BRAKSPEAR

PUB TRAILS

HOLLYBUSH
REDBOURN
HERTFORDSHIRE

3 CIRCULAR WALKS
5, 2 & 5.35 MILES
We're delighted to present three circular walks all starting and ending at the Hollybush. 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 pub-trails.co.uk to download them as a printable PDF. We're planning to add new pubs, so the best place to check for the latest maps available is always on 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 AL3 7DU and there is a car park on site.

Nearest Station: Harpenden station is 3 miles away.

Local bus services: The 46 and 307 services stop nearby on Hemel Hempstead Rd.

Pub Walks App

The walks on this leaflet are also available as easy to follow routes with real time GPS navigation on the Pub Walks App.

Search for 'Pub Walks' on your iPhone or Google play app store to download the free app.

https://www.pubwalks.com

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-countryside-code
The Hollybush
Church End,
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Route 1: Redbourn, church, watermill & countryside
Distance: 8.1km (5 miles) Time: 2.5 hours

Route 2: Easy stroll around Redbourn
Distance: 3.4km (2 miles) Time: 45 minutes

Route 3: Redbourn, countryside & views
Distance: 8.6km (5.35 miles) Time: 2.75 hours

Brakspear recommends that all walkers bring a copy of the St Albans & Hatfield Ordnance Survey Map. You can borrow one from the pub for a refundable £10 deposit.
**Route 1**

Easy walking with some mild hill climbs and busy road

**Directions**

Distance: 8.1 km (5 miles) Time: 2.5 hours

01 With your back to the Hollybush pub, turn right and follow Church End road.

02 Walk through the gate and into the Church of St Mary’s pretty grounds. Follow the path towards the church and explore before turning to the left to exit the church grounds.

03 With your back to the church gate, cross the road and then turn right. Follow the road for around 100m until you see a footpath on the left after the row of houses.

04 Follow the footpath up a slight hill until you meet the Nickey Line which is a 7 mile long Chilterns Cycleway that links Harpenden to Hemel Hempstead.

05 Turn left onto the path and enjoy a leisurely stroll along the Nickey Line for about 600m until you see a set of steps on the right.

06 Take these steps up and then be very careful as you cross the busy road. Once you’ve crossed the road, climb up some more steps and enter a field through a gate.

07 Follow the footpath ahead going through the field. After the first field, walk into the next field with the hedge/treeline to your left.

08 Keep following this path as it descends into a shallow valley and then follow this path again as it bears slightly to the right and works its way back uphill.

09 Once you reach the end of these fields you emerge onto a quiet road. Turn right onto this road and follow it for around 50m before taking the track to the left just before the cottage.

10 Follow this track as it descends until it eventually veers to the left and turns into a tree-lined track. Follow this for a short while until you emerge onto another quiet lane called Hill Farm Lane.

11 Turn left onto this quiet road and then follow it for about 1000m, slightly downhill all the way with nice views either side, until you reach a busy road.

12 Cross the busy road, turn left and walk along the footpath for about 100m. After the bus stop, turn right onto a quiet road signposted to Redbournbury Water Mill.

13 When you reach the fabulous Water Mill and Bakery there is a gate for walkers on the left. (even if the Mill itself is closed)

14 Go through this gate and then take the path directly to the left of the Water Mill (not the main track to the left going into the overflow car park) and then immediately go through two kissing gates.

15 Follow the sweeping path besides a large field with the trees on your right. At the end of this field and path, go through another kissing gate and then cross the busy road again very carefully.

16 Walk through the gate ahead and then after 20m go through another kissing gate.

17 Follow the path ahead as it takes you through some fields with trees on your right until it reaches a road.

18 Carefully cross the main road and then follow the footpath that veers slightly to the right for about 30m until it meets the Nickey line cycleway.

19 Turn right onto the path and after 600m you will see a turning on your left with a small set of steps going up and a signpost to “Redbourn High Street”

20 Take these steps and follow the footpath that turns left and right and then takes you through a pretty residential road (Waterend Lane)

21 This road then takes you out onto the busy high street. Cross the road and take the alley path between houses that is almost directly opposite (slightly to the right).

22 This path emerges onto the back end of the Redbourn Common and you can then join the beautiful tree-lined footpath that takes you all the way though the common, passing memorial and cricket pitch as it goes.

23 At it’s very end, the path meets the Church End Road. Follow the road for 50m or so, and The Hollybush is on your right.

**Did You Know?**

Redbournbury Watermill is a working mill producing a range of stoneground organic flours principally from locally grown grains. It is run by a team of dedicated volunteers and was extensively restored following a fire in 1987. The bakery was then built in 2005 within one of the barns in front of the mill. Their baker now produces a wide range of breads all baked from the mill’s stoneground organic flours.
Route 2

Directions

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02 Walk through the gate and into the Church of St Mary’s pretty grounds. Follow the path towards the church and explore before turning to the left to exit the church grounds.

