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**THE PRINCE ALBERT
FRIETH, HENLEY ON THAMES
OXFORDSHIRE**

**3 CIRCULAR WALKS
2.2, 4.2 & 6.1 MILES**



We're delighted to present three circular walks all starting and ending at The Prince Albert. 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 RG9 6PY and there is a car park for customers.



Nearest station: High Wycombe.



Local bus services: The number 655 bus service (Red Line Buses) stops at the cross roads (Cadmore End).



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:

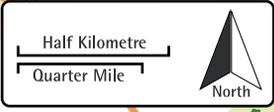
- Plan ahead and be prepared
- Follow advice and local signs

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





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.



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▲ **Route 1:** Frieth – Moor Common – Ditchfield – Frieth
Distance: 3.5km (2.2 miles) **Time:** 1-1.5 hours

■ **Route 2:** Frieth – Skirmett – Parmoor – Frieth
Distance: 6.8km (4.2 miles) **Time:** 1.5-2 hours

● **Route 3:** Frieth – Little Frieth – Skirmett – Colstrope – Frieth
Distance: 10km (6.1 miles) **Time:** 2.5-3 hours

Route 1

A short walk with some gentle inclines mostly through woodland.

Directions

Distance: 3.5km (2.2 miles) Time: 1–1.5 hours

- 01 Coming out of the pub, turn left and then left again on the main road, after about 20 meters turn right onto a track marked as a public footpath (ignoring small path on your right going into the wood).
- 02 Follow this track, where it turns right by a finger post (blue arrow) continue uphill, by "The Old Cottage", the track turns into a path. Follow the path and keep left at a fork heading towards a house.
- 03 When you come to the house continue along the track, passing between houses until you come to the main road, ignore footpath sign to the left.
- 04 Turn left and continue up the road through Moor Common, shortly after you pass a bus stop turn left onto a public footpath between houses.

DID YOU KNOW!

Moor Common is the location of the now nonexistent village of Ackhamstead (Oak Homestead). The village was first referred to in an account of the Abbey of Abingdon in 12th C. The bounds of the village covered quite a large area from Moor Common in the north to Chisbridge Cross in the south (see old Parish Map). The reason for its demise arose from a dispute between Ackhamstead residents and the residents of Cadmore End who had to travel to Ackhamstead's Chapel to worship and wanted a church of their own closer to home. In 1847 an application was made to the Bishop of Oxford to remove the chapel from Ackhamstead to Cadmore End. A Consistorial Court of the Diocese was held in 1849 to adjudicate on the application and decided to support it. The chapel in Ackhamstead was then closed and demolished and the new church of St Mary le Moor in Cadmore End was consecrated in 1851. Ackhamstead declined and after several parish and administrative boundary changes disappeared altogether leaving only the remains of the chapel, southeast of Moor Farm, as its only physical memorial. (Reference: History of Frieth website. www.friethhistory.org)

- 05 When you come to a junction (with a field on your left) with beautiful views over the valley, turn right past the wooden posts.
- 06 Follow this path between a field and a tall hedge then past allotments on your right till you come to a T junction between houses.
- 07 Turn left up the track and when the track bears right turn left on the footpath indicated by the signpost, in front of "Blacksmith Cottage".
- 08 Go through a metal kissing gate and follow the footpath, across a wooden bridge then downhill and over a metal bridge.

- 09 The path is undulating with distant views to your left.

Continue ahead, ignoring path forking off to the left, and carry on downhill, as the path bends to the right, ignore a footpath joining from the left. At the next fork continue on the less obvious left path (keeping the edge of the wood on your left).

- 10 At a T junction turn left, then left again, and go through a wooden kissing gate into a field.

- 11 Follow the right edge of the field till you come to a wooden kissing gate (not used).

- 12 Turn left down the hill with the fence on your left hand side. Before the next gate turn right keeping the fence on your left hand side and continue ahead towards the woods.

- 13 Pass an unused metal gate and continue ahead with the wood to your right. When you come to the corner of the wood, where the track turns right, continue straight ahead down the hill towards the right hand side of a fenced in boggy area.

