*

### DID YOU KNOW?

The Church of St John the Baptist in Kidmore End is a listed building, built in 1852 in early English style with knapped flint and stone dressings by Arthur Billings, a local architect based in Reading.

The name Kidmore End is derived from the Celtic, 'kid' meaning wood, 'more/mawr' being great and 'end' a boundary. It was renamed Kidmore in 1894, but after representations the Council agreed in 1902 that its name should revert to Kidmore End.

- 12 Following the white arrow marked on a tree turn left here on to another footpath then continue straight on through Wyfold Wood for about 700m, ignoring paths to the left and right until you come to the edge of the wood at a junction with two other paths.
- 13 Carry straight on exiting the wood into a small lane called The Hamlet, bear to the left and walk along the lane for about 150m, then cross the main road into the lane opposite (Hazelmoor Lane).
- 14 Carry on along this lane for almost 500m, then bear right at a green gate to go into a wood and then follow the path straight ahead for 500m until you emerge on Wood Lane.
- 15 Turn left and walk along the road through the centre of Kidmore End to return to the New Inn.

# Route 3

A long and interesting walk through Crowsley Park with only a few uphill sections.

## Directions

Distance: 12km (7.5 miles) Time: 3 hours

- 01 Turn right out of the pub car park and walk along Chalkhouse Green Road for just over 100m then turn left at the finger post (opposite the Coopers Pightle) and take the footpath then cross a stile into a field and walk across the field and exit via another stile.
- 02 Turn right and walk along an unmade byway for about 600m then as the byway turns sharp right take the footpath on the left crossing a stile by a large white gate.
- 03 Follow the same path for about 1km crossing a field, then through Burr Wood, across another field and finally past a horse paddock on the left, until you reach a public road (Kennylands Road).
- 04 Cross the road and take the footpath opposite to cross Sonning Common Millenium Green staying on the same path until you leave the Green opposite the Bird in Hand pub.
- 05 Cross the main road and take the minor road to the right of the pub and after a short distance take the footpath off the left, down into a small valley through a kissing gate and up on the other side.
- 06 Go through two kissing gates, past two houses and when you reach a lane turn right and walk along the lane through the hamlet of Crowsley.
- 07 When you reach a T junction turn left and walk along the road for just over 50m then turn right and enter Crowsley Park through the pedestrian gate.

### DID YOU KNOW!

Crowsley Park is owned by the BBC and is the site of a BBC Receiving Station that provided radio signals for the BBC Monitoring Station at Caversham Park before it closed in 2018. Although the BBC Monitoring Services have moved to London, the BBC still requires the receiving station and it has recently received planning permission to install a number of small satellite dishes on site. Crowsley Park House is a Grade II Listed building located within Crowsley Park and is a private residence.

- 08 Walk along the tarmac drive past Crowsley Park House then immediately turn right and go through two metal gates and follow the path towards a grove of sycamore trees.
- 09 Go through a kissing gate and continue through the parkland until you meet another footpath marked by a waymark post.
- 10 Turn left on to this path and follow it down a slope to exit Crowsley Park via a kissing gate on to a public road.
- 11 Turn left and walk along the road then turn right by the Old Place into Kings Farm Lane.
- 12 Follow the lane uphill for 500m then turn left on to a footpath that runs alongside the right hand side of a house.
- 13 Follow the path between fields on both sides of the path then downhill through a wood, until at the bottom of the hill turn right on to another path.
- 14 Follow this path through the wood and then exit the wood via two kissing gates, turn left and follow a bridle path along the bottom of a valley, then where the bridle path turns sharp left continue straight on following a farm track up a slight slope.
- 15 At the top go through a gap in the wood then follow the path round to right as indicated by a way mark post keeping to the perimeter of a field until the path leaves the field in the opposite corner and emerges on to a lane.
- 16 Turn left and walk along the lane past All Saints Church and continue in the same direction (bearing left at school) until you reach a major road.
- 17 Cross the road bearing right and then turn immediately left into a minor road.
- 18 Walk along this road for a almost 1km, there is steep downhill stretch followed by uphill section that ends at a road junction adjacent to The Unicorn pub.
- 19 Cross over the main road and take the minor road opposite (Wyfold Lane), continue down the lane for about 300m then take the footpath on the left via a kissing gate.
- 20 Follow the footpath downhill and cross the stile at the bottom then take the footpath that carries on in the same direction uphill across a field towards a kissing gate.
- 21 When you reach the top of the slope follow the path and turn right at a fence to walk a short distance to pass through a kissing gate on to a track.
- 22 Cross the track and follow the footpath opposite along the edge of a wood.
- 23 Continue along the same path through woodland for 1km ignoring two paths off the left, when you reach a junction of three paths turn left through a gap into a small lane called The Hamlet.
- 24 Bear to the left and walk along the lane for about 150m, then cross the main road into the lane opposite (Hazelmoor Lane), carry on along this lane for almost 500m.
- 25 Bear right at a green gate and take the footpath into a wood then follow the path straight ahead for 500m until you emerge on Wood Lane.
- 26 Turn left and walk along the road through the centre of Kidmore End to return to the New Inn.

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