Public Transport:

Buses to Marlborough and Hungerford: bus stops are in the village centre and by the railway station. www.thamesdown-transport.co.uk

Trains to Hungerford, Kintbury, Newbury, Reading and Paddington. www.gwr.com

Cars may park at Great Bedwyn wharf

Cycle routes: http://www.sustrans.org.uk

Places to visit in the area:

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St Martin's chapel: under the care of English Heritage, this pretty thatched 13th century chapel is located within Chisbury Iron Age hill fort. It lapsed from use in 1547 when it became a barn.

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Walk 8

Little Bedwyn and Burridge Heath



Distance: approx 7.6 km (4¾ miles)
Map: OS Explorer 157

This circular walk begins at the wharf car park in Great Bedwyn and goes alongside the Kennet & Avon Canal to Little Bedwyn. It then sets off through woodland and across fields before returning to the car park.

Moderate walking conditions, some road walking. An uphill stretch, no stiles.

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- From Great Bedwyn wharf (Grid Ref SU 280 644) and facing the canal, turn right along the towpath and go under the bridge. Continue along the towpath for 2 km. As you arrive in Little Bedwyn, you go under a metal road bridge and pass a lock. You then leave the towpath, to the right, just before a tall concrete footbridge that goes over the railway.
- Walk between buildings to reach a road junction. Your route is straight ahead, so cross the road (with care on this blind bend) and continue ahead along the road (High Street), signed to Bagshot. After about 200 metres, take the footpath on the left through a kissing gate, and cross the field diagonally, going through two kissing gates. In the far corner, go through yet another kissing gate, cross the grassy track, and go through the metal farm gate. Cross the field diagonally half right, go over a training track for horses and arrive at a road. Turn right.
- Walk along the road for 850 metres as it climbs gently then, as it bends right, turn left onto a bridleway signed to Burridge Heath. (This is marked as a private road but is a public bridleway.) After 300 metres, ignore a track straight ahead, stay on the tarmac and continue for about 1 km. Where the road bends left, take the bridleway which bends round to the right. Continue until you arrive at a road.

Chisbury

This is Jockey Green. Turn to the right, before the road, and walk across the green through the trees and crossing driveways. Head along the wide bridleway which is Galley Lane. At the junction (with Frog Lane), turn left and continue to the road. Cross the road, with care, back to the Wharf car park.









