

WALKS IN THE VALE OF PEWSEY



CIRCULAR WALK

ALTON WHITE HORSE
ADAM'S GRAVE, MILK HILL
STANTON ST BERNARD
KENNET & AVON CANAL
HONEYSTREET
THE ALTONS

6. miles / 9.75 km

3-3.5 hours

Hill footpaths, canal towpath, steep inclines

Not suitable for buggies or wheelchairs.



THE VALE OF PEWSEY WILTSHIRE

Imagine quintessential England.

Rolling countryside, thatched cottages,
country lanes, white horses on chalk hills.

Welcome to the Vale of Pewsey,
one of the most beautiful
and unspoilt places in the UK.

Readily accessible by road and rail,
the Vale is located in the North Wessex Downs
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.



Traversed by the Great West Way,
Ridgeway, and Kennet & Avon Canal,
served by a network of ancient footpaths,
tracks, and bridleways, the Vale of Pewsey is ideal
for walking, riding or cycling, with welcoming
places to stay, friendly and atmospheric places to
eat, drink and shop, and local events
to enjoy throughout the year.

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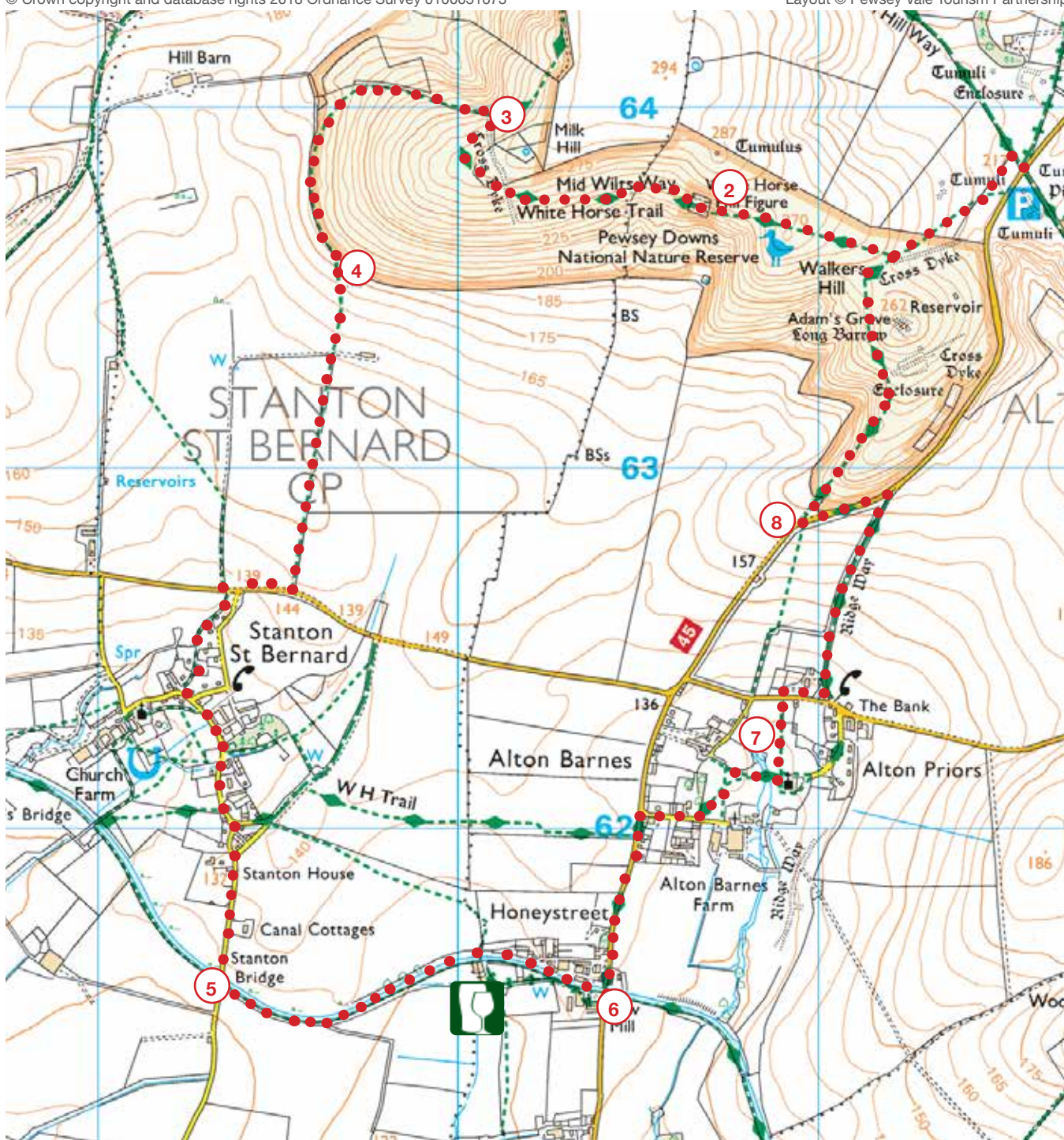


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- 1 Park at the Walkers Hill car park. Go through the gate opposite and take the kissing gate on your left along the path across the field to the kissing gate on your right. Follow the path to another gate, then straight on and slightly to your right. The path to follow is very clear and takes you to the Alton White Horse – best viewed from the valley, it's interesting to see it close up.
- 2 Pass the White Horse and continue along the path. The views of and from the Downs are spectacular, so while travelling through this part of the journey take time to look around, look back, and just take in the beauty and wildness of this wonderful place.



- 3 Follow the track as it bends round to the right and circles Milk Hill, passing a water trough on the way to a gateway. Through the gate turn left, following the fence line. After a short distance go through a gate and continue with the fence line on your right down the hill and round to your right; you will eventually come to a gate on your right. Go through the gate and follow the pathway into the field.
- 4 This is now a straight track down to the Devezes road. When you get to the road, turn right and walk along the field margin rather than on the road. At the barn, cross the road onto the footpath to the right of the bus shelter. Follow this path (partly quite narrow) around the back of the village houses until you arrive in Calf Lane. At its end, turn right and follow the village lanes down to Stanton Bridge.
- 5 Cross the bridge and, through the gateway on your right, down to the Kennet & Avon Canal towpath. Turn right under the bridge and along to the next bridge at Honeystreet, where you exit the canal.



- 6 Go over the canal bridge, where there's a lovely view of Alton White Horse and along the lane past the Photo Museum. Take the first turning, signposted St Mary Saxon Church, to the turnstile gate on your left signposted Historic Church. Follow the cobbled path to the historic Alton Priors church – well worth a visit.
- 7 On the cobbled path where you can turn right to go into the church, turn left, walking across the field to the top right hand corner. By the 17th century cob built and thatched wall, which incorporates a dovecote and encloses a kitchen garden, there is a gate onto the lane. Turn left on to the lane and after a short distance there is a signpost pointing right. Follow the fenced path to the right then left, going up the hill. At the top follow the path round to the left and you will shortly come to a well-marked path through a gap in the hedge leading on to the road.
- 8 Carefully cross the road to the gateway with information boards, the entrance to the Pewsey Downs National Nature Reserve. There's a bench here and it's worth taking a seat for a minute or two to take in the wonderful view. Follow the track past Adam's Grave on your right and you will come to a point where there is a clear path crossing: turn right and retrace your steps to the car park.

