



- 6 You will reach Honeystreet Bridge (number 124) where you can go up on to the road and cross over to visit Honeystreet Mill for refreshments, shopping and the Crop Circle Exhibition. Otherwise continue along the towpath until you reach The Barge Inn.
- 7 Turn left through the car park. When you get to a grassy bank in front of you, bear left for a few yards and you will see a wooden gate on your right. Go through this gate and go across the field. There are two stiles – take the one on the left. Continue along the edge of the field to the other end and a metal gate with stile. Go through the gate over the concrete track, then through the metal gate slightly to your right. Keep the barbed wire fence on your left and continue straight ahead over a number of stiles until at Hurst's Farm you come out on to a lane. Climb the steps to your left leading up from the lane.
- 8 Continue straight ahead until you reach the railway line. Go over the stile and bear left to go over the railway footbridge. Go through the paddock bearing slightly left following the path between the trees. At a wooden gate you exit the field on to a junction of several lanes. Go straight ahead onto Broad Street and over the waymarked stile almost immediately on your left. Continue through the field and along the paths (the final stretch is quite narrow) until you come out on Gores Lane in Bottlesford.
- 9 Turn left, which takes you to The Seven Stars Inn, and a short distance beyond the Tourist Information Kiosk phone box you will reach the railway bridge. Nursery Farm is over the bridge and then immediately right.

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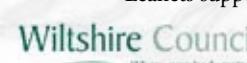
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7.3 MILES / 11.7 KM : 3 hours  
(without Woodborough Hill  
6.3 miles/10.1km : 2.5 hours)

Field paths, canal towpath,  
footpaths and lanes.

Not suitable for buggies or wheelchairs.