03 With your back to the church gate, cross the road and then turn right. Follow the road for around 100m until you see a footpath on the left after the row of houses.

04 Follow the footpath up a slight hill until you meet the Nickey Line which is a 7 mile long Chilterns Cycleway that links Harpenden to Hemel Hempstead.

05 Turn left onto the path and enjoy a leisurely stroll along the Nickey Line for about 1000m until it meets a road (Chequer Lane). Cross this road and continue walking along the Nickey Line cycleway.

06 After another 600m you will see a turning on your left with a small set of steps going up and a signpost to “Redbourn High Street”

07 Take these steps and follow the footpath that turns left and right and then takes you through a pretty residential road (Waterend Lane)

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10 At the very end, the path meets the Church End Road. Follow the road for 50m or so, and The Hollybush is on your right.

DID YOU KNOW?

St Mary’s Church dates back to the 12th Century with the Nave and the West Tower being the oldest parts.

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The Redbourn Common, located in the centre of Redbourn, is owned and managed by Redbourn Parish Council as an area of species rich semi-natural grassland. Informal recreation and walking are the principal uses of the common and it also hosts a cricket ground and an enclosed children’s playground. The common used to be a 9 hole golf course in the early 1900’s and during the First World War it was used as a rifle range. A war memorial is located at one end of the common.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Nickey Line in Hertfordshire is a former railway line that is now a footpath and cycleway that links Harpenden, Redbourn and Hemel Hempstead. It was opened as a footpath /cycleway in 1985.

Church of St Mary, Redbourn
Route 3

Adventurous walk with steep hill climbs and a winding woodland path

**Directions**

01. With your back to the Hollybush pub, turn right and follow Church End road.

02. Walk through the gate and into the Church of St Mary’s pretty grounds. Follow the path past church and then at the path crossroads, turn right and follow the path towards a kissing gate.

03. Go through the kissing gate and then turn right before following the path around the edge of the field. The path then goes through the middle of the field towards the Motorway ahead.

04. At the end of the field, go through the gate and turn left onto a quiet road and then walk over the motorway bridge.

05. Follow the road as it goes slightly uphill, walk around a gate and then follow the track ahead as it goes past a great tree and then veers slightly to the left.

06. When this track forks, follow the right track and then walk through the vast open field for about 1,300m.

07. At the end of the field, pass through the gap in the hedge with big stone blocks and then immediately turn right onto a tree-lined footpath.

08. After about 300m, take a left onto a footpath going through a gap in the trees, signposted to Flamstead.

09. Follow the path as it bends to the right and then to the left, before it opens up to a lovely view over Flamstead from the top of a hill.

10. Walk down the hill and then turn right at the footpath signpost at the bottom.

11. Follow this footpath for about 700m as it passes through three fields and then reaches a road. About 10m before you get to this road however, take a track to your right that goes back uphill.

12. After a 100m climb, there is a fork in the path. Take the tree-lined path on the right and then follow this until the trees open up on both sides giving you another fantastic view over Flamstead village.

13. After enjoying the view, continue along the tree-lined path until you see a footpath signpost to Redbourn. Follow this sign into the field and follow the long and winding path with the trees on your left.

14. After about 800m, the path takes you into a small section of woodland. The path through the woods can be a bit wonky, bumpy and muddy if it’s wet, but it’s an enchanting little section of woodland especially in Bluebell season.

15. When you emerge from the woods, you will start to hear the familiar droning sound of the Motorway. Follow the path through the gap ahead until you reach a metal kissing gate on your left.

16. Go through this metal kissing gate, before immediately going through another metal kissing gate straight ahead and then immediately through a wooden gate straight ahead again.

17. Turn left after the wooden gate and follow the narrow and fenced path that runs parallel to the Motorway.

18. At the end of this path, turn right onto the road and then walk over the Motorway bridge and follow the road as it veers downhill to the left.

19. After about 100m you’ll see a footpath sign on your right and at this point, almost double back on yourself and then follow the footpath that tracks alongside a fence.

20. After around 50m, turn to the left and follow the field footpath with an electrical tower and then hedges and trees to your left.

21. Keep following the path as it goes through some trees and bushes and then emerges at a play park. Go through the play park and out onto the road below.

22. Follow the road as it bends to the right and then slightly downhill until the Redbourn common appears on your left.

23. Keep walking along this road until the grand tree-lined path is on your left, and here you turn right and follow the pavement down to the road.

24. Turn right onto this road, and the Hollybush is then 100m ahead on your right.
The Hollybush

Opening Hours:
Monday – Friday: 12pm – 11pm
Saturday: 10am – 11pm
Sunday: 12pm – 10.30pm

Kitchen Open:
Monday – Friday: 12pm – 8pm
Saturday: 10am – 8pm
Sunday: 12pm – 4pm

• Disabled Access • Dog Friendly
• Family Friendly • Play Area • Beer Garden
• Hold a Party • Park the Car • WiFi Access

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