



BRAKSPEAR

**PUB
TRAILS**



RED LION
PEPPARD COMMON
SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE

3 CIRCULAR WALKS
3, 3.75 & 4.25 MILES



We're delighted to present three circular walks all starting and ending at the Red Lion. The Brakspear Pub Trails are a series of circular walks.

We thought the idea of a variety of circular country walks all starting and ending at our pubs was a guaranteed winner. We have fantastic pubs nestled in the countryside, and we hope our maps are a great way for you to get out and enjoy some fresh air and a gentle walk, with a guaranteed drink at the end – perfect!

Our pubs have always welcomed walkers (and almost all of them welcome dogs too), so we're making it even easier with plenty of free maps. You can pick up copies in the pubs taking part or go to brakspearaletrails.co.uk to download them. We're planning to add new pubs onto them, so the best place to check for the latest maps available is always our website.

We absolutely recommend you book a table so that when you finish your walk you can enjoy a much needed bite to eat too. At the weekend, please book in advance, as this is often a busier time, especially our smaller pubs.

And finally, do send us your photos of you out and about on your walk. We really do love getting them.

   @BrakspearPubs

How to get there



Driving: Postcode is RG9 5LB and there is a car park just across from the pub.



Nearest station: Henley-on-Thames station is 4.5 miles away.



Local bus services: The 145c service with Whites Coaches stops just outside the Red Lion.



Brakspear would like to thank the Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment and the volunteers who helped make these walks possible. As a result of these walks, Brakspear has invested in TOE2 to help maintain and improve Oxfordshire's footpaths.

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Respect – Protect – Enjoy

Respect other people:

- Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- Leave gates and property as you find them and follow paths unless wider access is available

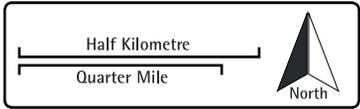
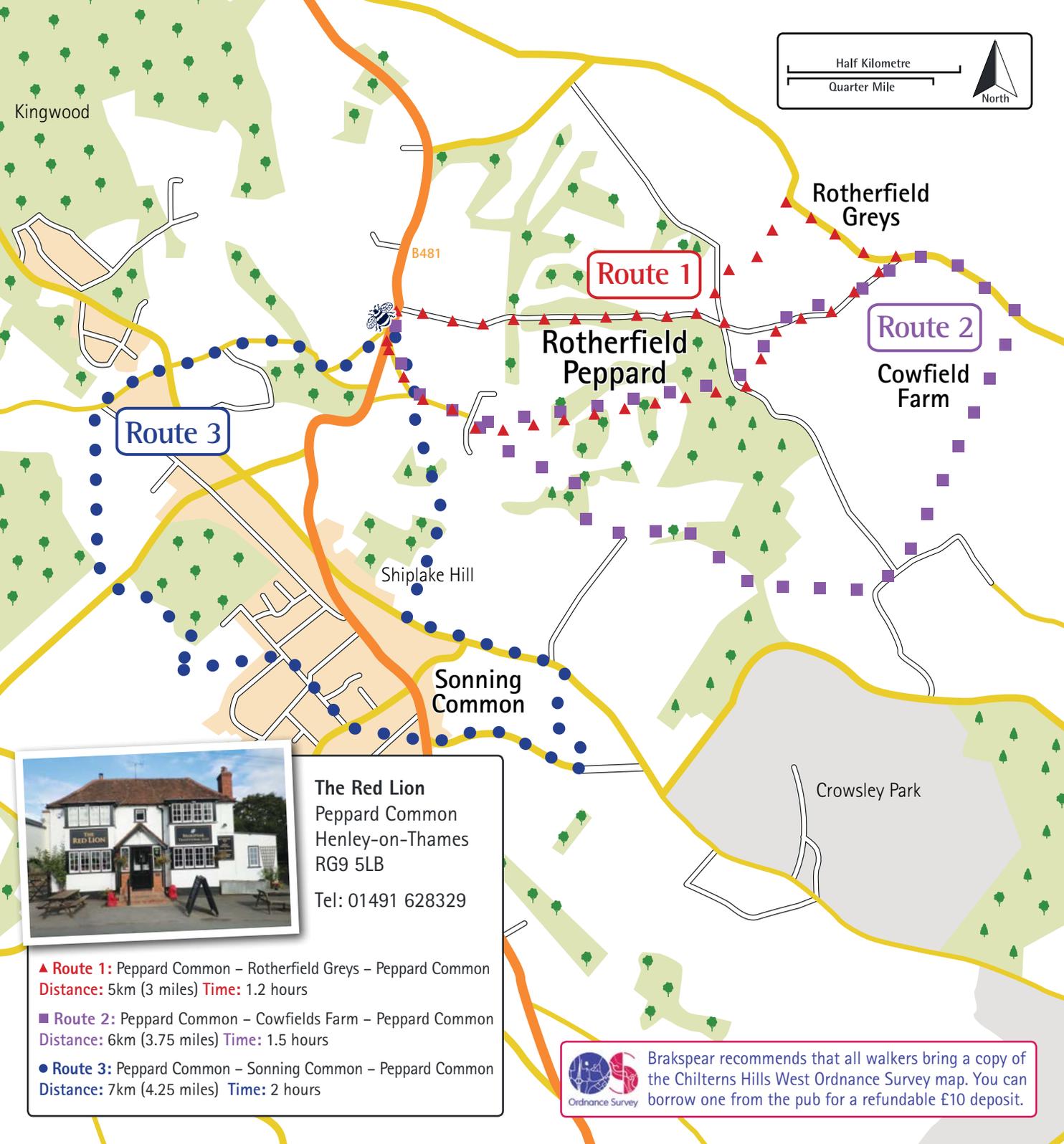
Protect the natural environment:

- Leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under effective control

Enjoy the outdoors:

- Plan ahead and be prepared
- Follow advice and local signs

For more info visit: www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-countryside-code



Route 3

Route 1

Route 2



The Red Lion
 Peppard Common
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- ▲ **Route 1:** Peppard Common – Rotherfield Greys – Peppard Common
Distance: 5km (3 miles) **Time:** 1.2 hours
- **Route 2:** Peppard Common – Cowfields Farm – Peppard Common
Distance: 6km (3.75 miles) **Time:** 1.5 hours
- **Route 3:** Peppard Common – Sonning Common – Peppard Common
Distance: 7km (4.25 miles) **Time:** 2 hours

 Brakspear recommends that all walkers bring a copy of the Chiltern Hills West Ordnance Survey map. You can borrow one from the pub for a refundable £10 deposit.

Route 1

Easy walking with fairly level terrain.

Directions

Distance: 5km (3 miles) Time: 1.2 hours

- 01 With your back to the pub, walk in a south easterly direction down the approach road to the B481.
- 02 Cross the road into Church Lane and follow the lane past the Peppard Primary school. Continue down the lane to All Saints' Church.

DID YOU KNOW?

All Saints Church, has been extended and altered over the years. It originates from the Norman period and the churchyard contains some very old yew trees. Significant restoration of the church took place between 1870 and 1908. One of the three bells in the bell tower dates from the 14th century. The interior of the church is worth a visit with a 12th century font, memorial stained glass windows and some unique wooden marquetry including the pulpit and a reredos depicting the Last Supper.

- 03 Walk past the church and past the churchyard on your left, nearly to the end of the track and at a field gate take the footpath to your left. Step over a couple of rails and through the gap to follow a fenced path through a paddock.
- 04 Go through a metal kissing gate leading to a track which you cross, bearing slightly to your left, and then immediately right onto a path which leads through fairly recently planted woodland across a golf course.
- 05 Pass through a metal kissing gate and walk straight ahead, crossing a bridleway into woodland.
- 06 Continue through the woodland, cross a second bridleway (King's Farm Lane) and proceed straight ahead past cottages, until reaching a field gate.
- 07 Proceed through the field diagonally left until meeting the hedgerow.
- 08 Cross a fairly high stile and turn right onto Dog Lane.
- 09 Continue along Dog Lane for about 0.8km (500 yards) until the junction with Greys Road.
- 10 Turn left and walk along the Greys Road for about 400m (440 yards) past the Church until the Maltsters Pub is reached. This might be an appropriate point on the walk to take a break at the pub and take a look round the church.



All Saints' Church, Peppard

DID YOU KNOW?

St Nicholas' Church Rotherfield Greys is Norman in origin and was restored in 1865. It includes the 16th century Knollys Chapel and the Knollys family tomb. Sir Francis Knollys' wife was a Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth I.

- 11 Turn left next to the pub on to the footpath, and follow the yellow arrow through two gates and across a field. Pass another gate, stopping to read the notice about the Natural Burial Ground, and then walk diagonally across the field.
- 12 Pass through a kissing gate and turn left on to a broad track (Chiltern Way).
- 13 After a short distance, pass through a gate and turn right on to Dog Lane Walk along the track next to the Greys Green Golf Course for about 1.5km (1 mile), emerging next to the Ruchetta Restaurant (used to be the Dog pub).
- 14 Cross the main road (B481) and return to the Red Lion for some well earned refreshment.

Route 2

Easy walking with a steep climb towards the end of the walk.

