



BRAKSPEAR



**PUB
TRAILS**

**KING WILLIAM IV
HAILEY, IPSDEN
SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE**

**3 CIRCULAR WALKS
3, 3.9 & 6 MILES**



We're delighted to present three circular walks all starting and ending at the King William IV. 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 6AD with a car park for customers.



Nearest station: Goring & Streatley station is 5.6 miles away.



Local bus services: The Thames Travel bus service, routes X39 and X40, stops at Ipsden Turn. From here is it a 1.5 mile walk to the pub.



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

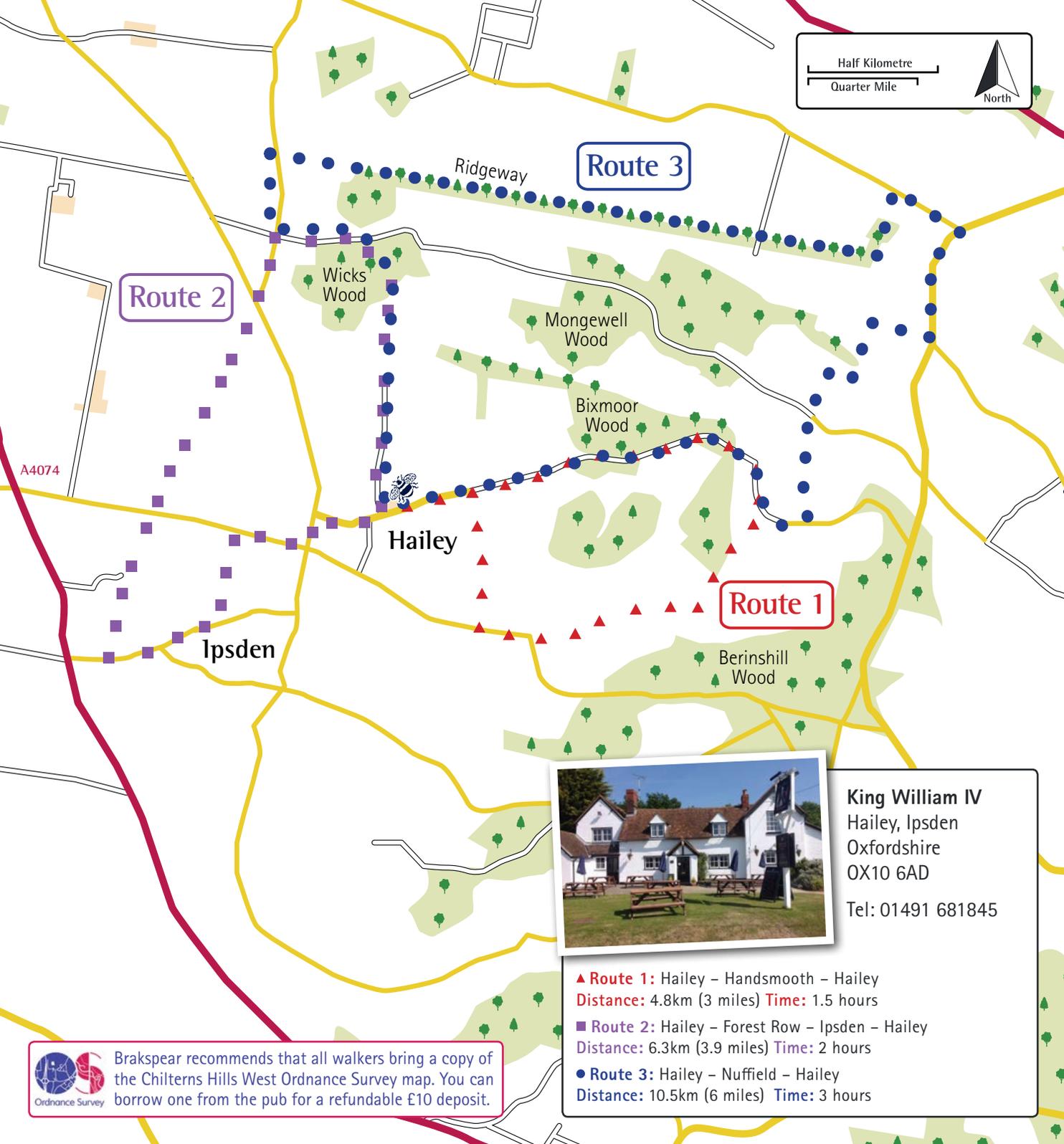
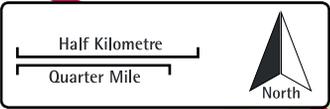
Protect the natural environment:

