



BRAKSPEAR

**PUB
TRAILS**



FLOWER POT
ASTON, HENLEY-ON-THAMES
SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE

3 CIRCULAR WALKS
3.1, 5.5 & 5.8 MILES






We're delighted to present three circular walks all starting and ending at the Flower Pot. 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 3DG and there is a carpark just across from the pub.



Nearest station: Henley-on-Thames station is 5.6 miles away.



Local bus services: The M1 service from Whites Coaches goes to Highmoor Cross on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.



Putting people and places together

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.

Reg. charity no. 1140563

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

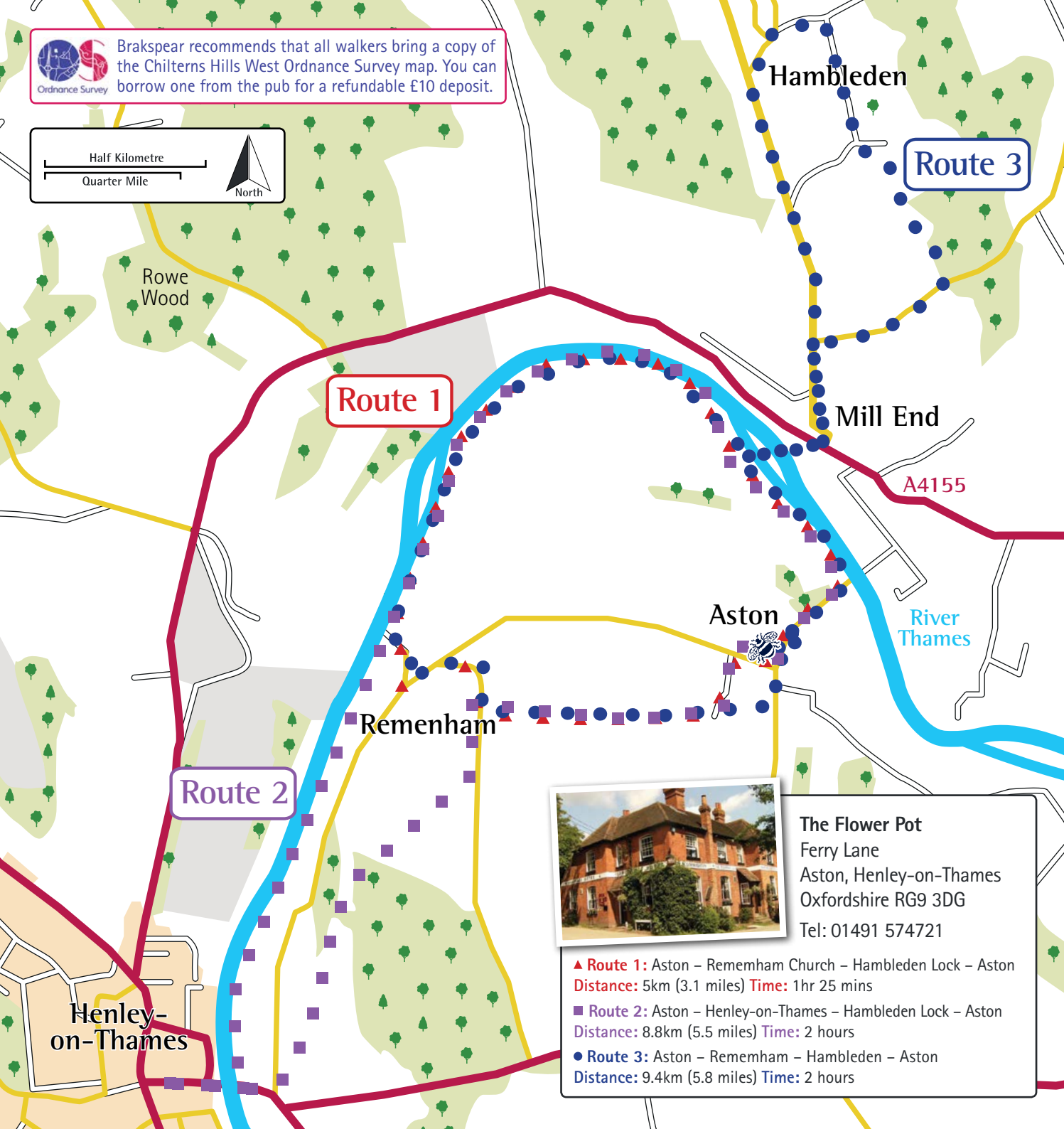
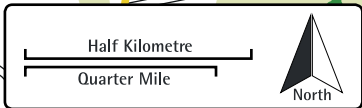
Enjoy the outdoors:

- 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.