Directions

Distance: 6km (3.75 miles) Time: 1.5 hours

- 01 With your back to the pub, walk in a south easterly direction down the approach road to the B481.
- 02 Cross the road into Church Lane and follow the lane past the Peppard Primary school. Continue down the lane to All Saints' Church.
- 03 Walk past the church and past the churchyard on your left, nearly to the end of the track and at a field gate take the footpath to your left, step over a couple of rails and through the gap to follow a fenced path through a paddock.
- 04 Go through a metal kissing gate leading to a track which you cross bearing slightly to your left and then immediately right onto a path which leads through fairly recently planted woodland across a golf course.
- 05 Pass through a metal kissing gate and walk straight ahead, crossing a bridleway into woodland.
- 06 Continue through the woodland, cross a second bridleway (King's Farm Lane) and proceed straight ahead past cottages until reaching a field gate.
- 07 Proceed through the field diagonally left until meeting the hedgerow.
- 08 Cross a fairly high stile and turn right onto Dog Lane.
- 09 After 200m, past Silgrove House and turn right through a wooden kissing gate.
- 10 Take the right hand path through the paddock, following the fence line and then through a further wooden kissing gate into a field.



All Saints' Church, Peppard



Footpath towards Cowfields Farm

- 11 Follow the path under the power lines through the arable field.
- 12 At the path junction before Cowfields Farm, turn right.
- 13 Proceed straight ahead for 300 metres and through a gap in the hedge then walk along the fenced off path.
- 14 Cross the farm drive by climbing over the two stiles. At the end of the fenced path, climb over another stile and turn right.
- 15 Proceed to a fieldgate, then climb over the adjacent stile.
- 16 Turn left down King's Farm Lane for a short distance before turning right onto a footpath.
- 17 Proceed through wooden kissing gates and on reaching the woodland edge, follow the path steeply down.
- 18 Turn right at the bottom (ignoring a path to the left) and proceed straight ahead through the woodland also ignoring a permissive path off to the right.
- 19 Proceed through two metal kissing gates and turn sharp left following the field edge leading up a small hill with good views at the top.
- 20 Keep on the footpath until a woodland strip. Proceed through this and turn right along a field edge.
- 21 Keeping to the edge of the field, walk up the hill and go through a gap at top to reach the track leading to Peppard Church again.
- 22 Continue along, past the Church Lane back to the pub.

Route 3

It is mostly on level ground but with short hills to climb near the start and finish.

Directions

Distance: 7km (4.25 miles) Time: 2 hours

- 01 With your back to the pub, walk in a south easterly direction down the approach road to the B481.
- 02 Cross the road into Church Lane and follow the lane to the Peppard Primary school.
- 03 Opposite the school, turn right then left on the footpath.
- 04 Walk downhill on the footpath for 0.5km into a charming little valley, then bear left and walk uphill through trees. In 0.5km, arrive at Blounts Court Road. Look out for Sedgehill Spring on the uphill section.

DID YOU KNOW?

Sedgehill Spring was built by the Knollys family who bought the Blount's Court estate in 1841. It seems to have been fashionable in this area in the 19th century for wealthy families to provide wells or water collection facilities for the locals, though this one seems a bit out of the way.

- 05 Turn left and walk along Blounts Court Road for 0.75km, passing the Butchers Arms and Widmore Pond.
- 06 Turn right on a winding footpath for 300m and at the road turn right.
- 07 Walk along the road for 0.5km to reach the B481 and then take the footpath opposite for 150m. Cross the road to another footpath which, in 150m, arrives at the main street of Sonning Common.
- 08 Turn left and then right to walk along the road, passing the Hare and Hounds pub and turning left at the footpath sign at the entrance to Woodlands Road, a cul-de-sac.
- 09 Follow the footpath across the field and at the far edge, ignoring the footpath signs turn right and walk pass the skate board ramps into the Bishopwood public recreation ground. Turn left and follow the edge of the wood on your right to far end of railings surrounding the last football pitch. At this point turn right exiting through a gate into the wood and almost immediately turn left onto path leading to Horsepond Road.
- 10 Cross the road and walk along the track opposite, after about 100 metres bear left on to a footpath that runs diagonally across the field and away from the woodland on the left. Cross a stile at the bottom of the valley then walk up the slope to reach Wyfold Lane.



Sedgehill Spring, built by the Knollys family



Peppard Cottage, the location for Howard's End

- 11 Turn right on to Wyfold Lane.
- 12 At the junction, cross over Stoke Row Road and to the right of the Unicorn pub, proceed along Colliers Lane. After walking downhill and then starting up hill, take the left hand fork in the road.
- 13 Follow the lane for 500m, passing Peppard Cottage on the left before arriving back at the Red Lion.

DID YOU KNOW?

Peppard Cottage was used as the setting for the Oscar winning film *Howards End* starring Anthony Hopkins and Emma Thompson.

The Red Lion

Opening Hours:

Monday: 12pm–11pm

Tuesday: CLOSED

Wednesday–Friday: 12pm–11pm

Saturday: 12pm–11pm

Sunday: 12pm–10pm

Kitchen Open:

Monday: 12pm–3pm, 6pm–9pm

Tuesday: CLOSED

Wednesday–Saturday: 12pm–3pm, 6pm–9pm

Sunday: 12pm–4pm

- Disabled Access • Dog Friendly
- Family Friendly • Garden/Patio • Hold a Party
- Park the Car • Watch Sports • WiFi Access

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