- 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



King William IV
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▲ **Route 1:** Hailey – Handsmooth – Hailey
Distance: 4.8km (3 miles) **Time:** 1.5 hours

■ **Route 2:** Hailey – Forest Row – Ipsden – Hailey
Distance: 6.3km (3.9 miles) **Time:** 2 hours

● **Route 3:** Hailey – Nuffield – Hailey
Distance: 10.5km (6 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 fairly short walk with a steady climb to start and a shorter steeper climb towards the end.

Directions

Distance: 4.8km (3 miles) Time: 1.5 hours

- 01 Turn left from the King William IV car park and walk uphill on the lane for about 1km. As you enter the woodland, ignore a permissive bridleway on the left and continue on for a further 1.5km, taking the left hand fork.
- 02 As you approach Homer Cottage, turn right through the metal kissing gate, taking the footpath across a field and keeping to the right of overhead power cable route.
- 03 Go through another kissing gate descending through woodland to Urquhart Lane.

DID YOU KNOW?

As you descend through the woods, you will pass a gate on your right. At this point you will be able to glimpse the side of a large white building (Handsmooth House) commissioned by Rowan Atkinson.

- 04 At the bottom, turn right and walk along the Urquhart Lane and after about 250m you will pass the entrance to Handsmooth House. If you look back up the hill, you will be able to see the complete modernist edifice of the building and make your own judgement on its architectural merit.

- 05 Continue on this track passing Well Place Farm on the right and Well Place Manor on the left.



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Paddock at Well Place Farm looking towards Handsmooth House.



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Handsmooth House. The 1930s house, before the modern design was built by Rowan Atkinson.

- 06 When you reach the junction with the Berins Hill on the left and Well Place Road straight ahead, continue along Well Place Road for about 250m until you reach a footpath on your right.

DID YOU KNOW?

Berins Hill is said to have been the site of a hermitage established by St Birinus who brought Christianity to this area in the 7th century and was the first Bishop of Dorchester.

- 07 Take the footpath up the side of Warren Hill, passing on your right what was the site of the Well Place Zoo that closed in 2006.
- 08 When you reach the lane turn left and walk downhill to the King William IV Pub.



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View from Berins Hill. The King William is the small white building at the top left.

Route 2

An easy walk with no steep gradients.

Directions

Distance: 6.3km (3.9 miles) Time: 2 hours

- 01 Leave the pub car park and turn right downhill.
- 02 Walk down the road for 150 metres and turn right on the Chiltern Way Extension.
- 03 Continue straight ahead on a broad track past Poors Farm then a narrow path through the middle of a field.
- 04 Enter the woods on a clearly defined path.
- 05 Emerge from the woods at Woodhouse Farm and turn left on a tarmac road.
- 06 When you reach a junction with some cottages on your left (known as Forest Row) turn left following along the road for about 400m.
- 07 At the T junction, cross the lane and take the footpath opposite.
- 08 After about 1km you will reach a red and white pole (marking an buried gas pipeline) close to the footpath at Drunken Bottom.

DID YOU KNOW? This point is close to a spring shown on the OS map and where the Drincan, a winterbourne stream, rises above ground in very wet weather sometimes causing flooding on A4047.

- 09 After a further 250m cross over the road and continue on the footpath behind Larkstoke House and continue until you reach another small lane. Cross over the lane and follow the footpath into a small copse where you find a small stone memorial.

DID YOU KNOW? This is in memory of John Thurlow Reade who died in Seharunpore India November 25th 1827. It was another member of same family Edmund Reade who through his friendship with the Maharaja of Benares was instrumental in the construction of the Stoke Row Well.

- 10 Retrace your steps and return to the lane and then turn right passing Ipsden Farm and the impressive tithe barn and the grain store opposite.

DID YOU KNOW? The large tithe barn is a grade 2 listed building and on the opposite side of the road is a traditional grain store.