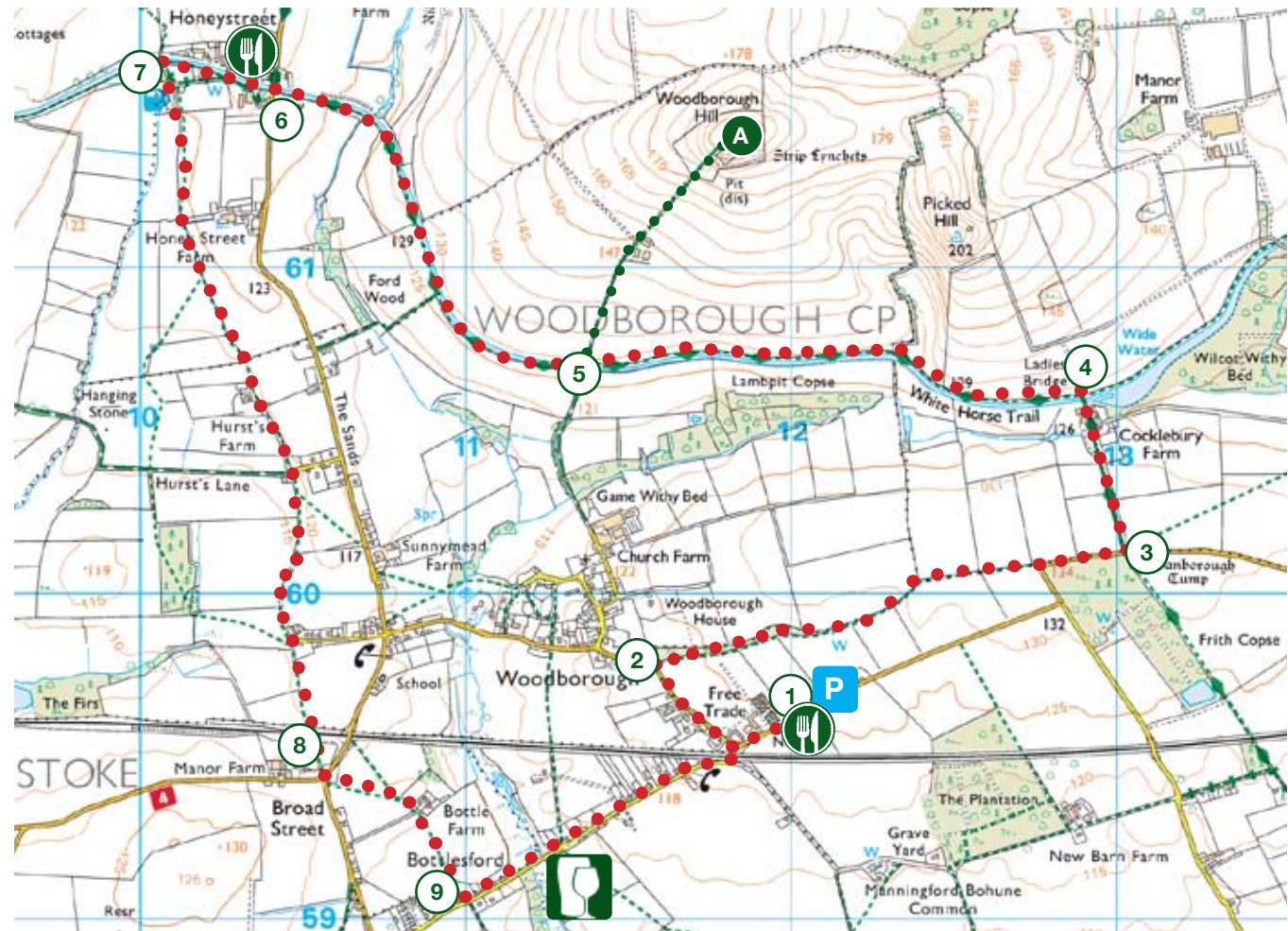
**WALKS IN THE VALE OF PEWSEY**



## DIRECTIONS

- 1 This walk begins at Nursery Farm, Woodborough. This is a lovely complex of converted farm buildings now serving as independent shops and cafes. From Nursery Farm, turn right on to the lane, towards the railway bridge. Follow the road round to the right and continue along here, until you reach a slight left bend in the road with a footpath sign pointing right.
- 2 Turn onto the footpath and follow the well-marked track until it bears left through a small wood. You will be able to see Woodborough Hill, Picked Hill and Alton White Horse from here – the first of many glimpses. At the end of the wood, continue straight ahead until you reach the lane.
- 3 Turn left on to the lane with Frith Copse on your right. When you reach the turning for Cocklebury Farm on your left, look to your right to see Swanborough Tump (see *Along the Route*). Turn down the tree-lined driveway (from where you have a great view of Martinsell Hill to your right) and at the bottom of the track, go through the gate and on to Ladies Bridge (see *Along the Route*).
- 4 Go over the bridge and turn left on to the towpath.
- 5 Continue along the towpath until you reach Woodborough Fields Bridge (number 122).
- A A walk up to the top of Woodborough Hill is highly recommended – the views are fantastic especially of the Alton White Horse. To go up the hill, turn right at the bridge and follow the track.

Once back at the bridge, go over the bridge to the south bank of the canal and turn right to continue heading east.



## ALONG THE ROUTE

### Ladies Bridge

When in 1807 the Kennet and Avon canal crossed land owned by the Wroughton family of Wilcot House, access was permitted on two conditions. That the canal should be widened near their house to create an ornamental

lake, now known as Wide Water; and that the company build an ornamental bridge. Built by John Rennie, the ladies referred to are Susannah Wroughton and her daughter, also Susannah.



### Swanborough Tump

This was the meeting place of the Hundred Moot of Swanborough in Saxon times. In AD 871 King Alfred and his brother Ethelred met there for an assembly of warriors in response to threats to Wessex from the vikings' base



at Reading. Uncertain of their fate, each of the brothers swore if either died in battle the fallen man's children would still inherit the lands of their father King Aethelwulf.