

## WALKS IN THE VALE OF PEWSEY



CIRCULAR WALK

BRUCE ARMS

WOOTTON RIVERS

KENNET & AVON CANAL

PEWSEY

MILTON LILBOURNE

8 miles / 13 km

3 - 3.5 hours

Generally level with some gentle inclines. Tarmac roads, footpaths and fields.

Can be muddy in places.

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 National Landscape and on the Great West Way.



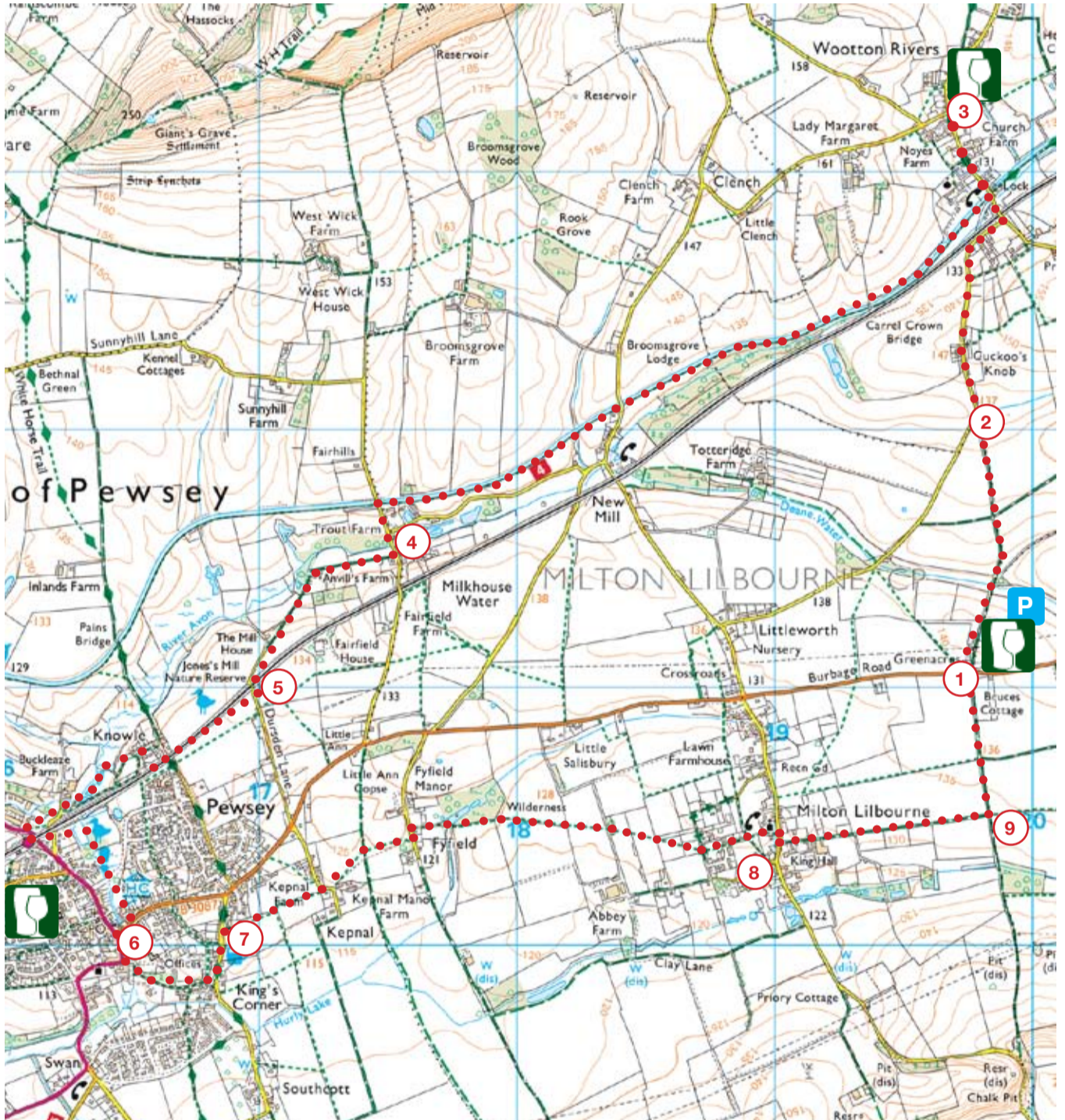
Traversed by the Ridgeway and Kennet & Avon Canal, served by a network of ancient footpaths, tracks, and bridleways, the Vale of Pewsey is ideal for walking, riding or cycling, with welcoming places to stay, friendly and atmospheric places to eat, drink and shop, and local events to enjoy throughout the year. Once you are in the Vale, use the Wiltshire Connect on-demand bus service to travel throughout the area.

For more information go to [www.visitpewseyvale.co.uk](http://www.visitpewseyvale.co.uk)



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- 1 Start this walk at The Bruce Arms on the B3087, where there is a spacious car park at the rear of this CAMRA Heritage pub. Come out of the car park on to the track that runs north from the road and follow this bridleway heading towards Cuckoo's Knob, leaving the road behind you.
- 2 When you reach the lane, go right towards Wootton Rivers. At the grass triangle junction, with the bench and the tree, turn left over the railway bridge and then over the Kennet & Avon Canal bridge. Continue along here and at the notice board, turn left on to the path to St Andrew's Church. This church has an interesting spire which is home to Jack Spratt's Clock and is normally open to visitors. Go back on to the lane and turn left to enjoy the pretty thatched cottages and shortly you will find the magnificent 16th Century inn, The Royal Oak, on your right.
- 3 Turn around and go back down the lane to the canal bridge and on the far side on your right, take the gate down to the canal towpath heading west. Walk along here until you get to bridge number 112 at Milkhouse Water, where you exit and turn left on to the lane.
- 4 After crossing the small River Avon, take the footpath



on the right down a driveway (Anvils) and follow the track to Anvil's Farm. Bear left towards the farm, through a gate and on to a lane which climbs up to Jones' Mill Nature Reserve, well worth a visit.

- 5 Cross the railway bridge after the nature reserve and take the field track immediately on your right (signposted) following the railway line to Hollybush Lane. Go left down on to the lane and then immediately right under the footbridge and the railway bridge towards Knowle. Turn left and follow the tarmac path to Buckleaze. At the left bend, go under the railway

bridge and immediately on the left is the entrance to the Scotchel Nature Reserve where you follow the pathway which meanders through the reserve. When you reach Broomcroft Road, turn right to the mini roundabout and then turn left into North Street.

- 6 At King Alfred's statue, continue straight over on to River Street. Where the road bends sharply to the right, turn left and cross the bridge over the River Avon and The Grove is on your right. Follow the surfaced path (on the left) which is dedicated to Miss Pat Beresford, a local lady who loved The Vale of Pewsey and walking – in fact this walk is based on one that she compiled. Go past the Recreation Ground and veer slightly to your left on to Ball Road. After a short distance, the path signposted 'Milton Lilbourne' is on the right. Bear left at first and cross two fields to Kepnal.
- 7 Turn right and go along the lane a short distance, then take the marked footpath on your left through the fields to Fyfield.
- 8 When you reach the lane, turn left and then right on to the footpath to Milton Lilbourne where you have excellent views of the downs to your right. Keep going straight on this track. When you reach a stile on to a lane, go straight ahead on the tarmac path until you reach St Peter's Church in Milton Lilbourne. Go through the churchyard on to the lane, turn right and then immediately left at King Hall and follow the bridleway.



- 9 When you reach a crossroads of paths, turn left towards the Pewsey to Burbage Road and you will arrive back at The Bruce Arms.