

## WALKS IN THE VALE OF PEWSEY



## 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  
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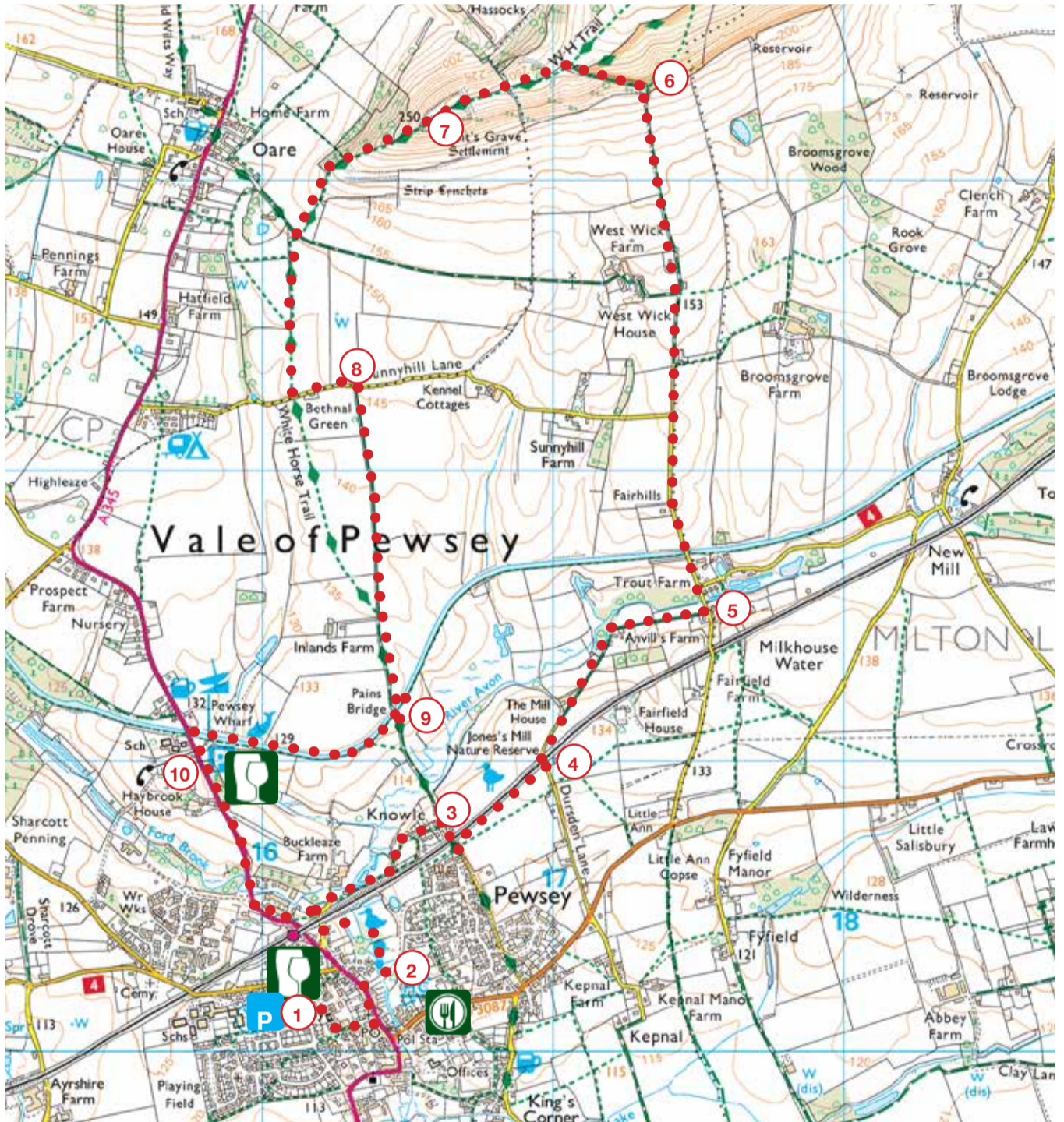
CIRCULAR WALK

MILKHOUSE WATER  
WEST WICK  
MARTINSELL  
GIANT'S GRAVE  
PEWSEY WHARF

6.5 miles / 10.5 km  
3.5 hours

Some steep hills, tarmac roads, lanes and canal tow-  
paths. Can be rough and muddy in places.

Not suitable for buggies or wheelchairs.



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- 1 From the Bouverie Hall car park (free) follow Goddard Road gently downhill to the end. Turn left along North Street to the mini roundabout.
- 2 Turn right onto Broomcroft Road. Just past the bridge take the entrance on the left to Scotchel Nature Reserve (maintained by Pewsey Parish Council). The path follows the River Avon through this woodland. At the end turn right under the railway bridge and continue to bear right on the tarmac path which passes an old water mill. The path narrows as it rises to an open field; take the left fork past houses.



- 3 On reaching the tarmac lane turn right under both the railway and footpath bridges. Immediately after the footbridge turn left up a slope. Go through the kissing gate (footpath sign Milton Lilbourne). Follow the path alongside the railway.
- 4 At the end of the path turn left over the railway bridge and continue along the lane through Anvil's Farm (the path goes through the garden and a couple of gates).



Giant's Grave left, with Martinsell at the far right of the plateau.



The bridleway to Martinsell from West Wick Farm

- 5 On reaching the road turn left over the Kennet and Avon Canal bridge and continue past West Wick Farm, where the lane becomes a bridleway which leads straight up to Martinsell Hill.
- 6 At the metal five-bar gate take the left fork diagonally up the steep hill. At the top continue heading slightly left along the ridge to Giant's Grave, which offers fabulous views of Pewsey Vale to the south and west.
- 7 Over the top the hill drops steeply down towards Oare. Take the path ahead, and at the bottom go through one field to another. Cross over the lane and continue on the path which runs along the right hand side of the field.
- 8 At the end of the field turn left onto the road to 250 yards, then turn right onto a gravel lane signposted Pewsey. Continue until you reach the canal bridge.
- 9 Immediately over the bridge turn sharp left down onto the canal towpath, left again under the bridge, and continue along the towpath to Pewsey Wharf. Walk through the car path to the road and turn left.
- 10 Follow the road down the hill, and just before the railway bridge turn left through Way's Way. At the end turn right under the bridge, then left through the Scotchel. Once through the Scotchel turn right, then left at the mini roundabout onto North Street to Goddard Road for the Bouverie Hall car park.