- 14 Go through the wooden kissing gate and up a steep bank, cross the road and take the steps up to a gate into a field. Cross the field heading towards a wooden gate at the top.

- 15 Go through the gate and turn left and follow the footpath, then through a metal kissing gate and continue along the concrete track until you come to a bend in the road.

- 16 Turn left through the kissing gate into the field and continue downhill along the left hand side of the field until you come to another kissing gate.

- 17 Go through the kissing gate, turn right and follow the road till you come to the Prince Albert.



View towards Lane End

Route 2

A medium length walk with a long and steady climb half way through the walk.

Directions

Distance: 6.8km (4.2 miles) Time: 1.5-2 hours

- 01 Coming out of the pub, turn left and then left again on the main road, then after 100 metres turn left on the signed public footpath, through a wooden gate into a field (opposite a row of brick and flint cottages) and walk straight ahead with the hedge on your right.
- 02 At the top of the field, go through the wooded gate and turn right down a concrete track.
- 03 When the track curves to the left, take the footpath to the right towards a metal gate.
- 04 Go through the gate and follow the path that bears left into the woods. Keep straight on ignoring all paths to left or right for just less than 1km.
- 05 The path eventually bends to the left coming to a kissing gate. Go through the kissing gate and turn right along the track beside a field.
- 06 When you come to a five bar gate on your left take the footpath to the left of the gate into Adam's Wood.
- 07 Follow the path downhill, at a fork in the path (with a bench on your right) take the left fork downhill marked with a white arrow and "CW" (Chilterns Way).
- 08 Follow this track as it winds down through the wood. As you emerge from the wood there is a lovely view over the Hambleden Valley towards Skirmett.

DID YOU KNOW?

Skirmett is a hamlet within the parish of Hambleden. Its unusual name is a modified version of Shire Moot or meeting place.

- 09 Continue downhill to a metal five bar gate and turn right, through the wooden kissing gate into a field. Cross the field and go through one more gate then carry on between the paddocks towards Skirmett. *(If you wish to look around Skirmett, then at the white bungalow, carry straight on following a driveway past the village hall into the centre of the village. To resume the walk simply retrace your steps and carry on from point 10 below).*
- 10 Before a white bungalow, turn left, following the Chilterns Way sign along a track between paddocks until you come to a wooden gate in a hedge which takes you onto a road.
- 11 Turn left up the road for approximately 20 meters then take the bridleway on your right (by the Skirmett road sign) and



St Katherine's Parmoor

- follow this path for approximately 700m till you come to a fork in the path.
- 12 Take the right hand public bridleway and carrying on up the hill for a just over 400m.
 - 13 As the bridleway emerges from the wood continue on the track (ignoring path to the left).
 - 14 After a short distance the track become a tarmac driveway, continue along the driveway pass some buildings on your right, St Katherine' Parmoor.
 - 15 When you reach the public road turn left on the road. After the bend in the road you can walk on the wide verge next to the field. Follow the road until you reach to Parmoor Park Farm.
 - 16 To avoid the next bend in the road take a small path diagonally across a patch of grass and into a gap in the tall hedge which takes you to a metal kissing gate.
 - 17 Follow the path (with the farm buildings on your right) till you see a five bar metal gate ahead of you and a metal kissing gate to your right.
 - 18 Go right through the kissing gate into the field and follow the left hand hedge until about half way down the field (by tall trees) turn left through two kissing gates and follow the footpath which takes you into Frieth.
 - 19 At the road turn right downhill past the Yew Tree Pub on your left, then turn left at the next road called, Ellery Rise, which later becomes Perrin Spring Lane.
 - 20 Carry on until you come to a road on your right which takes you down the hill back to the Prince Albert Pub.

Route 3

A long walk with a long and steady climb towards the end.

