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**BULL & BUTCHER**  
TURVILLE, HENLEY-ON-THAMES  
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

**3 CIRCULAR WALKS**  
2.2, 4 & 5.2 MILES



# INTRODUCING BRAKSPEAR PUB TRAILS




We're delighted to present three circular walks all starting and ending at The Bull and Butcher. 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.

   @BrakspearPubs

## How to get there



**Driving:** Postcode is RG9 6QU and there is a car park for customers.



**Nearest station:** Marlow train station is 7.8 miles away.



**Local bus services:** The number 28 bus service from Red Eagle.



*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)

Half Kilometre  
Quarter Mile



North



Turville

Fingest

Bolter End

Mousells Wood

Frieth

Great Wood

Skirmett

Hatchet Wood



**The Bull and Butcher**  
Turville, Henley-on-Thames  
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▲ **Route 1:** Turville – Skirmett – Turville  
Distance: 3.6km (2.2 miles) Time: 1 hour

■ **Route 2:** Turville – Ibstone – Turville  
Distance: 6.4km (4 miles) Time: 1.5 – 2 hours

● **Route 3:** Turville – Skirmett – Frieth – Fingest – Turville  
Distance: 8.4km (5.2 miles) Time: 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

A short easy walk  
with no steep hills.

## Directions

Distance: 3.6km (2.2 miles) Time: 1 hour

**01** With your back to the Bull and Butcher, turn left and walk down the lane to the village green and church, both on your left. Look out for a Chiltern Way marker on your right between cottages.

### DID YOU KNOW?

The village of Turville has become famous as the setting of the BBC TV Comedy the Vicar of Dibley. It has also featured in other TV programmes and films such as Midsomer Murders, Goodnight Mr Tom and Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.

**02** Follow this signed path through a gate into a field to see the windmill on the hill above.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Cobstone Windmill overlooking Turville also featured in the film Chitty Chitty Bang Bang as the workshop of the inventor, Caractacus Potts.

**03** Immediately turn right through another gate to walk across the field and into woodland. On reaching a lane, turn right, walk carefully downhill to the junction.

**04** Cross the road and take the signed path opposite and follow the path across three fields emerging in the attractive hamlet of Skirmett.

**05** Turn right along the lane and walk for about 250m along the road then turn right along a rough lane indicated by a footpath sign (hidden in the hedge on left of lane).



St Mary's Church Turville



Cobstone Windmill

**06** Go through the kissing gate and follow the narrow path up to the edge of the woodland. The path then follows along the edge of the wood with some lovely views of the surrounding countryside, and then turns left into the wood.

**07** Keep going ahead until you reach a signed path on the right, take this path and walk downhill emerging from the wood with wonderful views of the windmill on the far hill.

**08** Follow the path and when you reach a lane, cross the lane and continue diagonally right across the field to meet another path, the Chiltern Way, by the hedge line.

### DID YOU KNOW?

The Chiltern Way is a long distance circular path around the Chilterns ANOB.

**09** Bear right to a gate then keep straight ahead, eventually coming out of a wooded area to see the Turville nursery on your left.

**10** You are now walking down a village lane to pass the church on your left and the village green ahead.

**11** Turn right to return to the Bull and Butcher pub.

# Route 2

A medium length walk  
with one steep section.

## Directions

Distance: 6.4km (4 miles) Time: 1.5 - 2 hours

01 With your back to the Bull and Butcher, turn left and walk along lane to the village green and church, both on your left. Look out for a Chiltern Way marker on your right between cottages.

### DID YOU KNOW?

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02 Follow this path through a gate into a field and observe the windmill on the hill above, then immediately turn right through a gate and walk across a field and enter a small stretch of woodland.

### DID YOU KNOW?

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03 On leaving the woodland cross a lane and pick up the path opposite.

04 Continue through woodland to reach a path junction then turn right down a track into Fingest.

05 When you reach a lane, turn left, walk past the church and turn left up Chequers Lane and continue on for 800m.

06 Turn left through double metal gates on a signed path and bridleway. Just before it enters the field after about 80m, bear right and follow the path gently climbing up the valley bottom.

07 Continue along the path for about 1100m. The path is clearly marked with painted arrows on the trees, until you reach a bridleway on the left.



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Looking across Turville from Turville Hill



St Nicholas's, Ibstone

08 Take the bridleway and walk up a steep slope between fences, with Ibstone House emerging into view, on the right, until you reach a public road.

09 Turn right and walk along the road for about 350m; at the next junction take the lane on the left signposted to St Nicholas church. After 300m you will see the entrance drive to the church on the right.

### DID YOU KNOW?

There has been a church on this site for over 1,000 years. The present building dates from about 1200 and has many interesting features including one of the oldest wooden pulpits in England.

