

WALKS IN THE VALE OF PEWSEY



CIRCULAR WALK

BISHOPS CANNINGS KENNET & AVON CANAL & WANSDYKE

6.1 miles / 9.9 km
2 hours 15 minutes

Fairly flat at first, before climbing the downs.
Field paths, canal towpath,
footpaths, farm tracks and lanes.

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.



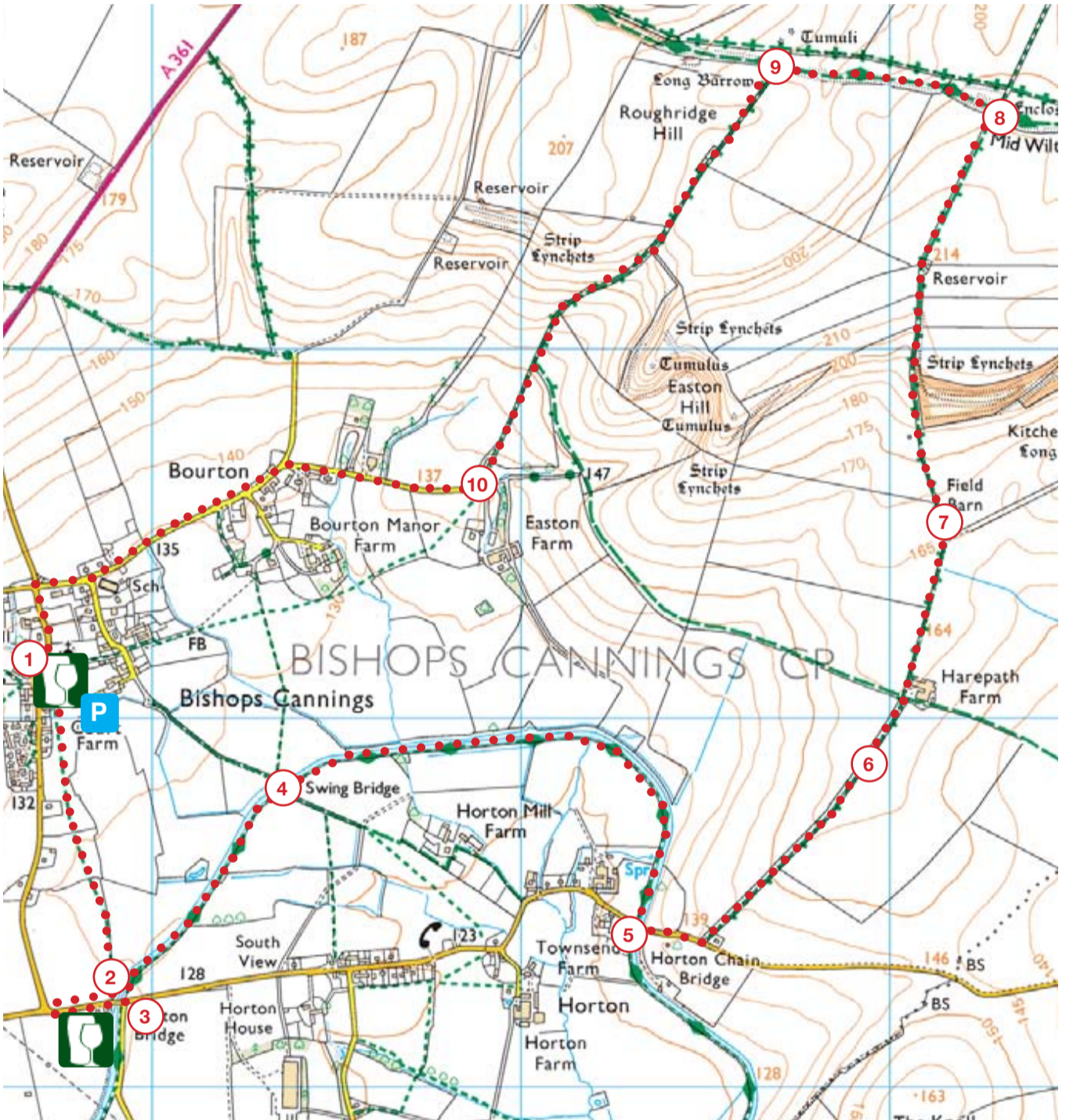
Traversed by the Ridgeway
and Kennet & Avon Canal,
served by a network of ancient footpaths,
tracks, and bridleways, the Vale of Pewsey is ideal
for walking, riding or cycling, with welcoming
places to stay, friendly and atmospheric places to
eat, drink and shop, and local events
to enjoy throughout the year. Once you are in the
Vale, use the Wiltshire Connect on-demand bus
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- Starting at The Crown in Bishops Cannings, take the footpath from the bottom of the car park which is signposted, heading in a southerly direction.

Go straight across the field to a metal kissing gate. Go through the gate and head towards the double gate, keeping the hedge boundary on your left. In the middle of the next hedge boundary, there are two stiles to cross into the next field – the first one you can walk round and the second you have to go over. Keep going straight ahead in the next field and you will see The Bridge Inn in the distance ahead of you which is where we are heading. At the next field boundary, there is a little bridge to go over. Follow the line of telegraph poles through this next field (look behind you, through the hedge, to see a wonderful view of the downs which we get to later).

- Just before you reach the road, bear right along the edge of the field so that you can exit at the corner of the field.
- Turn left on to the road, taking care with any traffic, go over the canal bridge and turn left down on to the towpath, heading north.
- Within a short distance, you will reach the swing bridge, once a popular route for locals between Horton and Bishops Cannings.



- Continue along the towpath. At the Horton Chain Bridge, go under the bridge and take the path on your right up the slope to leave the towpath. Go through the gate on to lane and turn right to go back over the bridge and follow the lane for a short distance until you come to the waymarked footpath where you turn left.



- Walking along the byway towards Harepath Farm, you have a fabulous view of the Strip Lynchetts on your left and Kitchen Barrow on your right.
- When you reach the fork in the track, leave the concrete farm track and take the left-hand grass track. The hill is fairly steep here – continue until you get to the top where there is a water tower and just beyond this is a gate, go straight through.
- Continue along here until you reach the waymarked Wansdyke (also part of the White Horse Trail and the Mid Wilts Way), which crosses the track you are on to the left and right.
- Go through the gate on your left and up on to the Wansdyke bank. The wild flowers here during the early to mid-summer are fabulous. When you reach a gate, go through it and turn left on to the farm track where you start to descend.
- At Easton Farm, you will come to a gateway – go through here and turn right onto a single-track lane. Continue along here until you reach the village school on your left. Turn left here into The Street. Continue along here until you reach Church Walk on your right which takes you into the churchyard of the Church of St Mary the Virgin. Follow the path through the churchyard and when you exit, turn left. Follow the lane until you reach The Crown Inn.