Directions

Distance: 10km (6.1 miles) Time: 2.5-3 hours

- 01 As you leave the pub, turn left and then left again on the main road, and after 100 metres turn left on the signed public footpath, through a wooden gate into a field (opposite a row of brick and flint cottages) and walk straight ahead and uphill with the hedge on your right.
- 02 At the top of the field, go through the wooded gate, then carry on up the hill on the road (ignore track on your right) where you will come into Little Frieth.
- 03 Follow this road as it bends to the left (ignore the footpath on the right) and continue slightly downhill until you come to a T junction.
- 04 Turn right on the public bridleway (pass a sign saying access to four houses) and continue gently downhill between hedges.
- 05 At the end of the hedge, with views over the valley take a bridleway on the left indicated by a finger post and follow the path downhill along the edge of the field into Adam's Wood.
- 06 When you come to a fork in the bridleway (with a bench on your right) turn immediately left down the track following a white arrow and "CW" (Chilterns Way) on a tree.
- 07 Follow this track as it winds down through the wood. As you emerge from the wood there is a lovely view over the Hambleden Valley to Skirmett.
- 08 Continue downhill to a metal five bar gate and turn right, through the wooden kissing gate into a field.
- 09 Cross the field and one more gate and carry on between the paddocks towards Skirmett. (If you wish to look around Skirmett, then at the white bungalow, carry straight on following a driveway past the village hall into the centre of the village. To resume the walk simply retrace your steps and carry on from point 10 below).
- 10 Before a white bungalow turn left, following the Chilterns Way sign along a track between paddocks until you come to a wooden gate in a hedge which takes you onto a road.
- 11 Turn right down the road, past a house with two crooked chimneys, and go through the gate on your left (Chilterns Way) then carry on straight down the Hambleden Valley. (Total distance to Pheasant's Hill via Colstrope is approximately 1.5 miles).
- 12 On the way down the valley you will cross a track (with a hay barn on your right). Head for the hedge to your left and continue straight ahead crossing a couple of fields.
- 13 At a metal kissing gate, through which you must pass, enter a field with newly planted trees. Cross this field, go through a gate and cross a narrow lane (with a cottage to your right) and continue straight ahead still on the Chilterns Way.
- 14 When you come to a large house with a dense hedge on your left, continue straight on to a road. You are now in Colstrope.
- 15 Continue in the same direction along the road, then as the road bends to the right by Colstrope Farm, take a footpath on the left (Chilterns Way) and continue down the valley.
- 16 You will eventually see a fairly modern red brick house straight ahead of you called "Springfield". A narrow path takes you to the left of this house between a hedge and a fence. When you come to the lane turn left uphill (leaving the Chilterns Way).
- 17 After less than 100 metres (where the lane turns right) continue straight uphill to a very narrow path between a tall hedge and fence, with a row of cottages on your right.
- 18 Follow this short path and up a few steps, cross the road and continue up some more steps onto a public footpath into the woods.
- 19 The path levels out. Keep straight on ignoring cross paths for approximately 1.5km.
- 20 You emerge from the woods by a rusty farm gate leading onto a lane.
- 21 Turn right alongside the rusty barn.
- 22 After approximately 200 metres look out for a wooden gate on the left, set back from the road, to the left of a double garage; go through the gate and cross the field diagonally.
- 23 Go through a further wooden gate and turn right along a path between trees until you reach a road.
- 24 Turn left and follow this road with care for 300m then on your left you will see a blue sign outside the entrance St Katherine's Parmoor. Continue to follow the road for another 300m and then pick up the footpath that follows the road using the wide verge next to the field, until you come to the Parmoor Park Farm entrance.
- 25 To avoid the next bend in the road take a small path diagonally across a patch of grass and into a gap in the tall hedge which takes you to a metal kissing gate.
- 26 Follow this path next to the farm buildings till you come to a metal gate with a stile to the left (ignore stile going onto the road). Cross the stile and continue along the path towards Frieth.
- 27 When you reach the houses follow the cul de sac (Hayes Field) until you reach another road turn right and walk through Frieth, past the school and the church then downhill past the Yew Tree Pub on your left.
- 28 Turn left at the next road, called Ellery Rise, which later becomes Perrin Springs Lane.
- 29 Carry on until you come to a road on your right which takes you down the hill back to the Prince Albert Pub.

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