- 11 Continue on the road but before you turn left on to the bridleway, continue on just past the bridleway to take a look at the Old Vicarage on the left of the lane.



Old Vicarage, Ipsden

- 12 Proceed along the bridleway to the War Memorial and then on to St Mary's Church.
- 13 Turn right at Ipsden Church and just before the cross roads, go left diagonally on a footpath.

DID YOU KNOW? The Old Vicarage is a late 17th century Grade 2 listed building.

- 14 At the road, cross over on to another diagonal footpath and at the road, turn right returning to the King William.

DID YOU KNOW? St Mary's Church is a very old Church and worth a visit. There is also a well outside that was presented to the community in 1865 by Rajah Sir Deonarayun Singh, K.C.S.I., who followed the example of the Maharajah of Benares.



St Mary's Church, Ipsden

Route 3

A long steady climb over the second quarter of the walk, thereafter an easy walk back.

Directions

Distance: 10.5km (6 miles) Time: 3 hours

- 01 Leave the pub car park and turn right downhill.
- 02 Walk down the road for 200 metres and turn right on the Chiltern Way Extension.
- 03 Continue straight ahead on a broad track past Poors Farm then on to a narrow path through the middle of a field.
- 04 Enter the woods on a clearly defined path.
- 05 Emerge from the woods at Woodhouse Farm and turn left on a tarmac road.
- 06 When you reach a junction with some cottages on your left (known as Forest Row), turn right and following the Chiltern Way extension along the road.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Chiltern Way is a waymarked long-distance footpath in southern England. The route is circular and runs through the Chiltern Hills region passing through parts of four counties.

- 07 After 400 metres, turn right and follow the Ridgeway sign through a kissing gate.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Ridgeway is an ancient trackway described as Britain's oldest road. The route was adapted and extended as a National Trail, created in 1972. The Ridgeway National Trail follows the ancient Ridgeway from Overton Hill, near Avebury, to Streatley, then follows footpaths and parts of the ancient Icknield Way through the Chiltern Hills to Ivinghoe Beacon in Buckinghamshire. It is 87 miles long.

- 08 Walk along Grims Ditch with views of the Berkshire Downs to the right.
- 09 Walk through the trees with a bank on the left which obscures the view on that side.
- 10 As you walk uphill, you will become more aware of the ditch to your left.
- 11 Cross a stile and continue to follow the path uphill.
- 12 Pass through a kissing gate and the path follows the bottom of the ditch in a straight line for 200 metres.
- 13 Next to a gate and drive leading to a house (called Woodlands Cottage) on the right, pass through a kissing gate and turn left, then turn right immediately on to the Ridgeway.
- 14 Continue up this path which is now to the left of Grim's Ditch.
- 15 At one point, this section of path once again descends into the bottom of the ditch.



Holy Trinity Church, Nuffield

- 16 When you reach a junction of paths turn left still following the Ridgeway signs.
- 17 Follow the path to the right of a five-barred gate and past a large white house to the road.
- 18 Turn right and, in a few metres, you will reach Holy Trinity Church, Nuffield.
- 19 Leave the church gate and turn right on the road.
- 20 At the junction turn right and walk on the pavement and then a grass verge.
- 21 Opposite a left turn to English Farm, turn right on a footpath (yellow arrow) and walk straight ahead across a field
- 22 When you reach a cross-track turn left (yellow arrow) and follow a path which after winding around the boundaries of a large house turns sharply right.
- 23 At the main gate, walk straight ahead across the drive and over the stile.
- 24 Follow the path along the front of the house and turn left.
- 25 At the road, walk straight ahead.
- 26 At the kissing gate, go straight ahead and pass through another kissing gate and walk down the track to Homer Farm.
- 27 Pass the farmhouse on your left and follow a footpath sign on a tree.
- 28 At the broad, muddy tarmac road, turn right and walk along this road (almost no traffic), then stay with what has become an unmade road, ignoring the permissive path on the right, for nearly 3km until you arrive back at the King William.

King William IV

Opening Hours:

Mon–Fri: 12pm–3pm, 6pm–11pm

Sat: 12pm–11pm

Sun: 12pm–4pm (winter) 12pm–8pm (summer)

Kitchen Open:

Mon–Sat: 12pm–2pm, 6pm–9pm

Sun: 12pm–3.00pm

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

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