

DIRECTIONS

- 6 Turn left on to the lane, then just past The Swan Inn, follow the lane round to the left, sign posted Great Bedwyn. As you go up the hill, at the fork in the road, take the right-hand lane towards Wilton Windmill, the only working windmill in Wessex.
- 7 Continue along the lane and turn left on to a track, opposite the lane to Marten. Just before the wooded track snakes downhill, turn right along a bridle path (unsigned) beside woodland.
- 8 At a staggered crossing of paths, turn right, then in 50yds (46m), turn left, signed Great Bedwyn. Go round the barrier and then proceed along the well-surfaced track. Continue through the woods, following the signs to Great Bedwyn.



- 9 Where the surfaced track bears right, go straight on towards a visible gap in the edge of the brail where you will come out in the corner of a field. Keep left along the field boundary, go through a gap in the hedge and descend along the left-hand side of the next field, with Great Bedwyn visible ahead. Near the bottom of the field, bear half-right, downhill to the canal.
- 10 Pass through the gate by the bridge and Lock 64 and turn right along the tow path which will lead you back to Bedwyn Wharf car park.

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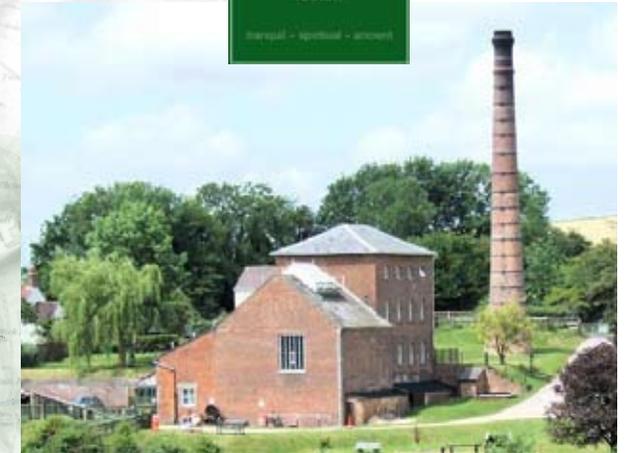
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GREAT BEDWYN
KENNET & AVON CANAL
CROFTON
WILTON, BEDWYN BRAIL

5.2 MILES/8.4 KM 2 hours:
no stiles, a few mild inclines.

Rail crossing, plus short crossing from field
to towpath where buggies or wheelchairs
will need to be carried.

WALKS IN THE VALE OF PEWSEY

DIRECTIONS



- 1 Starting at the Bedwyn Wharf car park in Brook Street, turn left on to Brook Street and walk over the canal bridge and then the railway bridge.
- 2 At the junction with Church Street, visit the Visitor Information Kiosk in the red phone box where you can get lots of local information. Turn left into Church Street and continue past the Post Office & Bakery on your right. When you get to St Mary's Church you may want to go in and have a look at the tomb of Sir John Seymour in the chancel. His daughter, Jane, was Henry VIII's third wife and the Seymour family home was at Wolfhall, just a few miles away.



- 3 Just beyond the Church take the footpath left between the two graveyards. Climb a stile, cross a field to a kissing gate, then carefully cross the railway line to a further kissing gate. Cross the footbridge, then the bridge over the Kennet and Avon Canal and descend to the tow path.
- 4 Turn right, pass beneath the bridge and continue along the tow path for 1½ miles (2.4km), passing three locks, to reach Lock 60 and Crofton Beam Engines. If you want to visit Crofton Beam Engines, then cross the canal here, turn left, then follow a wooded path right and pass through the tunnel beneath the railway. Ascend the steps to the Crofton Pumping Station.
- 5 Otherwise, just before Lock 60, take the footpath left, using a narrow walkway, over the head of Wilton Water, waymarked to Wilton Windmill. Walk along the edge of Wilton Water, past Quacker's Bench, until you get to a short track leading to the lane by the village pond in Wilton.