10 You can take an opportunity to visit St Nicholas Church or continue a short distance downhill until you reach a finger post on the left hand side of the lane indicating a footpath into woodland.

11 Follow this path along the edge of the wood and then into the wood until you reach painted way markers on a tree.

12 Go right to the fence line and left along a path with the fence on the right, then through a gate and downhill towards another gate and on to a descending woodland path with more gates.

13 The path emerges into an open field with Turville clearly in view ahead.

14 Continue ahead into the village, turning left on to the lane to return to Bull and Butcher.

# Route 3

A medium length walk  
with some steep climbs.

## Directions

Distance: 8.4km (5.2 miles) Time: 3 hours

- 01 With your back to the Bull and Butcher turn right and walk down the lane for 400m to the first lane on the right, Dolesden Lane, and with Watery Lane ahead, take the signed footpath between these two lanes. It is a gap in the hedge with a sign opposite, but partly hidden.
- 02 Follow the grassy path, initially following a hedge on the left, then pass through the gap in the hedge, and at a junction of paths before a house, cross the style and take the permissive path.
- 03 When you reach a road turn right into Skirmett and then take the signed footpath on the left, just before The Frog public house.
- 04 Go through a gate by a bungalow and take the path to the right to reach a lane.
- 05 Turn left along the lane then take the signed bridleway on the right, up to and through woodland following arrows, and ignoring signed footpaths to the left.
- 06 Continue ahead passing the Old Sawmill, to reach a lane near St Katherine's Parmoor.

### DID YOU KNOW?

St Katherine's Parmoor is a large country house and the Headquarters of the Sue Ryder Prayer Fellowship. The estate was once owned by the Knights Templar. The house has an interesting history; initially a 16th Century farmhouse, it was largely rebuilt and extended during a 200 year period when it was owned by local wealthy landowners called Doyle. In the mid 19th Century it was sold to Henry William Cripps QC, who further remodelled the house. In the 1940s the house was leased to King Zog of Albania who was forced into exile after the Italian invasion in 1939. In 1947 Lord Parmoor, a descendant of Henry Cripps, sold the house and 12 acres to the Community of St. Katharine of Alexandria. In 1995 the last surviving member of the Community gave the house and grounds, now a Grade 2 Listed Building, to Lady Ryder. The house and grounds are available for events, conferences etc., and like many locations in the Chilterns it has been used in films and TV programmes.

- 07 Turn left and cross the lane to walk on the signed grassy path along the edge of the lane. Just past the drive to Parmoor Park Farm turn right on a signed footpath leading through a hedge to a farm yard.
- 08 Continue with a hedge on the left, then just past the barn turn right through a small gate and follow the path with another hedge on the left.
- 09 Turn left at the way marked path into Frieth, passing the church, to a road.

- 10 Take the signed path opposite and cross an open area. Continue to the lane, then turn left and follow the lane uphill to Little Frieth.
- 11 Take the footpath on the right, by the post box, initially along an unmade road, and then as the road swings right, continue ahead into woodland along a narrow path between a hedge and a fence.
- 12 At a junction of paths by a waymarker post, turn left and follow the woodland path to a gate.
- 13 Turn right along a broad track and continue along the track passing a large pile of logs and through a gate into an open field, presenting an excellent view.
- 14 Cross the open hillside and enter Fingest Wood. Follow the path in Fingest Wood downhill to a gate where there is a wonderful view of Fingest and its Norman church.
- 15 Go through the gate, and continue downhill towards Fingest.
- 16 Turn left at the lane and walk past the Chequers public house on the left and St Bartholomew's Church on the right to a signed path on the right.

### DID YOU KNOW?

St Bartholomew's church, a Grade I listed building, is surrounded by brick and flint churchyard walls, lined with ancient lime trees. The massive western Norman tower was built early in the 12th century and has unusual twin gables – it is believed that only one other similar construction exists in the country. Each side of the bell chamber has paired openings with semi-circular roll moulded arches. The tower once held two bells, only one of which remains, dating from 1830. The nave has impressive ancient woodwork to the roof, with five sets of principle rafters with collar beams supported by curved brackets and wind braces. The exterior of the church is roughcast and rendered in mellow ochre.

- 17 Take this path up to a path junction, then turn left and follow a path through woodland.
- 18 Cross a lane, taking the path opposite into a further stretch of woodland.
- 19 The path emerges into an open field, follow the path across a field to a gate with the Cobstone Windmill visible on the hillside above and to the right.
- 20 Turn left through a gate and take the track through another gate to emerge back in Turville.
- 21 Go left along the lane to return to Bull and Butcher.

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