

WALKS IN THE VALE OF PEWSEY



CIRCULAR WALK

WOOTTON RIVERS KENNET & AVON CANAL MUD LANE

3.5 miles / 5.25 km
1.5-2 hours

Generally level with some inclines on the lanes.
Canal towpath, 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.



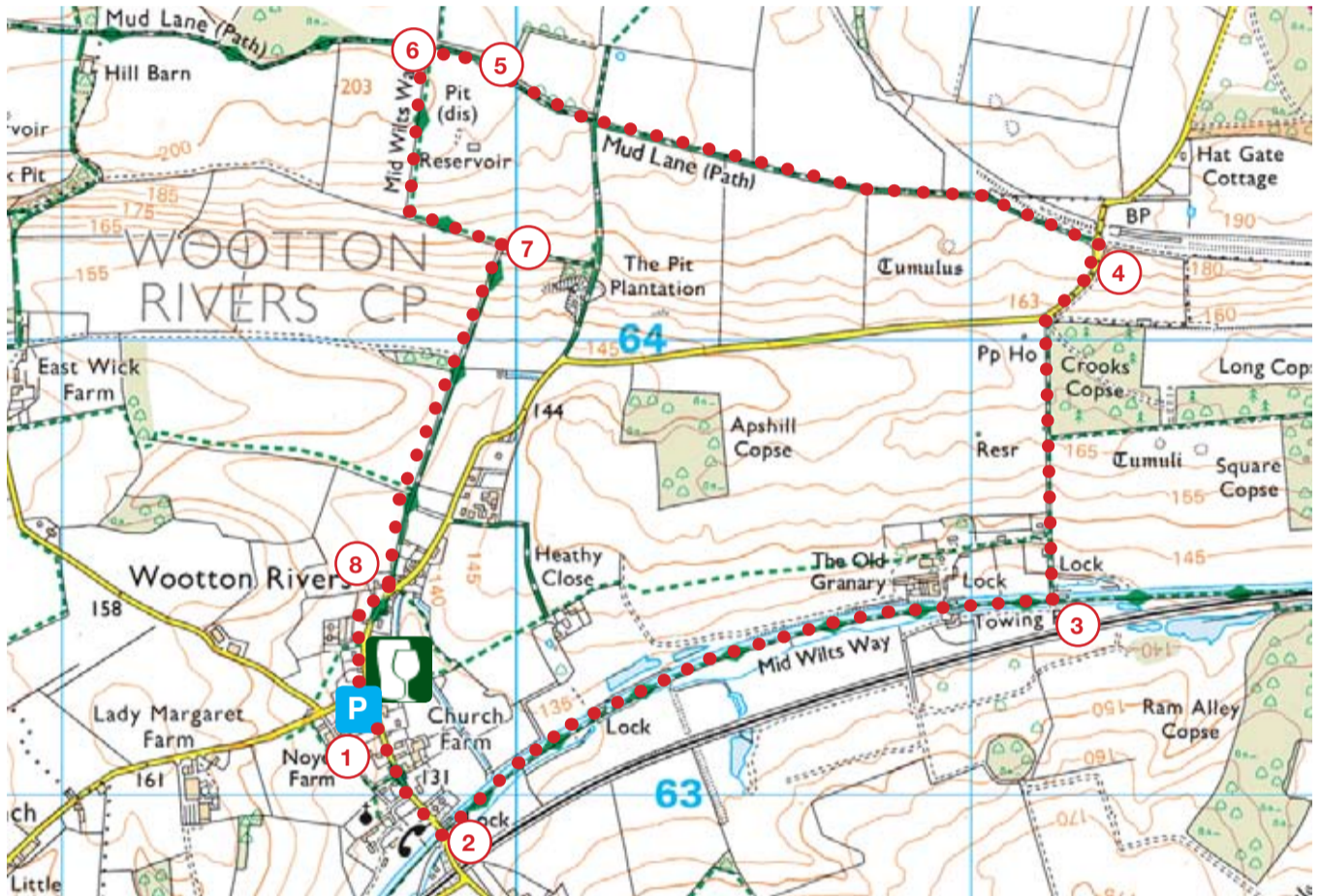
Traversed by the Ridgeway
and Kennet & Avon Canal,
served by a network of ancient footpaths,
tracks, and bridleways, the Vale of Pewsey is ideal
for walking, riding or cycling, with welcoming
places to stay, friendly and atmospheric places to
eat, drink and shop, and local events
to enjoy throughout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

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St Andrew's Church in Wootton Rivers has a unique clock which was made to commemorate the coronation of King George V in 1911. Local resident, Jack Spratt, made it from various bits of scrap metal and describes his work in his poem "The Scrap Heap Clockmaker of Wootton Rivers".

Lock House



- 1 Start at Wootton Rivers Village Hall (free) car park or park in the bays near the canal.
- 2 Turn right out of the Village Hall car park, walk down the road about 250 yards, cross the canal bridge then turn left through the gate onto the towpath passing Lock House. The large white property was originally two small cottages that predate the canal. During the 1980s it was used to film the TV series "The River" starring David Essex.
- 3 Follow the towpath for approximately 1 mile, passing Heathy Close & Brimslade locks with the grand Elizabethan house on your right. At Canal bridge No 105, just before Cadley lock, turn left crossing the bridge to leave the canal behind. Walk up the tarmac drive past another white canal side cottage, carry on up the hill and down the other side until you meet the road.
- 4 Carry straight on up the road for about 250 yards then turn left at the remains of an old railway bridge onto Mud Lane, an ancient track which is now part of the White Horse Trail & Tan Hill Way. Mud Lane can become quite overgrown and as the name suggests, it can be very muddy.
- 5 About half a mile along Mud Lane, a bridleway crosses your path, carry straight on. After another 400 yards keep an eye out for the Green Man carved onto the limb of an oak tree. It's about 7ft high and you can easily miss it.
- 6 Approximately 40 yards past the Green Man turn left through a gap in the thicket which is opposite a small wooden footpath sign. As you go through the gap keep to the left of the Ash tree. The field opens up to give a view over Wootton Rivers and Salisbury Plain in the distance. Go down the headland of the field, keeping the hedgerow to your right until you reach the bottom corner.
- 7 Follow the path left at the bottom edge then after 200 yards turn right down a grassy bridleway, for about half a mile. This path leads you back onto the lane into Wootton Rivers.
- 8 The last part of the walk is on tarmac lane through the village. The 16th century Royal Oak pub is on your left before you reach the village hall.



The Green Man

A carving in living wood created in or around 2005 by a local artist who remains anonymous.