

WALKS IN THE VALE OF PEWSEY



CIRCULAR WALK

KEPNAL, FYFIELD DOWN

GIANT'S GRAVE,

PEWSEY HILL

WINTER'S DROVE

5.7 miles / 9.2 km

2.5 hours

Level for much of the walk, steep incline up to Fyfield Down and down Pewsey Hill.

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.



North Wessex
Downs
National
Landscape



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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- 1 From the Bouverie Hall car park walk down to North Street, then right past King Alfred's statue. Where the road bends sharply to the right, turn left and cross the bridge over the River Avon into The Grove on your right. Follow the surfaced path (the left fork) which is dedicated to Pat Beresford, a local lady who loved The Vale of Pewsey and walking. Go past the football pitch then straight ahead and left onto Ball Road.
- 2 After a short distance, a path signposted 'Milton Lilbourne' is on the right. Bear left at first and cross the two fields to Kepnal.
- 3 When you reach the lane, turn right along the lane a short distance, then take the marked footpath on your left through the fields to Fyfield.
- 4 When you reach the lane at Fyfield, turn right and continue straight ahead along the track to the foot of Milton Hill. Keeping Fyfield Field Barn and the wind pump on your right, follow the track up and round to the left – at this point it is a sunken chalk track. Look to your right to see the marks of strip lynchets.
- 5 At the top of the hill, follow the edge of the ridge round to your right towards Giant's Grave. There is permissive access in this area. The views here are fantastic as you walk along the edge of the amazing natural 'bowl' that is Fyfield Down.
- 6 At Giant's Grave, bear right and follow the ridge, keeping the fence line on your left. When you reach a double stile, go over the stiles and head for Victory Clump straight ahead.
- 7 Go past Victory Clump and drop down the slope slightly to follow the path a bit below the fence line.
- 8 As you drop down the hill, you will get to a stile which leads on to Winter's Drove. Walk along here until it meets up with another track on your right and continue straight on and under Cuckoo Bridge on to Southcott Road. Go along here until you come to a turning on your left. Turn left here and follow the lane round to your left past the Recreation Ground and towards The Grove. Take the right hand path through The Grove and then turn left over the bridge on to River Street and back past King Alfred's statue to the Bouverie Hall car park.

Giant's Grave, Milton Hill

The Giant's Grave is a long barrow, burial places of Britain's early farming communities and amongst the oldest visible field monuments (from Early and Middle Neolithic periods 3400-2400 BC). Used for communal burial, often with only parts of the human remains selected for interment, all are considered to be important. Giant's Grave was partly excavated in 1865, when a primary deposit including up to four skeletons was discovered with a leaf shaped flint arrowhead close by.

Cuckoo Bridge & Winter's Drove

Winter's Drove is one of three droving routes from Southcott up to the downs, and would have been used to drive livestock between the village lowlands and the pennings or enclosures on the hills. At the northern end of Winter's Drove is Cuckoo Bridge, the access to Southcott House built in the mid-19th century.



Cuckoo Bridge



Winter's Drove



Fyfield Field Barn