The Flower Pot
 Ferry Lane
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- ▲ **Route 1:** Aston – Remenham Church – Hambleton Lock – Aston
 Distance: 5km (3.1 miles) Time: 1hr 25 mins
- **Route 2:** Aston – Henley-on-Thames – Hambleton Lock – Aston
 Distance: 8.8km (5.5 miles) Time: 2 hours
- **Route 3:** Aston – Remenham – Hambleton – Aston
 Distance: 9.4km (5.8 miles) Time: 2 hours

Route 1

Apart from a short climb at the start, it's easy walking for the rest of the route.

Directions

Distance: 5km (3.1 miles) Time: 1hr 25mins

- 01 Turn right outside the front of the pub and walk up Remenham Lane in a westerly direction for about 200 yards.
- 02 Then just before the 'Kill your Speed' sign, take the footpath to the left either going over the stile or manoeuvring round the end of the field gate.
- 03 Walk up the hill, following the path and keeping to the left of the field, through a narrow strip of woodland to the top.
- 04 At a T junction of paths, turn right onto the other footpath and follow this path across the top of the hill for just over half a mile with fine views looking over the Thames and Hambleden valley. You will eventually arrive at Remenham Church Lane.
- 05 If the field gate is closed and locked you will have to use the stile, turn right here and walk along the lane until it joins Remenham Church Lane merging from the right.
- 06 Continue to follow the lane downhill until you reach a junction. Turn right here, passing the entrance to the Church of St Nicholas Remenham.

DID YOU KNOW?

There has been a church on this site since time immemorial. The first Rector is mentioned in a Westminster Abbey Charter in 1076; the church is mentioned in the Domesday Book of 1086; and the first rector, John de Baldake, was recorded in 1297. Originally, the church was a chapelry of Hurley and served by the monks of Hurley Priory. The church was substantially restored in 1838 and again in 1870 when the south transept was added.



Parish Church of St Nicholas, Rotherfield Greys



Temple Island

- 07 This lane is a cul-de-sac. Walk down to the end then pass the entrance to Remenham Manor to pick up a footpath that connects with the Thames Path.
- 08 Turn right and continue walking along the Thames Path to Temple Island then pass Hambleden Lock. Continue following the river until you reach Aston Ferry Lane.

DID YOU KNOW?

Temple Island was constructed and designed as a fishing lodge for Fawley Court by Architect James Watt in 1771. The Island is now owned by Henley Royal Regatta and is the starting point of the 1.25 mile Regatta course.

- 09 Turn right and walk up the lane to arrive back at the Flower Pot pub.



Hambleden Weir

Route 2

Apart from a short climb at the start, it's easy walking for the rest of the route.

Directions

Distance: 8.8km (5.5 miles) Time: 2 hours

- 01 Turn right outside the front of the pub and walk up Remenham Lane in a westerly direction for just under 200m.
- 02 Then just before the 'Kill your Speed' sign, take the footpath to the left either going over the stile or manoeuvring round the end of the field gate.
- 03 Walk up the hill following the path and keeping to the left of the field, through a narrow strip of woodland to the top.
- 04 At a T junction of paths turn right onto the other footpath and follow this path across the top of the hill for just over half a mile with fine views looking over the Thames and Hambleton valley. You will eventually arrive at Remenham Church Lane.
- 05 If the field gate is closed and locked you will have to use the stile, turn left here and walk along the lane for about 250m until a footpath is reached going off to the right, signed Chiltern Way Berkshire Loop.
- 06 Take this path and proceed in a diagonally left direction across the field to woodland.
- 07 Continue straight ahead walking through the wood, then go over a stile at the end. Walk across a sloped meadow towards the fence line and woodland, following the path that leads straight ahead and slightly to the right. *(NB There may be a temporary gate here.)*
- 08 Continue straight ahead through the woodland until another stile is reached, go over and take care as there is a sharp drop to the right. You have entered Wilminster Park, notice the small dog's grave on the right.
- 09 Walk diagonally across the meadow to cross another stile before reaching a gate to Remenham Lane.
- 10 Cross the lane to a gap in the hedge to the path leading to the rear of the Leander Club.

