

Kintbury circular Walk Directions

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These directions provide a circular Kintbury walk. To be used in conjunction with the Kintbury to Great Bedwyn walk described in Time Out Country Walks near London – Volume 2 (CW2).

Start and finish: Kintbury station

Length: 23km (14.3 miles).

Time: 7 hours. For the whole outing, including trains, sights and meals, allow at least 11 hours.

Transport: Hourly (less frequent on Sundays) trains run between London Paddington and Kintbury. Journey time is just over an hour. Not all trains are direct. You may have to change at Reading or Newbury.

OS Landranger Map: 174

OS Explorer Map: 158

Toughness: 3 out of 10

Walk Notes: Undulating terrain up until Hampstead Lock, finishing with an easy 3.8 km walk along the Kennet and Avon canal. On catching the return train back to London. Please ensure that you get to the platform at least 5 minutes prior to the scheduled departure, as the barrier over the road (which you need to cross to reach the London bound platform) is not always raised after the train has pulled into the platform.

Saturday Walkers' Club: If stopping at the earlier lunch place at Lower Inkpen take the train nearest to 10.10 am from Paddington to Kintbury, otherwise if stopping at the later lunch place at Inkpen Common take the train nearest to 9.10 am. Note: If you have not reached the Swan at Lower Inkpen before noon, then you should consider making this pub your lunch stop, given that The Crown and Garter (7km further on) stops serving food at 14:00.

9a Alternative walk directions for a Kintbury Circular walk.

WALK DIRECTIONS

[1] ~~[Numbers refer to the map.]~~

Use the Kintbury to Great Bedwyn walk directions until the first paragraph page 99, column 2 (Aug 04 and Jul 06 editions) to the sentence ending “.bridleway curves to the right.”, and then follow the directions below.

Follow the path to the top of the hill until it shortly comes to a T-junction with another path where you *turn left*, your initial direction 60 degrees. Continue along the ridge (open access land) with the fenced in (car wide) byway 10 to 50 metres off to your right.

In 1km at the upper right hand corner of the field go over a metal fieldgate and turn left down the fenced in byway to reach a cross-roads after 40 metres (with a car park up ahead). *Go over the cross-roads and in 25 metres veer right up a (car wide) bridleway* passing by the car park on your left, your direction 140 degrees.

In 1.1 km at a cross-paths (100 metres further on from a wooded section of the track), *turn left* over a stile into a field and veer left, your direction 350 degrees. After 100 metres at the crest of the hill, descend towards a stile passing by the (redundant) stile after 120 metres to then reach a wood after a further 350 metres. Follow the footpath down through the wood to *cross over a lane* in 120 metres and continue down a footpath through a lightly wooded area. In 80 metres you emerge from the lightly wooded area into the upper corner of a field to continue down its left hand side, your initial direction 40 degrees.

After 700 metres you *come out onto a lane and turn right and follow it round to the left* to continue in the same direction as previously, your direction 40 degrees, (passing the boundary road sign for West Woodhay after 40 metres).

In 400 metres turn left along a lane marked restricted byway, your direction 290 degrees. After 600 metres the tarmac lane becomes shingle. In a further 90 metres *at a cross-paths turn right* along a restricted byway through a wooded field boundary, your direction 70 degrees. [For the late lunch stop continue in the same direction for 150 metres to reach [The Crown and Garter](#) pub. Afterwards retrace your steps.] In 600 metres ignore a footpath off to your left to join a car wide shingle track, your direction 60 degrees. After 220 metres *veer right along a lane*, your direction 80 degrees. *In 350 metres at a T-junction with a road turn left and after 50 metres turn right over a stile* and immediately turn right over

another to go along the left hand side of a field, your direction 60 degrees.

In 240 metres go to the right of a redundant stile and in 30 metres continue along a fenced in a car wide track, your direction 60 degrees. In 120 metres at a field corner cross over a stile and in 5 metres turn right over a stile to continue in the same direction along the left hand side of this next field, your direction 70 degrees.

After 170 metres cross over a stile into the next field to go along its left-hand side. In 70 metres *at the corner of the adjacent field (on your left-hand side), veer right across the field*, your direction 100 degrees, aiming just to the left of a large tree on the far side. In 240 metres *at the far side continue along its right hand edge*, your initial direction 70 degrees. In 260 metres you *come out to a lane and turn left*, your direction 50 degrees. *After 120 metres (by a brick house on your left hand side) turn right across a footbridge* to go over a stile to veer left across a field aiming for a stile in the fence on the far side, your direction east.

After 250 metres cross a footbridge flanked by two stiles to veer right across this next field aiming for a stile to the left of a metal fieldgate, your direction 80 degrees. After 140 metres *cross over the stile to turn right along a road. In 20 metres fork left up a car wide track* (footpath) bordered by a wood on your right and a hedgerow and field beyond on your left, your direction east.

After 450 metres where the main track swings round to the right *continue straight ahead* through a wooden fieldgate *into a field to follow a footpath signpost across the field aiming for the right hand side of a wood*, your direction 40 degrees. In 130 metres continue along the left-hand edge of the field (bordered by the wood), your direction 50 degrees. After 100 metres *at the left hand corner of the field, turn left* over a stile into the wood and veer right to reach a cross-paths after 20 metres and follow the footpath sign through the wood in the same direction, (50 degrees).

In 220 metres go over a stile to emerge from the wood into a field and turn half right across the field, (down towards Hampstead Marshall), your direction 50 degrees. After 270 metres go over a stile (left of a metal fieldgate) to go down a car wide track, your direction 20 degrees. In 100 metres go through a double metal fieldgate (passing by a Dogs Trust Kennel on your right) to continue down a tarmac car wide track, your direction 70 degrees.

After 180 metres *at a T-junction with the main road* (with The White House pub directly ahead), *turn left*

up the road. *In 60 metres turn right* through a double metal fieldgate down a car wide shingle bridleway, your direction 40 degrees.

In 650 metres go through a metal fieldgate to cross a road and go through a wooden kissing gate to follow a footpath up across a field, your direction 35 degrees.

After 120 metres at the top, go through a wooden kissing gate into the next field, to go along a car wide track on the right hand side of this field. After 400 metres, (by a metal fieldgate on your right), *turn left along a footpath across the field, aiming towards (redundant) concrete gate pillars* with spheres atop. In 100 metres you go between the pillars aiming towards a church.

After 140 metres *go over a stile and* (if not visiting the church) *after 50 metres turn right through a car wide gap* into the next field.

Follow a car wide track, (your initial direction 110 degrees), down across the field with the track curving to the left after 150 metres. In a further 250 metres *at the bottom*, turn left along a tarmac track and after 20 metres go through a kissing gate (to the right of a cattle grid) to *turn right along a road*.

In 120 metres *cross over the Kennet and Avon canal and turn left* to follow the footpath (with the canal on your left-hand side) for 3.8 km into Kintbury.

Lunch and Tea places:

The Crown and Garter *Inkpen Common, RG17 9QR (01488 668325)* Serves lunch, 12 noon – 2pm Wed - Sat. 2.30pm on Sun (Closed for lunch on Mon - Tue.) Located 13.5 km from the start of the walk, this is the suggested later lunch stop.

The Swan Inn* *Lower Inkpen*. Located 6.5 km from the start of the walk, this is the suggested earlier lunch stop.

Dundas Arms* *Kintbury*. This is the suggested tea stop.

* Further details under Lunch and Tea Places in the Time Out Country Walks book volume 2.