DID YOU KNOW?

The world famous Leander Club, founded in 1818, is one of the oldest rowing clubs in the world, and the oldest non-academic club. It has many famous Olympians amongst its membership.

- 11 Walk past the building and when you reach the main road, turn right and walk across the bridge towards the Red Lion Hotel.
- 12 At the traffic lights cross the road and continue straight ahead pass the hotel and walk along Hart Street pass St Mary the Virgin Church and, on the opposite side of the road, Speaker's House into the centre of Henley.



Hambleton Valley with North Cot Wood in the distance

DID YOU KNOW?

St. Mary's is basically a 13th century building, but was enlarged and remodelled in the 15th century and again in the 19th century, so the building history is hard to decipher. The 13th century church consisted of a sanctuary (chancel), nave, aisles and probably transepts. Externally there is no remnant of this church, and the Early English style of the west doorway is, in fact, Victorian.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Speaker's House in Hart Street is said to be the birthplace of William Lenthall. He was the Speaker of the House of Commons during 1640 – 1653 (the Long Parliament) and openly defied the King but was later pardoned.

- 13 To return to the Flower Pot retrace your steps over the bridge keeping to the left hand side of the road.
- 14 Once you have crossed the bridge, turn left into the Leander Club entrance and almost immediately bear left into a short alley way* which leads to the Thames path in front of the Leander Club. *(*NB During the Henley Regatta the Thames Path in front of the Leander Club is closed and there is a signposted diversion route around the rear of the Regatta site.)*
- 15 Follow this section of the Thames Path for 4.5km passing Remenham, Temple Island and Hambleton Lock until you reach Aston Ferry Lane.
- 16 Turn right and walk up the lane to arrive back at the Flower Pot pub.

Route 3

Relatively easy walking with two uphill sections.

Directions

Distance: 9.4km (5.8 miles) Time: 2 hours

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- 07 Turn right and continue walking along the Thames Path to Temple Island and then on to Hambleden Lock.
- 08 Leave the path and walk across the lock gates and use the walkway to cross the weir, passing Hambleden Mill on the far bank. Once you reach the other side of the Thames follow the access road of the Hambleden Marina and then the

signed path into a short alley leading to the main Henley to Marlow road (A4155).

DID YOU KNOW?

Hambleden Mill is an historic watermill, it was mentioned in the Domesday Book when it had a rent of £1/year. Before 1235 the mill was granted to Keynsham Abbey. It was converted into apartments in 1955.

- 09 Turn right and then cross the road on to the pavement opposite following the waymarker as the pavement follows the road to Hambleden.
- 10 Cross over to the right hand of the road where the pavement starts and carry on for a further 300m until you reach a turning on the right signposted to Rotten Row.
- 11 Cross over the side road and go through a metal kissing gate into a field and continue ahead, along the field with the hedge on the left.
- 12 Go through a kissing gate, cross a track and pass through another kissing gate.
- 13 Stay on the footpath, running parallel with the road until the footpath ends with another kissing gate by the side of the chalk stream.
- 14 Go through the gate and turn right and follow the road into the centre of Hambleden, passing the church on the left.
- 15 Where the road goes left continue ahead along a cul de sac passing the local inn, the Stag and Huntsmen, and continue to walk straight up a tarmac track for about 100m before turning right on to a signed footpath which is an unmade track.
- 16 Stay on this track for about 0.5km until you reach the intersection with another track bear right and continue until you reach two kissing gates either side of the track.
- 17 Go through the left gate into the field and after about 80m exit the field by the same kissing gate you entered it on your outward trip.
- 18 Retrace your steps along the road until you reach the A4155, cross the road, turn right and follow the signed footpath through the small alley.
- 19 Return over the weir and the lock and then turning left to rejoin the Thames Path.
- 20 Follow the path until you reach Aston Ferry Lane then turn right and walk up the lane to arrive back at the Flowerpot again.

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Opening Hours:

Mon–Fri: 11am–3.30pm & 6pm–11pm

Sat: 11am–12pm

Sun: 12pm–11pm

Kitchen Open:

Mon–Sat: 12noon–2.30pm & 6pm–9pm

Sun: 12noon–2.30pm

- Disabled Access • Dog Friendly
- Family Friendly • Garden/Patio • Hold a Party
- Park the Car • WiFi Access

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